



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Sweetwater (Mullica Township)

October 16, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. Tom then pointed out the exits to those members in attendance.

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

The membership was welcomed to Sweetwater and Mullica Township by Assistant Chief Randy Ficken.

The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present and to record attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 18, 2002 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The meeting for the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center is scheduled for Monday, October 28th and the meeting for the Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 1.

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz reported on the October 12th Fire Prevention Expo and that it turned out to well attended and was well received and thanked all who assisted in any way to make it a great show.

Whitey reported that the old ladder truck has been retired and turned over to Lee's Emergency Service who is to assist in converting the old county library van into a replacement mobile communications unit to replace the present F-2500 unit.

Whitey reported that Hammonton Fire Department has a ladder truck that they desire to donate to the Fire Training Academy and details are being worked out.

Looking into getting an additional shed for outback for storage of miscellaneous items A drill is to be held on Monday, October 28th at the Bayside Prison.

Still waiting on the Division of Fire Safety in regard to the Fire Prevention Poster contest.

Director of Training, Mike Corbo reported that the courses given at the Fire Training Academy are going along very well and there are openings for different courses and to get your applications in.

Mike reported that anyone needing certificates for courses completed should contact Marianne at the front desk at the training center 407-6743.

Videos on MRI machines and precautions to take around them have been received and copies are being made and will be available for fire companies use.

## DATE CLEARING

Tuesday	October 29	Minotola	County Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Nov. 2	Scullville	Apple Fest & Craft Show	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Nov. 2	Pomona	Craft Show & Christmas Bazaar	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Nov. 9	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12noon
Saturday	Nov. 16	Minotola	Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Sale	11 AM to 230PM
Wednesday	Nov. 20	Somers Point #1	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Nov. 26	Fire Training Cent	County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Dec. 7	Estell Manor	Block Party	
Sunday	Dec. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12noon
Wednesday	Dec. 18	Farmington	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Wednesday	Jan. 15	Egg Harbor City	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	Jan. 16	Egg Harbor City	County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 28	Absecon	County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Friday	March 28	Crab Trap in Somers Point	Firefighters Association Dinner	

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

Howard Guenther reported that we are still waiting to hear from the Cape-Atlantic 200 Club in regard for a date for the 2003 Memorial Breakfast.

Howard also reported that the Firefighters Dinner has been set for Friday, March 28th at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point. Menu and other details to be announced.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is presently open on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM and T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are available for purchase.

Oscar Dutch reported on several items in regard to the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that uniform patches are still needed from SWEETWATER and NEWTONVILLE for the County's display in the museum.

A letter of thanks was received from Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive, for the support and participation of the Firefighters Association and the firefighters of the County at the "Spirit of America" Commemorative Program at the Surf Stadium on September 11th.

A Mass and reception is to be held at the Saint Michael's Church in Minotola on Sunday, November 17th at 10:30 AM as an expression of appreciation of the dedication and service to the community by the firefighters. Copy is enclosed.

First Nomination of Officers for 2003 was called for and the following were nominated

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Kathleen Dierwechter	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Rick Coraluzzo Sr.
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Chester Crowell
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Sergeants-At-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	James Garth Sr.
	Clarence Guenther	Charles J. Guenther
	Charles Sander	Robert Mellon
		Amor "Skip" Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts. The program for the evening was presented by Dan Gothelf of the Zoll Medical Corporation who gave a talk and demonstration on the Zoll AED.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Association scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20th at the Somers Point #1 fire station.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary