



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

June 20, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Jun. 20, 2007 at the Milmay Vol. Fire Company by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence and a prayer offered by Howard Berchtold Jr. for those who perished in the Charleston, South Carolina fire.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Eric Hensel of the Milmay Fire Company was introduced. Chief Hensel welcomed all to Milmay.

In Attendance

Roll call was taken by Secretary Robert A. Mellon who reported a quorum was present.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer as read by Asst. Secretary-Treasurer Stacey Wellington.

Bills

The bills were read by Asst. Secretary Treasurer Stacey Wellington. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next Executive Committee meeting will be on July 6, 2007 in Landisville. Howard is requesting that the meeting be started at 19:00 instead of the usual 19:30. Proper notification will be made to all of the officers.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2007.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the recent task force drills. Ed reported on recent fire coordinator activity including the response to the Ocean County forest fire in the Warren Grove area. Ed reported that Laureldale now has the foam tender that was donated by EPI. It will be used as a water tender and a cache of foam is available to respond with it if needed. The county would not title the vehicle and Laureldale volunteered to take it over. Ed reported on the current state of plans for centralization or regionalization of dispatch services. Ed reported on the state and regional fire coordinator meetings. Ed reported that federal CDL laws may supersede the NJ statute that exempts firefighters. Ed reported on the state's purchase of the Neptune system.



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Public Relations\Fire Marshal – Whitey Swartz reported on the county level fire reporting data. Whitey requested that posters from the poster contest be distributed throughout the county for display. See Whitey to obtain copies for distribution. Whitey reported that all offices at the fire training center have been rekeyed.

Training Committee – Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I graduation will be held on Mon. June 25, 2007 at 19:00. The Firefighter I fall semester will start on Aug. 25, 2007. The state does not currently have a firefighter II test. Mike reported that notice will be sent out for Fire Instructor Applicants. Mike reported that Ed Vincent, who has retired from the position of Fire Instructor, has taught his last Pump Operations class. Mike reported that the burn building has been inspected and is in need of repair. The report will be forwarded to the county. Mike reported that the air compressor has new ZIP Nuts installed on it. Mike reported on a proposed change to the incident management system currently posted in the NJ register. The comment period will close on July 15, 2007. Mike reported that several of the instructors will be attending a train-the-trainer class for the NJ Fire Officer classes. The state will only allow one attempt to challenge the Fire Officer Level 1 test. Mike reported on classes that will be offered as part of the fall semester.

Library – Ron Bird reported that the library is open. Contact him if you need access.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be July 26 in Estell Manor.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported on yet another attempt to shut down the home by placing the question on the NJ State Fireman's Relief Assn. ballot in September. As was reported last year, there is no legal authority behind this resolution and its existence and outcome will have no affect on the home other than to cause undue stress to the residents. Oscar reported on the ongoing renovations at the home. Oscar reported that the home is still actively looking into a southern New Jersey location. They have some good leads and are investigating.

4H Fair – Scheduled for Aug. 9, 10, and 11. Howard Berchtold reported that the plan is the same as previous years including the Friday night Firefighter Competition. Three teams, out of the maximum of eight teams, have already signed up. Contact Dennis Sharpe before the association's July meeting in order to register your team.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

There was no new business to act on.

