



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Bayview (Galloway Township)

May 15, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The President then pointed out the exits.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, and a silent prayer in commemoration of our deceased members and for the recovery of Tony Canale from his illness.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and to ensure a quorum being present. Chief Michael O'Hagan welcomed the Association and members to Bayview. Chief O'Hagan then introduced Galloway Township Fire Chief Brian Berchtold who welcomed all to the Township of Galloway and expressed his thanks to the companies for their assistance given to the Township whenever called.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 17, 2002 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The minutes of the May 3, 2002 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved and accepted as read with several items to be taken up under new business.

A recap was given of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 13, 2002.

The members were reminded of the annual Memorial Services at the Fire and Police Memorial Plaza in Atlantic City at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 23, 2002. Attendees are requested to wear Dress Uniforms.

Howard Guenther reported that effective July 1, 2002, the death benefit of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association would be increased to \$7,400.00 as the maximum benefit upon completion of 7 years qualifying service. Line of Duty deaths will be 3 times that amount, \$22,200.00. The individual steps are to remain same as previous year.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that they are presently adding 5 additional rooms for Long Term Care. Oscar has been appointed to the Home Building Committee and reported that the next big project would be repairs and replacing roof as needed.

Both Oscar and Howard attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Wildwood Convention Center and gave a report on the activities.

The 2002 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention will be held in the new Wildwood Convention Center on Friday September 13th and Saturday September 14th. The 2002 Atlantic County Caucus for Delegates and Life Members will be held on Tuesday, August 20th at 8:00 PM in Egg Harbor City.

DATE CLEARING

Thursday	May	23	Atlantic City	Firefighters and Police Memorial Services	10 AM
Saturday	June	1	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 8 PM
Sunday	June	2	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June	9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	July	25	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
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	
Saturday	Oct.	5	Mizpah	Housing	9 AM until
Saturday	Oct.	5	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct.	12	Fire Training Center	2002 Fire Prevention Expo	
Saturday	Oct.	19	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov.	9	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

It was reported that the New Jersey Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association is to hold their next meeting on Sunday, June 9th at the Mystic Island Fire House on Radio Road from 10:30 AM to noon with lunch being served. For further information, contact Eugene Enfield at (609) 296-6803.

An update was given on the illness and recovery of Tony Canale and that he is presently at the Meadowview Nursing Home.

Clyde Stockton Jr. reported that there will be a meeting of the Tanker Task Force Group at the Germania Fire House on Monday, June 17th.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the Valor Awards presentation and thanked all who attended as we had a very good showing.

Whitey reported that judging of the Fire Prevention posters has been completed and that winners of the 5 divisions were forwarded to the State for further judging.

Whitey also reported that he has compiled the report of fire activities for 2001 and that presently the only company not forwarding their report to him is Collings Lakes and he will contact them and hopefully they will comply. He expects to expand on the items that are included in the report when he prepares the one for 2002 activities.

Is to form a committee to look into having a memorial at the Training Center for Fire, Police and EMS and will report on progress as we go along.

Working on replacing the present Mobile Communications Unit with another and it looks as if there will be a replacement soon.

The Fire Prevention Expo is to be held on Saturday, October 12th with raindate of 13th and is planning on changing a few of the events and is looking for additional companies to participate.

Whitey received a letter from Atlantic City and their HazMat unit is now available for use thruout the County.

As previously voted upon, the parade lineup for the Atlantic County Unit in the September 14th, 2002 Wildwood parade is to be as drawn for 2001 and is as follows

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| 1. Galloway Township | 13. Mullica Township |
| 2. Somers Point | 14. NJ Air National Guard - 177th |
| 3. Egg Harbor Township | 15. SJTA - AC International Airport |
| 4. Absecon | 16. Weymouth Township - Dorothy |
| 5. Buena Vista Township | 17. Township of Hamklton |
| 6. Egg Harbor City | 18. Estell Manor |
| 7. Egg Harbor City Life Members | 19. Hammonton |
| 8. Firefighters Museum of SJ | 20. Folsom |
| 9. Longport | 21. Port Republic |
| 10. Boro of Buena | 22. Northfield |
| 11. Grae Ayers | 23. NJ Forest Fire Service - Div. C |
| 12. Linwood | 24. F-2500 |

Galloway Township, Egg Harbor Township, and Hamilton Township will have their respective high school bands participate with them.

The Firefighters' Association will award 2 trophies, one for Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus, one for Best Appearing Atlantic County Company/Department Overall and the Fire Chiefs' Association will award one trophy for the Best Appearing Atlantic County Utility or Light Plant or Cascade. These trophies will be given to units in the line of march of the Atlantic County Unit.

Secretary Howard Guenther will complete and forward all parade applications to Wildwood for those participating in the Atlantic County Unit. DO NOT sent your application to Wildwood as Howard will take care of it for you. Any questions, contact him.

John V. Wagner reported on the Proposed First Responder Grant Program for FY 2003. John also reported that he needs a replacement to represent the County to the Advisory Committee as he cannot attend their meetings due to a conflict.

Ron Bird reported on the Library and that new shirts are available for purchase.

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Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that graduation for the Firefighter I class will be held on Monday, June 24th at 7 PM at the Training Center. Mike reported that Live Burn training is still being held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and firefighters are welcome to come out and participate. Mike reported that there will be Rope Rescue Training, etc. held on the 1st Thursday of each month starting on June 13th. Firefighters are urged to come up sharpen up your skills. Making plans for a 1 day seminar for end of October with participants from FDNY with further information to be forthcoming. Mike once again stressed that QSO's, QTO's, ODI's must be recertified every year and that several applications from companies for use of facilities had to be turned down as they had no qualified people to run them. Make every effort to get your members recertified. I need be, get some new members certified for these positions, as we want facilities to be used by all.

The Executive Committee presented their recommendations and the following motions were made, seconded and carried.

1. To award a plaque to each of the winners of the 5 divisions of the Fire Prevention Poster contest.
2. To close out the Capital Training Account and transfer its assets to another Training Account.
3. To turn over the old Blairstown engine to Whitey Swartz for parts he needs and then ultimate disposal.

Motion seconded and carried to pay bills as presented out of their respectful budgeted accounts.

Program for the evening was conducted by Charles Sander who presented individual awards to Chief John V. Wagner of Estell Manor and to Chief Levon "Lefty" Clayton of Longport and Atlantic City.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th in East Vineland at 8:00 PM.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary