

# Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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July 18, 2012

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 18, 2012 at the Linwood Fire Dept. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ellsworth Ott. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ott then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

## Opening Remarks

Chief Kisby of the Linwood Fire Dept. was introduced. Chief Kisby welcomed all to Linwood.

## 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 June 20, 2012 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 \$132,632.57, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America	/	Bank of America	/	ING Direct	/	Parke Bank	/	Parke Bank
Checking: \$63,893.19	/	Savings: \$2,100.98	/	Savings: \$20,176.07	/	12 Month CD: \$23,125.81	/	13 Month CD: \$23,336.52
					/	1.10% - Due 10/30/2012	/	1.01% - Due 5/6/2013

## Committee Reports

**Executive Committee** – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. summarized the minutes from the meeting of the executive committee held on Jul. 6, 2012 at the Landisville Vol. Fire Company. Howard reported on the recommendations from the Executive Committee to purchase trophies for the firefighter competition and the Wildwood parade and to authorize the Home Depot credit bill to be paid when received, after confirming charges are correct with the Director of Training or designee, since the due date is prior to the monthly meetings. Howard thanked Rick Coraluzzo and the Landisville Vol. Fire Company for hosting the meeting and reminded all that the Atlantic County 4H Fair is scheduled for Aug. 9, 10, and 11.

**Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board** – Howard Berchtold reported that the meeting of the board scheduled for July 9, 2012 was canceled due to no action needing to be discussed and delegate scheduling conflicts. The next meeting of the board is scheduled to be held on September 10, 2012.

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**Fire Coordinator** – Ed Vincent reported on the response to the FAA Tech Center fire and the issues encountered. Ed reported on the June 30, 2012 Derecho storm event and the EOC operations that went smoothly with the exception of losing VHF radios when the tower went down. Ed reported on the church fire in Longport and the recent funeral for a member of the 177<sup>th</sup> Air Guard that two ladders were requested for and the Absecon EMS Rehab due to the high temperature that day. Ed reported that the same plan as prior years will be in place for the Atlantic City Air Show on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The air show will be on a Friday this year and practice will be on Thursday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>. Ed reported that Absecon Mills has reached out to Galloway FD Chief Garbutt concerning ongoing electronic issues at their facility since the fire there. They are requesting information about the foam used to fight the fire. Ed referred them to contact Valero Industries who donated the foam when the county cache of foam was put in place.

**Fire Marshal / Public Relations** – Fire Marshal Harold "Whitey" Swartz reported that new information books have been sent to all departments/companies. Whitey reminded all that some of the contact information is personal and should be kept confidential for fire service use only. Any updates to department/company information should be directed to Whitey. Whitey reported that eleven departments/companies still have not filed all 2011 fire reports for the county report. The final report will be created in August and will list the departments/companies lacking complete data. Whitey reported that help will be needed to set up the ACFFA booth at the 4H Fair on Thursday Aug. 9 at 14:00. Whitey shared multiple notices received including one from FEMA about the grant program and one from NJ DFS about SCBA facemask safety issues.

**Training** – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Summer 2012 FFI is running with fourteen students and FFII with eight students. Mike reported that some classes have been canceled due to the recent storm. Mike reported that the Fall 2012 FFI will start on August 21 at 19:00. The Fall 2012 FFII will start in September. Mike reported that the August 10<sup>th</sup> 4H Fair Firefighter Competition notice and application has been sent to all departments/companies. A response is needed by July 27<sup>th</sup> if a team is to be entered into the competition. If more than four teams register, a preliminary competition will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 18:00. Mike reported that he has sent notice to all departments/companies concerning the formation of a regional technical rescue team. Mike reported on a rewrite of the NJ RIT guidelines that has been submitted for state approval. Mike reported that the Spring 2012 Semester has been the best to date with forty-four classes held that trained 178 students. Mike thanked all of the instructors for the excellent job with completing a busy training schedule. Mike reported that the Spring 2012 FFI and FFII graduation ceremony has been scheduled for 19:00 July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the training center.

**Library** – Ron Bird reported that he can be contacted if library access is needed.

**Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association** – Chick Kisby reported that the next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association will be on July 31, 2012 and is hosted by Estell Manor Vol. Fire Company.

**County Radio Communications / Central Dispatch** – Oscar Dutch reported on county central dispatch committee meetings that included Chief Public Safety Telecommunicator Mike Bradeis and Freeholder Frank Giordano who chairs the committee. The current plan is to locate a central dispatch facility on the grounds of Stockton College. Oscar introduced Freeholder Giordano. Freeholder Giordano thanked all for the service provided to Atlantic County and shared a story of a fire, and the rescue of his father, at his father's home some years back. Freeholder Giordano read the mission statement for the establishment of a county based central dispatch. Freeholder Giordano reported on the process and the meetings of the last year working towards making central dispatch happen. Freeholder Giordano explained the pros and cons of the two final sites during the site selection process and why the Stockton site is preferred over the FAA site. Freeholder Giordano reviewed the cost sharing, partnerships, and planned building design for what is envisioned for the Stockton site. Freeholder Giordano will be meeting with the Stockton College President and the County Executive in the next week. A design concept has been completed but a full construction design still has to be completed. The architect's estimate from ground breaking to

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operational is thirty to thirty-six months. Mike Bradeis was also in attendance to assist answering questions. Oscar reported that the process is moving forward better than expected.

**NJ Firemen's Home** – Oscar Dutch reported that the home applied for a grant concerning residents with dementia. The home is one of only five in New Jersey that received this grant funding. Two to three times per month the home's staff will receive training on how to more effectively deal with dementia patients. Henry Schoenstein and Oscar discussed the community block grant that the home has applied for to upgrade the boilers. The lawyers are reviewing the grant to see if it would affect the admission requirements of the home (i.e. currently limited to NJ firefighters).

