



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

East Vineland (Buena Vista Township)

June 19, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The President then pointed out the exits.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by a silent prayer in commemoration of our deceased members.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. Chief Ron Ruggeri welcomed the membership to East Vineland and Buena Vista Township. Chief Ruggeri introduced the Mayor and Council member who also extended their welcomes. Minutes of the previous meeting of May 15, 2002 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz reported that the Fire Prevention Expo is to be held on Saturday, October 12th with rain date of the 13th.

Whitey reported that a vehicle that was formerly used as a traveling library has been obtained from the County and will be converted into a new Mobile Communications Unit to replace present F-2500.

Whitey reported on the Thursday, May 23rd annual Memorial Services at the Police and Fire Plaza in Atlantic City and that there was a very poor turnout this year.

Planning on forming committee to have memorial at the Training Center for Fire, Police, and EMS with annual services on a weekend which should provide a much better turnout.

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the 4-H Fair is to be held on August 8-9-10 this year and the committee is starting to make plans.

The Training Committee reported that the Summer Firefighter I class is to start tomorrow June 20th.

The graduation ceremonies for the recently completed Spring 2002 Firefighter I class is to be held at 7 PM on Monday, June 24th at the Training Center.

It was noted that as a replacement aerial is trying to be obtained for the present aerial, the ladders on the present AC aerial were not tested and should not be used as they are not certified.

Oscar Dutch reported on the Firemen's Home and application has been made to convert 5 of the unused residential care rooms at the home into 5 rooms for Long Term Care rooms.

Oscar also reported on the Tanker Task Force drill held on Monday, June 17th.

Howard Guenther reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates, and Life Members will be held in Egg Harbor City on Tuesday, August 20th at 8:00 PM.

Howard also reported that he has completed all applications for the September 14th Wildwood parade and forwarded them to the parade committee. Lineup was listed in the May 15th minutes.

DATE CLEARING

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| Saturday | July 20 | Estell Manor | Sub-Sale | 11 AM to 3 PM |
| Thursday | July 25 | Egg Harbor City | Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting | 8 PM |
| Thurs-Fri-Sat | August 8 - 9 - 10 | | 4-H Fair | |
| Tuesday | Aug. 20 | Egg Harbor City | Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2002 Firemen's Convention | 8 PM |
| Saturday | Sept 7 | Weekstown | Pig Roast | 3:30 to 7 PM |
| Fri & Sat | Sept 13 & 14 | Wildwood | 2002 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention | |
| Saturday | Sept 14 | Wildwood | Parade | 1 PM |
| 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 |
| Sunday | Aug 11 - Sept 8 - Oct 13 | Somers Point #2 | Breakfast (AYCE) | 8 to 12 noon |

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

Chief James Garth gave an update of recovery of Tony Canale and that he is at the Meadowview Nursing Home and all visitors are welcome.

A discussion was held on Senate Bill S-865 that permits a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) to transport patients to healthcare facilities and the contents of the Bill and a motion was made, seconded and carried for the Association to voice their opposition to the bill and for the Secretary to convey this to our legislators.

Chief Charles Doughty reported on the fire at Central Square in Linwood and thanked the responding companies who provided mutual aid and congratulated all the firefighters for a job well done.

A plaque was received from the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club denoted the Firefighters' Association as a Corporate Member of the 200 Club. Plaque to be displayed on the wall at the training center.

Henry Schoenstein, the new Secretary/Treasurer of the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund has acquired all the books, etc. from past Secretary/Treasurer Frank Pratzner and is working to bring them up to date and in order and is presently sending out statements to the companies and members of the fund.

A meeting is scheduled for 8 PM on Thursday, July 25th in Egg Harbor City for the trustees of the Fund and to go over details.

Participants are reminded that they are to register and pickup their lineup numbers for the September 14th Wildwood parade at the Anglesea Fire Company, 2nd and New Jersey Avenues in North Wildwood on Saturday September 14th 8 AM to 1 PM and to use exit 6 of the Garden State Parkway.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respectful budgeted accounts with 1 bill being held over till next meeting for clarification.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 17th in Linwood.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary