



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point #2

November 21, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 21, 2001 with President R. Thomas Hunter presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by a moments silence in respect to our deceased members. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance as well as to ensure a quorum being present.

Chief Frank Denan welcomed the membership to Somers Point. Chief Denan then introduced Councilman Dan Reilly, Head of Fire Safety who also extended his welcome to the City and thanked the membership for all that they do.

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 17, 2001 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

The Report of the Treasurer was accepted and approved as read.

The minutes of the November 2, 2001 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved and accepted as read with several items to take up under new business.

A recap of the minutes of the November 19, 2001 Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy was given by the Secretary.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that Atlantic City is now operating on the 800 Mhz system and when providing mutual aid to Atlantic City to use radio frequency F2.

A radio policy committee is to be set up thru the Fire Chiefs' Association.

Whitey reported that 10 companies still are not forwarding their reports to him.

Companies are requested to forward their winning fire prevention posters to Whitey and his committee by March 15th for judging on the County level and winners to then be sent for final judging by the State.

Whitey reported that presently Atlantic City's HazMat unit will not respond offshore and this will be discussed at the Fire Chiefs' Assn. meeting. The Air National Guard will respond if requested thru the County Health Department.

The Secretary reminded the membership of the January 16, 2002 annual meeting of the Association and the memorial services and requested the companies to forward names of their deceased members who answered their last alarm during the past year to him so that they may be properly listed in the program for the evening. He also reported that invitations have been sent out and read list of invitees to see if others should be added.

Oscar Dutch reported on the Firemen's Home and that he has been appointed to the Building Committee. Oscar also reported that he has only received 1 shoulder patch from the 12 companies that he requested them from.

## DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Dec. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Dec. 15	Farmington	Breakfast with Santa	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Jan. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan. 16	Egg Harbor City	ACFFA Annual Meeting and Memorial Services	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	Jan. 31	Absecon	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Feb. 10	Somers point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Feb. 24	Atlantic City	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Annual Memorial & Breakfast	
Thursday	Feb. 28	Pomona	Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Mar, 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (ATCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Friday	Mar. 22	Crab Tray-Somers Point	Firefighters' Assn. Dinner	6:30/7:30 PM
Saturday	Apr. 13	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June 22	Absecon	Housing	
Tuesday	Aug. 20	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2002 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 13 & 14	Wildwood	2002 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 5	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 9	Oceanville	Oyster Dinner	4 to 8 PM

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Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I graduation will be held sometime in January.

Mike reported that he is working on the Spring 2002 Course Training Booklet and will have it ready for the December 19 meeting.

Course standards in regard to training for new firefighters are being revised and hearings are being held thruout the state on Firefighter I standards.

Mike also reported that the straw shed has been cleaned up and equipment stored on hooks etc. and hopefully all will put equipment back properly. While storing equipment, he found that 2 2½" solid bore nozzles, 1 2½x1½ gated wye and 2 gator ade coolers are missing and will try to locate them. Also looking into another shed for storage of equipment outside.

The ventilation mockup trainer is just about completed being rebuilt and steel supports have been added to area where cutting takes place and all are advised not to cut too far.

The Executive Committee recommended that additional instructors be added to replace those who are no longer instructors and a motion was made, seconded and carried to advertise, interview, and add new instructors. Level 1 and Level 11 instructors will be added. Qualifications and application forms may be obtained from the Fire Training Center.

The Executive Committee also recommended that as the 2001 Wildwood parade was not held, that the parade drawing positions as held for 2001 be used for the 2002 parade and a motion was made, seconded and carried to follow this recommendation.

The Cape/Atlantic 200 Club members reported on the forthcoming Feb. 24 Memorial Services and Breakfast to be held and tickets are available thru Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz, Ed Vincent and Howard Guenther. In need of pictures of the firefighter line of Duty deaths for a power point picture presentation. Also need names of relatives or survivors of the firefighters who gave lives in the line of duty.

Howard Guenther reported on 3 firefighters who were interested in becoming the Secretary/Treasurer of the Death Benefit Fund and one has been chosen who will be assisting Frank Pratzner and then nominated for the position at the January 31 meeting of the Death Benefit Trustees in Absecon.

Volunteers are still needed to serve on the Field Day Competition Committee for the Spring affair. No committee, no affair.

Second nomination of officers for the year 2002 was called for and the following were nominated.

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Kathleen Dierwechter	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Anthony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	James Garth
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to close the Nominations for officers.  
Election to be held at the meeting of Dec. 19.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts. Included in the bills to be paid were the annual \$200.00 donation for use of the guests of the New Jersey Firemen's Home, \$100.00 to the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club for the Firefighters' Association's dues for 2002. and the Treasurer and Secretary stipend for 2001.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Association being scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 19 in Scullville.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary