

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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June 19, 2013

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 19, 2013 at the Richland Vol. Fire Company by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of all fallen firefighters and military personnel. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale introduced Richland Vol. Fire Co. President Tony Monfredo Sr.. President Monfredo welcomed all to Richland and pointed out that this is the first association meeting to be hosted in Richland's new fire station.

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 15, 2013 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 \$126,779.61, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

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| Bank of America | / | Bank of America | / | ING Direct | / | Parke Bank | / | Parke Bank |
| Checking: \$54,617.20 | / | Savings: \$5,003.01 | / | Savings: \$20,255.60 | / | 12 Month CD: \$23,333.17 | / | 13 Month CD: \$23,570.63 |
| | | | | | | 1.10% - Due 10/30/2013 | / | 1.01% - Due 5/6/2013 |

Special Presentation

A presentation was made by Michael Dougherty from Broadley's, an energy solutions company. Mr. Dougherty summarized the New Jersey clean energy direct install program and how it can pay for up to 70% of the energy efficient upgrades at small to mid-sized commercial, industrial, and local government buildings including fire stations.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on July 5, 2013 at the Landisville Vol. Fire Company.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for July 8, 2013.

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Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on the recent incidents requiring fire coordinators. On May 30th, a water emergency in Brigantine required a tanker be relocated there from 09:30 until 14:30. Laureldale sent their tanker for the assignment. Ed reported that Brigantine Fire Chief Jim Holl passed away suddenly on June 2nd. Ed reported that he will be distributing the Atlantic County Radio Policy, as approved by the Atl. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association in 2011, to all county fire chiefs. Recent issues with area dispatching and frequency patching has led to the need to make sure all are up to date with radio policy. Ed has emailed the policy to all fire chiefs and requested any feedback that they may have to further update or clarify the policy. Ed reported that he would like all comments prior to the July 30th meeting of the chiefs' association so that they can be included in a revised policy, approved by the chiefs' association, and then sent to all county dispatch centers. Ed reported on the Atlantic City Air Show planning meetings. The practice day is June 25th and the show day is June 26th. Ed reported on the requested resources that will be staged in Atlantic City for the practice and show days. Due to federal cuts, there will be no military units in the air show. The air show is still expected to draw a large crowd with the additional private acts that will make up the show. Ed reported that he has scheduled a meeting for all Deputy Fire Coordinators for 19:00, July 15th at the Absecon Fire Department. All Deputy Fire Coordinators will be emailed an agenda prior to the meeting. After the coordinator meeting, Ed will email all county fire chiefs a list of the current Deputy Fire Coordinators, their responsibilities, and contact information. Ed reported that he has emailed all county fire departments/companies about a ribbon cutting and dedication for the repaired building at the FAA Tech Center. Ed reported that there is a requirement in the SOPs that utilizing municipalities will cover the costs of any foam supplies used when utilizing the county foam task force. County Freeholders are currently working on a resolution that will make this requirement enforceable. Ed reminded all departments/companies that he would like updates for when any apparatus is taken out of service and when it is returned to service. Ed reported that Gloucester County Dispatch is now dispatching for nine Atlantic County Fire Departments/Companies.. Gloucester County Dispatch recently requested information on how to request additional Atlantic County units when a need may arise. Ed sent them the contact information for all fourteen Atlantic County dispatch centers. Ed reported on the need to have local mutual aid plans at each dispatch center so that they may be followed correctly. Ed reported that the SJTA Fire Department will host a grand opening ceremony for the new Atlantic City Airport fire station on July 12th. Those attending must RSVP by July 9th. Ed reported that both the 177th Air Guard Fire Dept. and the SJTA Fire Dept. will switch over to the ACE dispatch center and the state 800 mhz. system on June 20th. The ACE dispatch center can be contacted at (609) 965-7200. Ed reported that a thank you email has been sent to all participants in the TTF-B drill held on April 29th. TTF-A has scheduled a drill for 08:00 Sunday, June 23rd at the Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds in the rear parking lot. Ed summarized the agenda for the drill and reported that the foam task force will also be participating. Ed reported on the current Homeland Security Grants status including equipment recently received for both tender task forces. This equipment will need to be picked up at the training center.

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 30, 2013 at the Estell Manor Vol. Fire Company.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that only four guests have expressed interest in attending the convention in Wildwood. The lower interest has been due to the fact that the trip down and back makes for a long day that is very stressful on most of the home's guests. Because of that, a plan was conceived to try and live stream the convention to the home, The plan was denied by the NJ Firemen's Association Executive Committee. Oscar reported that Atlantic County Executive Committeeman Henry Schoenstein plans to bring the request back to the committee for reconsideration.

NJ Firemen's Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported that he plans to bring the Firemen's Home request to stream the convention back to the Executive Committee for reconsideration. Henry reported that the death benefit was increased at the last meeting and will now be \$10,500 effective July 1, 2013. Henry requested that all local associations post their green sheets so that all members can check if they were properly listed. Henry reported that the Atlantic County Caucus is

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scheduled for Aug. 13th at the Egg Harbor City Fire Department and the convention is scheduled for Sep. 13th and 14th in Wildwood.

Audit Committee – Wayne Dilks reported that the audit committee met with the treasurer and all records/books are in order.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the Atlantic County 4H Fair is scheduled for Aug. 8th, 9th, and 10th. Mike Corbo, Rob Winkler, and Gill Zonge will coordinate the firefighter competition for Friday Aug 9th.

Communications

A letter from the New Jersey Firemen's Home was read thanking this association for the \$200 donation made in support of their annual golf outing.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

There was no new business to act on.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$3,460.86, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Hughes Farm - \$1,244.00 (straw) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$255.00 (training lunches) / NJ DCA - \$700.00 (code books) / Life Saver - \$160.72 (AED equipment) / AtlantiCare - \$30.00 (CPR cards) / Liberty Mutual - \$326.00 (workers comp insurance) / Butterhof's Farm - \$350.00 (straw) / South Jersey Welding - \$65.17 (training supplies) / Oceanville Post Office - \$0.46 (postage) / Lowes - \$242.40 (training supplies) / Staples - \$87.11 (public relations office supplies)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

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

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:25. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on July 17, 2013 at the Linwood Fire Department.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

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| Tues. Jul. 16, 2013 | 22:00 | Hammonton VFC Sta. 2 | 50/50 Raffle @ 138 th Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel |
| Aug. 8, 9, 10, 2013 | varies | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair |
| Fri. Aug. 9, 2013 | 19:00 | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair – Hosting Firefighter Competition Finals |
| 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 | 10:00 | Oceanville VFC | Oktoberfest @ Historic Smithville & Village Greene (Selling Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and French Fries) |
| Sat. Oct. 5, 2013 | 16:00 | Germania VFC | Turkey Dinner |
| Sun. Oct. 6, 2013 | 10:00 | Oceanville VFC | Oktoberfest @ Historic Smithville & Village Greene (Selling Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and French Fries) |
| Sat. Oct. 19, 2013 | 15:30 | Port Republic VFC | Roast Beef Dinner |
| Sat. Nov. 9, 2013 | 16:00 | Oceanville VFC | Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner |
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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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| 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 |
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| 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

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| 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 |
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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

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| 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. |