



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Linwood

July 17, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The exits were pointed out by the President.

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

The membership was welcomed to Linwood by Chief Charles Doughty.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of June 19, 2002 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Howard Berchtold Jr., Chairman of the Board, gave a report of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 12th with several items to be brought up under new business. The Board of Directors' meeting scheduled for July 8th was cancelled and a special meeting is to be scheduled shortly with the police side to look into possible expansion of the training facilities sometime in the future.

Howard Berchtold Jr. spoke on the plans for the upcoming 4-H Fair to be held on August 8-9-10 and Dennis Sharpe is to coordinate the apparatus to be displayed.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the County is planning a "Spirit of America Celebration" at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, September 11th at the Sandcastle Stadium in Atlantic City. Firefighters planning on attending are requested to be in uniform.

Whitey also reported that the used County Library vehicle that was received is to be converted into a Communications unit to replace the present F-2500 unit.

Director of Training Michael Corbo reported on the Graduation ceremony held on Monday, June 24th for the Spring 2002 Firefighter I class.

Mike reported that there are presently 13 trainees attending the Summer Firefighter I Course.

The Fall 2002 Firefighter I class is to begin on Tuesday, September 3rd and the Fall 2002 Firefighter II class is to start on Monday, September 30th. Course Booklets to be prepared and out shortly.

The Wednesday night "Live Burn" will still be held, however, it is necessary to register before the scheduled burn in order to ascertain whether enough firefighters will be attending to conduct the burn. Registration may be by phone.

Chief James Garth reported on Tony Canale and that he is to come home from the nursing home on Monday, July 22nd and Tony is looking forward to having visitors to help his recovery and pass the time of day.

DATE CLEARING

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
Wednesday	Sept. 11	Sandcastle Stadium	Atlantic Co. "Spirit of America Celebration"	10:30AM
Fri & Sat	Sept 13 & 14	Wildwood	2002 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 14	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Sunday	Sept. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 5	Mizpah	Housing	9 AM till ?
Saturday	Oct. 5	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 12	Fire Training Center	2002 Fire Prevention Center	
Sunday	Oct. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
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	Nov. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
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" In Union For The Safety Of All"

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home.

Howard Guenther reported on the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and that effective July 1, 2002, the maximum amount of the death benefit was increased \$200.00 to \$7400.00 for those members fully qualified and also is \$22200.00 (tripled) for line of duty deaths.

There is to be a drill on Saturday, July 27th at Stockton College and APMC Mainland in Pomona.

The Secretary was requested to forward a letter of thanks to Northfield Fire Dept. for the donation of racks to the Training Center for hanging of turnout gear.

Motion seconded and carried to roll over the maturing CD for a short term basis.

Motion seconded and carried for the Secretary to officially notify the Mizpah Fire Co. that until they pay the \$325.00 owed for tuition for 1999, they will not be able to attend courses administered by the Fire Training Academy of the Association with copies to the Mayor and Council of the Township.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, to take the present ladder truck out of service and turn over to the County. After a discussion, this motion was withdrawn and the following motion was made, seconded and carried to take the ladder truck out of service and dispose of it as most beneficial to the association.

Due to vacation conflicts, the schedule July 25th meeting of the Trustees of the Death Benefit Fund was cancelled and will be rescheduled for sometime after the summer.

It was reported that the following three (3) firefighters were killed in the line of duty at the July 4th fire in Gloucester City

Thomas Stewart 3rd of Gloucester City Fire Department

Jim Sylvester and John West of the Mt. Ephraim Fire Department

Three (3) separate memorial funds have been set up in their names and anyone desiring to contribute may make a check/checks out as they see fit as follows

"Memorial Fund for Thomas Stewart 3rd"

"Memorial Fund for Jim Sylvester"

"Memorial Fund for John West"

and forward to

Commerce Bank

180 N. Black Horse Pike

Bellmawr, NJ 08031

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

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM at the Cologne Fire House on Wednesday, August 21, 2002.

Attested

Howard R. Guenther

Secretary