

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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June 15, 2011

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 15, 2011 at the Milmay Vol. Fire Co. by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks

Firefighter Mike Yacovelli of the Milmay Volunteer Fire Company was introduced. Firefighter Yacovelli welcomed all to the Milmay in Buena Vista Township on behalf of Chief Hensel who was attending a school graduation ceremony.

In Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer, totaling \$126,474.65, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / ING Direct / ING Direct / Parke Bank
Checking: \$19,284.72 / Savings: \$27,582.48 / Savings: \$50,927.13 / 12 Month CD: \$5,680.32 / 13 Month CD: \$23,000.00
/ 1.25% - Due 10/12/2011 / 1.35% - Due 5/6/2012

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – President Portale reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is on July 8, 2011 and is hosted by the Landisville Vol. Fire Company.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – President Portale reported that the next meeting of the board is on July 11, 2011.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on his attendance at the coordination meetings for the Dave Matthews Band weekend in Atlantic City. Ed reported that the county EOC will be activated for each day of the event and Ed will keep all involved deputy fire coordinators and fire departments updated with any new information. Ed also reported on the planning meetings for the Atlantic City Air Show with the practice on Aug. 16 and show on Aug. 17. Plans remain relatively unchanged from prior years including bringing additional fire service boats up from Cape May County. Ed reported on the current status of the homeland security grants. The 2011 proposal, already reduced by 33%, is now being reduced by

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another 17%. Details for possible grant purchases for the county fire service are not yet available. Ed requested that all ideas and wish lists for the 2012 homeland security grant be sent to him. Ed reported that a DOT grant has been approved for hosting two classes on foam operations. A class syllabus will be posted and distributed as soon as it is ready. The classes will be on Aug. 20 and 21. Each is limited to fifty students. Both classes are identical and will allow one hundred county fire service personnel access to the training. The class will consist of three hours classroom and three hours on the training grounds. The training coordinator will accept applications to the courses from Atlantic County fire service personnel and will reserve the right to limit the total number of participants from a single company if needed to better allow all companies access to training. The class speaker is Jim Cottrell, of Combat Support Products, Inc. a division of Cottrell Associates, Inc. and Factory Agents for Task Force Tips and National Foam since 1988. Ed further reported that there has been no significant incidents in the last month requiring fire coordinator response.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Harold “Whitey” Swartz was not in attendance due to attending a school graduation ceremony. President Portale reported that Whitey informed him that the poster contest for the 4H Fair is ready to go.

Training – Director of Training, Mike Corbo reported that the summer FFI class is running with nineteen students and the summer FFII class was canceled due to only five registrations. Mike reported that the first EVOC class will run this weekend and reported on the remaining classes currently scheduled for June and July. Mike reported that the spring FFI and FFII graduation ceremony is scheduled for 19:00 Monday, June 27, 2011 at the fire academy.

Atlantic Co. 4H Fair and Firefighter Competition – Mike Corbo reported that applications for the firefighter completion, scheduled for August 5 at the 4H fair, are now available on the association website. Full competition details and rules are on the application. Only four teams will compete at the fair. If more than that register, preliminary rounds of competition will be held prior to the fair. All applications must be received by July 22, 2011.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Charles “Chick” Kisby reported that the next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association will be on July 26, 2011 in Estell Manor.

Radio Policy – Oscar Dutch reported that he has attended meetings concerning the implementation of a county wide fire radio policy. The proposed policy is under review and some suggestions from the Gloucester County central dispatch are being considered. Plans are to have a proposal ready for presentation to the county chiefs at the July 26 meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association to be held in Estell Manor. Oscar reported that the county is also still actively researching locations for a central dispatch.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported on recent issues between the home's board of managers and the NJ State Firemen's Association. Oscar reported on renovation plans at the home and the plans to minimize home operations and allow the waiting list to be reduced. Oscar reported that funding for a southern NJ home is not available.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

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Deferred Business

President Portale reported that a draft conflict of interest policy had been posted on the website as well as emailed. There were no comments or questions on the draft policy.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the draft Conflict of Interest Policy as policy for the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association.

New Business

Oscar Dutch reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is on the same night as the Hudson County Caucus. Oscar has confirmed that both individuals running for president are attending the Hudson County Caucus. Oscar requested that this association invite both candidates to the July meeting so they have an opportunity to speak to the Atlantic County relief association members before the elections in September.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the secretary send invitations for a speaking opportunity at the July meeting of this association to both 2011 presidential candidates of the New Jersey Firemen's Association.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$3,552.18, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Staples - \$29.39 (supplies) / Lowes - \$487.52 (tools & supplies) / Modern Gas - \$784.93 (propane) / This & That Uniforms - \$38.00 (instructor uniform shirt) / AtlantiCare - \$295.00 (CPR cards and textbooks) / Mike Corbo - \$1,917.34 (reimburse FDIC attendance expense for Mike Corbo and Chad Warmoth and turn-out gear harnesses and bail-out rope, hook)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Mike Corbo reported that the Ocean City and Marmora Fire Departments are sponsoring a bus trip to Firehouse Expo in Baltimore on July 22, 2011. The \$50.00 cost will cover transportation, refreshments, and expo admission. If interested please contact Mike and he will put you in contact with the appropriate people.

Thank you to the Milmay Vol. Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:45. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on July 20, 2011 at the Linwood Fire Department.

Attested: Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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Date Clearing

Sat. Jul. 9, 2011	18:00	The Watering Hole	Weymouth VFC - 2nd Annual Beef & Beer
Wed. Jul. 20, 2011	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Sat. Jul. 23, 2011	18:00	Farmington VFC	Bargaintown & Farmington Present Wine & Cheese
Tues. Jul. 26, 2011	20:00	Estell Manor VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Thurs. Jul 28, 2011	20:00	Somers Point VFC #1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.
Thurs. Aug. 11, 2011	16:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA @ Atlantic County 4H Fair
Fri. Aug. 12, 2011	16:00	Atl. Co. 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA @ Atlantic County 4H Fair
Fri. Aug. 12, 2011	19:00	Atl. Co. 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA Firefighter Competition @ Atlantic County 4H Fair
Sat. Aug. 13, 2011	09:00	Atl. Co. 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA @ Atlantic County 4H Fair
Tues. Aug. 16, 2011	19:30	Egg Harbor City Firehouse	NJ State Firemen's Assn. Atlantic County Caucus
Wed. Aug. 17, 2011	20:00	Weymouth VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Fri. Sep. 16, 2011	13:00	Wildwood Conv. Ctr.	NJ State Firemen's Assn. Convention - Registration 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sat. Sep. 17, 2011	10:00	Wildwood Conv. Ctr.	NJ State Firemen's Assn. Convention - Registration 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Wed. Sep. 21, 2011	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Thurs. Sep. 29, 2011	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Sat. Oct. 1, 2011	10:00	Smithville	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot-Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries) (10:00 - 17:00)
Sat. Oct. 1, 2011	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sun. Oct. 2, 2011	10:00	Smithville	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot-Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries) (10:00 - 17:00)
Wed. Oct. 19, 2011	20:00	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Sat. Nov. 12, 2011	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Wed. Nov. 16, 2011	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Tues. Nov. 29, 2011	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Sat. Dec. 10, 2011	19:00	Hammonton VFD	Annual Christmas Parade & Block Party - Reg. @ 17:30, Parade @ 19:00
Wed. Dec. 21, 2011	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jan. 18, 2012	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 26, 2012	20:00	Bayview VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.
Tues. Jan. 31, 2012	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Wed. Feb. 15, 2012	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

(Please email your event info to robert.mellon@atlanticcountyfireassoc.org)