**NJ Firemen's Assn.** – Henry Schoenstein reported that the Atlantic County Caucus is scheduled for 19:30 August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Egg Harbor City firehouse, registration starts at 18:30. The convention is scheduled for 13:00 September 14<sup>th</sup> and 09:00 September 15<sup>th</sup> in Wildwood. The Memorial Service is to precede the convention meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Oscar Dutch inquired as to the current status of the sale of the East Orange building. Henry reported that the building has not yet sold but a deal has been in place.

**Atlantic County 4H Fair** – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair is scheduled for August 9, 10, and 11. The firefighter competition will be held on August 10. The ACFFA booth will be setup the same as in past years and most handout material has already been obtained. The association will need member departments/companies to assist with apparatus for exhibition on Thursday night, Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night.

## Communications

There were no communications to report.

## Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

## New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to follow the recommendation of the Executive Committee and purchase the trophies needed for the Atl. Co. 4H Fair Firefighter Competition and the two trophies to be presented at the Wildwood parade in September.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to follow the recommendation of the Executive Committee and allow payment of the Home Depot account when it is due prior to a meeting, but not before the Director of Training, or authorized instructor, verifies that all charges are valid.

Drawing was held for the Wildwood Parade order within Atlantic County:

- |                           |                       |                     |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1. Somers Point           | 6. Swartz Fire Museum | 11. Port Republic   | 16. Egg Harbor Twp.                       |
| 2. Dorothy, Weymouth Twp. | 7. Buena Boro         | 12. Hamilton Twp.   | 17. Buena Vista Twp.                      |
| 3. Northfield             | 8. Mullica Twp.       | 13. Hammonton       | 18. Remaining Atl. Co. Units              |
| 4. Longport               | 9. Linwood            | 14. Absecon         | as submitted directly to Parade Committee |
| 5. Galloway Twp.          | 10. Estell Manor      | 15. Egg Harbor City |   |

Online registration still required at <http://www.njfireexpo.com/parademain.htm>

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## **Bills**

The bills, totaling \$34,492.20, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- ID Zone - \$365.92 (membership card & printer supplies) / California Emergency Management Agency - \$333.77 (ICS books) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$702.00 (food for training) / AtlantiCare - \$80.00 (Spring 2012 FFI CPR cards) / This & That Uniforms - \$1,014.50 (FFI t-shirts & polo shirts) / Modern Gas - \$764.07 (propane) / MES - \$138.00 (equipment maintenance) / Payroll - \$31,093.94 (1/2 year payroll)

## **Applications for Membership**

There were no applications for membership.

## **Good of the Order**

Thank you to the Linwood Fire Department for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

## **Adjournment**

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:20. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Aug. 15, 2012 at the Cologne Vol. Fire Company.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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## Date Clearing

[http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA\\_Date\\_Clearing.htm](http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA_Date_Clearing.htm)

Sat. Jul. 21, 2012	10:00	Estell Manor VFC	Sub Sale - 10:00 to 14:00
Mon. Jul. 23, 2012	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Atlantic County Fire Academy Spring 2012 Firefighter I and II Graduation Ceremony
Thurs. Jul. 26, 2012	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.
Tues. Jul. 31, 2012	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Sat. Aug. 4, 2012	10:00	Dorothy VFC	Auxiliary Sub Sale - 10:00 till sold out
Sat. Aug. 4, 2012	16:00	Egg Harbor City VFC	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Sat. Aug. 5, 2012	12:00	Cologne VFC @ Hamilton Mall	Johnny Rockets & Cologne VFC Car Show & Fire Safety Expo - 12:00 to 16:00
Aug. 9, 10, 11, 2012	varies	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair
Fri. Aug. 10, 2012	19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair - Hosting Firefighter Competition Finals
Tues. Aug. 14, 2012	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting NJSFA Atlantic County Caucus
Wed. Aug. 15, 2012	20:00	Cologne VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Sat. Aug. 18, 2012	13:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Craft Beer Festival - 13:00 to 16:00
Sat. Sep. 8, 2012	15:30	Weekstown VFC	Annual Pig Roast - 15:30 to 19:00
Fri. Sep. 14, 2012	13:00	Wildwood, NJ	NJSFA Convention - reg. 09:30 to 12:30 - mtg. 13:00
Sat. Sep. 15, 2012	10:00	Wildwood, NJ	NJSFA Convention - reg. 07:30 to 09:45 - mtg. 10:00
Wed. Sep. 19, 2012	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Thurs. Sep. 27, 2012	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Sat. Sep. 29, 2012	18:00	Kerri-Brook Caterers, Hammonton	Hammonton FD - Beef & Beer Benefit
Sat. Oct. 6, 2012	08:30	Green Tree Golf Course, EHT	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and Benefit for Steve Kaenzig and Elwood VFC
Sat. Oct. 6, 2012	10:00	Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Octoberfest w/ Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, etc.
Sat. Oct. 6, 2012	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sun. Oct. 7, 2012	10:00	Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Octoberfest w/ Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, etc.
Wed. Oct. 17, 2012	20:00	Port Republic VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Sat. Nov. 10, 2012	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Wed. Nov. 21, 2012	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Tues. Nov. 27, 2012	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Wed. Dec. 19, 2012	20:00	Farmington VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jan. 16, 2013	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 24, 2013	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.
Tues. Jan 29, 2013	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Wed. Feb. 20, 2013	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Sat. Apr. 13, 2013	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Sat. May 4, 2013	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Oct. 5, 2013	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Nov. 9, 2013	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner