



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton Co. No. 1

September 17, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 17, 2003 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by a silent prayer in honor of our deceased firefighters. President Hunter then pointed out the exits to the attendees. The membership was welcomed to Hammonton By Chief Frank Dominico. The Secretary then read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of August 20, 2003 were approved and accepted as read. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

A report was given on the Executive Committee meeting of September 5th. Need a letter from the County to request ownership of the ladder truck.

To approach county for additional funding for the fire academy program.

Whitey Swartz reported that the County has received a grant and will be working on plans and layout for a new communications field comm unit.

Whitey also reported on plans for the Fire Prevention Expo and parade activities for Saturday, October 11th, rain date on the 12th.

Reported that the 4-H Fair was well received and are working with the 4-H Committee on plans for next year. Next meeting of Executive Committee is Friday, Oct. 31 in S.E.H.

A report was made on the Fire Training Academy Board of Directors' meeting of Monday, September 8th. Electric to outside storage sheds and facilities to be completed shortly. Will look into obtaining bleachers (hopefully rollable) for use in the outside training facilities areas.

Still trying to come up with a solution to the acoustic problems in classrooms 1 & 4 and will try some type of noise suppressing panels.

The Instructors have set up several details for organizing and repairing different items that need attention to at the center.

Will try to ascertain when the ladder truck was last certified and try to get proper documentation. Next meeting of Board of Directors is Monday, November 10th.

It was reported that the ladder truck is not certified and is NOT TO BE USED.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Waterous Pump Demonstration was poorly attended.

Mike reported that the Instructors have scheduled several work details and that the old shed will be used strictly for storage of straw and that tools, etc. are being moved to the new shed. Mike requested that when equipment and tools are used to properly clean them and wash off before putting them back in the shed in their proper places.

The windows in the Smoke house are being repaired as well as doors in burn building being replaced as well as other items of concern being worked on,

DATE CLEARING

FRI & Sat	Oct 3 & 4	Farmington	Dinner & Comedt Show (dinner 7PM-show 8PM)	info 641-3012
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 7:30 PM
Fri & Sat	Oct 3-4-10-11-17-18-24-25	Scullville	Haunted Hatride	7 to 11 PM
Sunday	Oct 5-12-19-26	Scullvill	Haunted Hayride	7 to 10 PM
Sunday	Oct. 12-Nov.9-Dec.14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct, 11	Training Center	Fire Prevention Parade & Expo (rain date Oct. 12)	
Wednesday	Oct. 15	Firefighters' Assn.	Meeting in Dorothy	8 PM
saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 19	Minotola	Parade and Housing	12 noon
Tuesday	Oct. 28	Fire Chiefs' Assn.	Meeting in Minotola	8 PM
Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Wednesday	Nov. 19	Firefighters' Assn.	Meeting at Somers Point No. 2	8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 23	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	2 to 6 PM
Tuesday	Nov. 25	Fire Chiefs' Assn.	Meeting at the Fire Training Center	8 PM

" In Union For The Safety Of All"

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the planned activities for the Oct. 11th Fire Prevention Expo - Parade at 11 AM - SHORT Ceremonies at 12 noon - Fire Activities 1 PM. Whitey reported that the County Has received a Federal Grant which is to include the purchase of a new Field Communications Unit.

Whitey reported that updates have been made to the mutual aid book and are to be sent to all companies shortly.

Anyone needing ID Cards can call the Training Center to obtain one.

The Emergency Services Memorial Committee will be sending out requests for donations for the training center memorial shortly.

Whitey also requested that winners for the Fire Prevention poster contest be sent to him as early as possible so they may be judged on the County level and forwarded to the State. Whitey also reported that an individual has a canteen that he goes to different work sites and has offered the use of same when needed at fires. Canteen is stocked and ready to go at all times. Whitey will try to have him at the next meeting on October 15 in Dorothy.

The Forest Fire Service reported that they had several crews fighting fires out West. Also requested that anyone desiring their participation with Fire Prevention programs to contact them as soon as possible.

Howard Guenther reported on the Firefighters' Convention held September 12 & 13 in Wildwood and that Joseph Paolo was elected as President of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association replacing Frank Bocchino. All other incumbents were reelected to their respectation offices. Howard also reported that attendees from 3 Counties were picked to reregister on the way out following Friday's session. The attendance report will show a \$ sign alongside those members who checked out. However, they are not to be docked (plenalized) for not being reregistered. All who registered in the morning are to receive their convention expenses. The following companies/departments received trophies at the Saturday parade

Atlantic County Trophies

Best Appearing Apparatus (sponsored by Atlantic County Firefithers' Association)
East Vineland

Best Appearing Fire Company or Department (sponsored by Atlantic County Firefighters' Assn)
Somers Point

Best Appearing Utility, Light Plant, or Cascade Unit (sponsored by Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association)
Collings Lakes

State Trophies

Collings Lakes East Vineland Somers Point No. 1 Somers Point No. 2

State Band Trophies

Absegami and Oakcrest High Schools

Howard also reported that a representative from the New Jersey Exempt Firemen's Association would like to address the Association in regard to forming more Exempt Associations in the County and will try to have him present at the November 19th meeting at Somers Point No. 2.

First Nominations for officers for 2004 is to be held at the next meeting on October 15 in Dorothy, second nominations at the November 19 meeting in Somers Point and elections at the December 17 meeting in Farmington.

It was reported that several County Fire Companies/Departments received Federal grants for equipment and that more grants hopefully will be given out.

The program for the evening was presented by John Kelley of Software Emergency Management on the Portable Variable Voltage ROBOPAKS for portable electric tools and that adapter cords are available to fit the different tools made by the manufacturers.

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

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary