



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 16, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invoacation by Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance, and to ensure a quorum being present. Chief Russell Fenton of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and the invited guests to Egg Harbor City. Chief Fenton then introduced the Line Officers of the Fire Department as well as introducing Egg Harbor City Mayor James McGeary who extended a warm welcome to all.

President Hunter welcomed and introduced guests Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Assemblyman Frank Blee, Assemblyman Paul D'Amato, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Freeholders Kirk W. Conover, James A. Carney, James Curcio, Steven K. Johnson, and Joseph Silipena, Public Safety Department Head Richard Mulvihill, Director of Emergency Preparedness Vincent Jones, Director of Training Michael Corbo and Mayor James McGeary.

The invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their thanks for all of the many services provided by the firefighters to the citizens of Atlantic County.

The Annual Memorial Services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Thomas Sweeny giving the homily, Memorial Candles being lit by Dennis Sharpe and Lou Raciti, with the bell being tolled by Charles Guenther as the Secretary Howard R. Guenther read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

members on the "Final Roll" were

Alan Oeser	Absecon	John A. Calvario	Landisville
Charles H. Townsend	Absecon	Thomas F. Dix	Linwood
John W. Brenner Jr	Atlantic City	Louis E. Dunbar	Linwood
John R. Jasper	Atlantic City	Clarence Ford	Linwood
George P. Mullin	Atlantic City	William Gallagher	Linwood
Charles Plageman	Atlantic City	Frank Ciraola	Minotola
Luke M. Schlachter	Atlantic City	Henry Defava	Minotola
Thomas Price	Bargaintown	Ernest Morgan	Minotola
Thomas Sutton	Bargaintown	James T. Gowdy	N.J. Forest Fire Service
Carmen Tubolo	Bargaintown	George Rogers	Northfield
Vernon R. Johnson	Bayview	William A. Kester	Oceanville
Frank R. Reinhard	Egg Harbor City	Arthur Ford Jr.	Somers Point
William O. Bates	Germania	Robert Fugee	Somers Point
Howard J. Kienzle	Germania	Anna Casiano-Weiss	West Atlantic City
Howard W. Messinger	Germania		
Edwin C. Miller	Germania		

The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Howard H. Berchtold Jr.

"Taps" was played by Bugler Joseph Ward followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Bag Pipers.

All joined in singing "God Bless America"

A portrait of the FDNY firefighters raising the flag at the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York City was presented to the Firefighters' Association by Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson.

The Protrait to be prominently displayed on the wall of the Atlantic County Training Center as you enter the building.

A plaque was presented to Ted Reinhard designating the the fire equipment room at the Training Center as the "Ted Reinhard Room" as a token of appreciation for the many items that he procured by the Manufacturers for use by the Fire Training Academy. A permanent plaque is to be installed over the doors of the equipment room at the center.

*"In Union For The Safety Of All"*

Kirk W. Conover, Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Atlantic County, installed the following into office for 2002

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (( members)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard H. 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 P. Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Saner	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of December 19, 2001 as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

Howard Guenther reported that the Annual Firefighters' dinner is to be held on Friday, March 22, 2002 at The Crab Trap in Somers Point and a flier is enclosed with the minutes.

The 200 Club Committee reported on the 17th Annual Cape-Atlantic Memorial Service and Breakfast to be held on Sunday, February 24, 2002 to honor Police-Fire-Rescue Personnel killed in the line of duty and that tickets may be purchased thru Fire Marshall Whitey Swartz 407-6741 and cost is \$20.00 each. Reserved tables of 10 are available and he will arrange to have seating together as desired. Cutoff date for tickets is Friday, February 15. Memorial Services to be held at St. Nicholas Church in Atlantic City at 10:30 AM followed by Buffet Breakfast at Bally's Atlantic City.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Spring Course Booklets are available and have been forwarded to all companies. Firefighter 1 is to start on Thursday, February 14th and Firefighter II to start on Monday, March 28th. Other courses are listed in Booklet. Mike reminded all of the Firefighter 1 graduation to be held on Monday, January 28th at 7 PM at the Fire Training Center.

The Executive Committee had 4 recommendations they desired to have action taken on

1. There are still 4 companies owing tuition for courses taken by their firefighters during the 1999 Spring Semester and they recommended that firefighters from these companies still owing 1999 tuition not be accepted for courses until tuition is paid.
2. Replacement Instructors are to be added for the Fire Training Academy, some are Level 1 and some Level 2 and they recommended a stipend of \$10.00 per hour for Level 1 instructors and to maintain stipend at \$15.00 for level 2 instructors.
3. The Pleasantville Fire Department purchased several new pieces of Apparatus thru Campbell Supply Co. and Campbell Supply Company has donated one of the pumpers they took in on trade to the Firefighters' Association for use by the Fire Training Academy. The Committee recommends that the Firefighters' Association accept the donation of the fire engine pumper from Campbell Supply and turn over ownership to the County for use at the Fire Academy.
4. The Executive Committee recommends an increase of \$150.00 to the stipend for the Secretary to make it \$550.00 yearly.

Motion seconded and carried and approved to accept all 4 recommendations.

#### DATE CLEARING

Thursday	Jan.	31	Absecon	Ati.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Feb.	10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Feb.	16	Weymouth	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Feb.	24	Atlantic City	Cape-Atlantic 200 Club Annual Memorial Services&Breakfast	
Thursday	Feb.	28	Pomona	Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March	10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Friday	March	22	Crab Trap-Somers Point	Atl.Co. Firefighters Assn Dinner	6:30/7:30 PM
Saturday	April	13	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May	4	Germania	Turkey or Port Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	May	18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

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## DATE CLEARING (continued)

Saturday	June 1	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 2	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 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	Sept.14	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 5	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 19	Poet Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 9	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respectfull budgeted accounts.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at 8:00 PM in Longport.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary