



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton Co. No. 2

September 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2002 with 1st Vice President Dennis Sharpe presiding, and pointing out the exits.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny.

The membership was welcomed to Hammonton by Chief Michael Ruberton.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 21, 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 September 6, 2002 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved and accepted as read.

A recap of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy meeting held on September 9th was given.

Director of Training, Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I class is underway with 35 trainees. Firefighter II class is to start on Monday, September 30th.

Mike reported that the Fire Instructor CEU Course to be given on Friday & Saturday, October 18th and 19th is starting to fill up and to get applications in.

Mike requested all companies who use the facilities to fill out the usage reports as he must submit monthly reports to the County on use of facilities and number of companies and firefighters.

Mike reported that the SCBA maze is to be constructed shortly and will be ready for the SCBA Competency Course of December 13th and 14th.

A New Course "Firefighter Safety & Survival" is to be given on November 16 & 17 and is "Hands On" training on getting out alive and saving yourself. Other courses are listed in the Training Course booklet.

James Garth expressed the Thanks of the Canale family and Egg Harbor Township for the respects and honors rendered to deceased Chief Tony Canale.

Chief Garth reminded the membership that due to Halloween falling on Thursday, October 31, the Fire Chiefs' Association meeting for October has been changed to Tuesday, October 29th at 8 PM in Minotola.

## Date Clearing

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 Expo	12 noon to 3 PM
Sunday	Oct. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYGE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Oct. 16	Sweetwater	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 19	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 19	Cologne	Comedy Blast (info 965-5193/0419)	7 PM
Tuesday	Oct. 29	Minotola	County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Nov. 2	Scullville	Apple Fest & Craft Show (info 927-7135/2870)	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Nov. 9	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYGE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Nov. 20	Somers Point #1	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Nov. 26	Fire Training Center	County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Dec. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYGE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Dec. 18	Farmington	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM

**"In Union For The Safety Of All"**

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the September 11th Spirit of America at the Surf Ballpark in Atlantic City and that there was a very good turnout and stadium was filled and thanked all who participated.

Whitey reported on the Saturday, October 12th 2002 Fire Prevention Expo at the Training Center and that plans are all set for the program and expects a good turnout.

Whitey reported that an East and West Forest Fire Task Force is to be established and 21 companies have expressed interest to be included.

Whitey is trying to get information for the Fire Prevention Poster contest from the Division of Fire Safety.

Committee to meet shortly on constructing a memorial at the Training Center for those Emergency Service personnel killed in the Line of Duty.

Secretary Howard Guenther reported that a Firefighters' Memorial is to be included at the New Jersey State Fire Museum to be constructed at Allaire State Park and he needs the month and day of Line of Duty Deaths so they may be added at the Memorial as well as the planned Memorial at the Training Center.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings and is starting to get busy as courses have started for the fall semester.

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

At the September Executive Committee meeting, it was discussed to run a trip to the Home and visit the facilities as well as the museum there. Will probably use several vans and make arrangements for sometime in the spring.

Howard Guenther reported on the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention held in Wildwood and that the hat was passed around at the Convention and \$19,395.00 was collected for the Fallen Firefighters Fund. Howard also reported that \$17,590.00 was collected at the gate at the exhibits and will be turned over to the Burn Foundation.

State Trophies were awarded to

Absecon                      East Vineland                      Somers Point

Band Trophies were awarded to

Absegami                      Egg Harbor Twp.                      Oakcrest

Atlantic County Trophies

Best Appearing Apparatus (sponsored by Atlantic County Firefigthers Assn.)  
East Vineland

Best Appearing Fire Company or Department (sponsored by Atlantic County Firefighters Assn)  
East Vineland

Best Appearing Utility, Light Plant, Cascade Unit (sponsored by Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Assn.)

not awarded as no company entered in competition

Records indicate that the following have not submitted their \$60.00 dues for 2002

Absecon                      Estell Manor                      Laureldale                      Mizpah                      NJ Air National Guard  
NJ Forest Fire Service                      Newtonville                      Northfield

The following applications for membership were approved

Bryan Berthold                      Joseph Blazo                      Kevin Costa                      Raul Dicostanzo  
Gary Doan                      Willaim Montag 4th                      Matthew Myrtetus                      Joseph Picardi  
Andrew Winneberger                      all from Bayview

Ted Reinhard reported that he has contacted different vendors and that additional new equipment is to be received for the Training Academy.

A question arose as to the structural stability of the Burn Building and this has already been taken up with the County.

First Nomination for officers for 2003 is to be held at the next meeting on October 16 in Sweetater, second nominations at the November 20 meeting in Somers Point and elections at the December 18 meeting in Farmington.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts. Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16 in Sweetwater.

Attested                      Howard R. Guenther Secretary