

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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January 16, 2013

Call to Order

The annual reorganizational meeting and memorial service of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on January 16, 2013 at the Egg Harbor City Vol. Fire Dept. by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with the 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

Chief Walter "Butch" Kienzle III, of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department, welcomed the membership and guests to Egg Harbor City and conveyed the pride felt by this department as it annually hosts the first meeting of the year for the association. Chief Kienzle then introduced the line officers of the fire department. Chief Kienzle then introduced Mayor Lisa Jiampetti who welcomed all to Egg Harbor City and reported that the city is proud to host the county firefighters every year since the association was founded.

In Attendance

President Portale welcomed and introduced guests; NJ Senator: Jim Whelan, Atlantic County Freeholders: James Bertino, Alexander Marino, John Risley, and Frank Sutton; Atl. Co. Surrogate: James Curcio, Egg Harbor City Mayor: Lisa Jiampetti, Atl. Co. Fire Marshall: Harold "Whitey" Swartz, and Atlantic County Fire Academy Director of Fire Training: Michael Corbo.

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 December 19, 2012 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Paying of Bills

The bills, totaling \$2,004.34, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- US Postal Service - \$9.00 (stamps) / Brent Meisenhelter - \$253.50 (straw) / Treasurer, State of New Jersey - \$50.00 (registration of alternate business name) / MES - \$1,335.00 (instructor uniform shirts \$216.00, SCNA mask voice amps \$1,119.00) / Lowes - \$271.40 (burn building supplies, flashover wood) / Home Depot - \$6.41 (hardware) / Staples - \$79.03 (office supplies- training)

Dispensing of Regular Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the remainder of the regular business except for the paying of the bills.

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Annual Memorial Service

President Amor "Skip" Portale welcomed all to the annual Memorial Service. The annual memorial services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny giving the invocation and homily, everyone reciting the "A Fireman's Prayer" in unison, the memorial candles being lit by First Vice President Ellsworth Ott and Second Vice President Charles "Chick" Kisby, and the bell being tolled by Charles J. Guenther as Secretary Robert A. Mellon read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Firefighters of the Final Roll were:

ABSECON

James E. Goss
William P. Reilly

ATLANTIC CITY

Kevin Murphy
Joseph Stone
Henry Tyner

ATLANTIC CITY INTL AIRPORT

Jeffrey T. Weber

CARDIFF

John Flanagan

EGG HARBOR CITY

L. James Peterson

ELWOOD

Gennaro L. Critelli, Sr.
Peter Frank Killian, Jr.

ESTELL MANOR

Clifford Rosegren
Geoffry L. Cullen, Jr.

FARMINGTON

Leo Watson

GERMANIA

Allen David Mosier, Sr.

HAMMONTON

Thomas C. Elvins III
David J. Gulig, Jr.
Dominic L. Mascioli

LINWOOD

John C. Moore

LONGPORT

Richard DePamphilis, Jr.

MILMAY

Joseph Giercyk
Phillip Trivelli

MINOTOLA

Raymond Zorzi
Vincent Zorzi

MIZPAH

Leonard Henry Myers
Archie Nelson

OCEANVILLE

Michael Bollinger, Sr.
Marshal L. Hillard
William E. Trask, Sr.

PLEASANTVILLE

Dominick Civitarese
George C. English
David Leeds

POMONA

John W. Dickerson, Sr.

PORT REPUBLIC

Howard G. Cavileer, Jr.

RICHLAND

Walter Burshtin

SCULLVILLE

Harry Devine, Jr.

SOMERS POINT

John L. Guckes

SOUTH EGG HARBOR

Howard H. Berchtold, Sr.
Joseph A. Langel, Sr.

SWEETWATER

Michael Morse

VENTNOR

Harry B. Johnson

WEEKSTOWN

William Hyer

WEYMOUTH

James W. Duffy
William J. Lutz

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Howard Berchtold Jr., "Taps" was played by Bugler Joe Ward, followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Sandpipers. The memorial service closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

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Installation of Officers for 2013

All of the invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their appreciation for all that the firefighters do for their local communities and for Atlantic County. Senator Jim Whelan conveyed his thanks for the dedication and hard work of the firefighters in Atlantic County. Atlantic County Surrogate Jim Curcio conveyed thanks for the work of the firefighters and commented on the great tradition of holding this annual memorial service. Atlantic County Freeholders James Bertino, Alexander Marino, John Risley, and Frank Sutton conveyed their thanks for the dedication of the firefighters of this organization. President Portale noted that Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson was unable to attend but had sent his regards and thanks for the continued dedication of the firefighters in providing unparalleled service to their community. A Egg Harbor City Mayor Lisa Jiampetti thanked the fire service for their dedication to the community on behalf of herself and the Egg Harbor City Council. Atlantic County Fire Academy Director of Training Michael Corbo conveyed thanks and reported that the Firefighter I class starts on Thursday February 9th and the 2012 Summer and Fall FFI and FFII graduation ceremony is scheduled for Monday February 4th at 7:00 PM.

President Amor "Skip" Portale read the following statement.

"Good evening and welcome to the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association Annual Memorial Service and 89th annual reorganization meeting. Since the association's creation in 1923, every reorganization meeting has been hosted by, and held at, the Egg Harbor City Fire Department.

As we begin 2013 let's take a look back at some of the accomplishments that were archived in 2012 keeping in mind that none of this would have been possible without the assistance of Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and his staff, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo. As well as Fire Marshal and Fire Academy Director Whitey Swartz and Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management: Vince Jones.

The primary duties of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association is to provide training to all firefighters from Atlantic County. In 2012 we trained 115 new firefighters from 17 different departments in Atlantic County and 15 new firefighters from out of county. This year's class included firefighters from Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Ocean, Camden, and Gloucester counties.

In 2012 the Firefighters' Association held over 68 different classes with an enrollment of 1,109 firefighters being trained through academy courses and 1,689 students being trained over all. Of that number, 385 students were from out of county. The total number of instructor hours incurred by our 31 instructors for 2012 was 4,096.

Once again, we were able to operate within our budget. We conducted the annual memorial service to honor our fallen firefighters as well as honoring firefighters from Atlantic County with fifty or more years of service. We once again sponsored the annual valor awards ceremony as well as the annual firefighter competition at the Atlantic County 4H fair and we continue to offer Pro-Board certification to all our Firefighter I graduates.

Through some very creative and outside the box thinking, we were able to acquire an additional engine at no cost to county government, or the taxpayers of Atlantic County, to meet our ever increasing training needs.

As we begin 2013, I look forward to working with county government, the members of the executive committee, and the Director of Fire Training, Mike Corbo, to help keep the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association one of the best in the state."

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. welcomed all those in attendance to the annual meeting and memorial service on behalf of the Executive Committee. Howard thanked all of the association officers and committee chairmen for the hard work that they do. Howard thanked all of the county government, including the Freeholders and the Dept. Heads, which have provided much assistance with keeping the association going strong. Howard offered thanks to all Atlantic County firefighters for their continued dedication and those that are regularly attending the meetings of this association as either members or delegates allowing the business of the association to be accomplished. Howard noted that he is proud to have

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again been elected to his 18th year as Chairman of the Executive Committee and that Oscar Dutch Jr. has been elected Vice Chairman. Howard noted he believes that the firefighter training program offered by this association offers the best training in the state and possibly one of the best in the country and that everyone will continue to work together and move the program forward. Howard introduced former Association President and Executive Committeeman Ted Reinhard and remarked on how great it is to see him in attendance. Howard reported on much of the work Ted has done for this association including his years of obtaining corporate donations for the training program that earned him the permanent title of Director of Procurement and the dedication of the supply room at the training center in Ted's honor.

Atlantic County Freeholder Frank Sutton installed the following into office for the year 2013:

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1 st Vice President	Ellsworth Ott
2 nd Vice President	Charles "Chick" Kisby
Secretary	Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer	Jaime C. Mellon
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer	Cindy L. Badger
Chaplain	Rev. Thomas Sweeny
Sergeants-at-Arms	Charles Harlan, Wayne Dilks
Executive Committee:	Howard Berchtold Jr., David G. Buzby, Levon "Lefty" Clayton, Rick Coraluzzo Sr., Oscar Dutch Jr., James Garth Sr., Charles J. Guenther, R. Thomas Hunter, Charles R. Winkler III

Those not present were:

Sergeants-at-Arms William Thomas Hand

Good of the Order

The annual Atlantic County Firefighter's Association Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2013 at Careme's, Atlantic Cape Community College. Cost will be \$40.00 and all interested should contact Wayne Dilks at (609)927-8362.

Thank you to the Egg Harbor City Fire Dept. 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 21:00. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on February 20, 2013 in Longport.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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Date Clearing http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA_Date_Clearing.htm

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Fri. Mar. 15, 2013	18:30	Careme's, Atl. Cape Comm. College	Annual ACFFA Dinner
Fri. Mar. 22, 2013	17:00	Hammonton VFC Sta. 2	Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 13, 2013	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Sat. May 4, 2013	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. May 11, 2013		Absecon VFD	100 th Anniversary
Sun. Jun. 2, 2013	12:00	Dorothy VFC	56 th Annual Chicken BBQ
Tues. Aug. 13, 2013	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 13, 2013	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 14, 2013	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Oct. 5, 2013	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Nov. 9, 2013	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner

ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

Wed. Feb. 20, 2013	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Mar. 20, 2013	20:00	Elwood VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Apr. 17, 2013	20:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	ACFFA Monthly Meeting and Valor Awards Presentation (Hosted by Margate FD)
Wed. May 15, 2013	20:00	Oceanville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 19, 2013	20:00	Richland VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 17, 2013	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 21, 2013	20:00	Mays Landing VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 18, 2013	20:00	Hammonton VFC Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 16, 2013	20:00	Estell Manor VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 20, 2013	20:00	Somers Point VFC Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 18, 2013	20:00	West Atlantic City VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jan. 15, 2014	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 19, 2014	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Mar. 8, 2013	19:30	Somers Point VFC Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. May 3, 2013	19:30	Whitey Swartz Fire Museum	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 5, 2013	19:30	Landisville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 6, 2013	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 1, 2013	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jan. 3, 2014	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

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Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Mar. 11, 2013	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. May 13, 2013	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jul. 8, 2013	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Sep. 9, 2013	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Nov. 18, 2013	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 13, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

Tues. Jan 29, 2013	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Thurs. Mar. 28, 2013	20:00	Minotola VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Thurs. May 30, 2013	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Tues. Jul. 30, 2013	20:00	Estell Manor VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Thurs. Sep. 26, 2013	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.
Tues. Nov. 26, 2013	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.
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Tues. Jan. 28, 2014	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jan. 24, 2013	20:00	Somers Point VFC Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.
Thurs. Jul. 25, 2013	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.
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Thurs. Jan. 23, 2014	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.