

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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July 17, 2013

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 17, 2013 at the Linwood Fire Department by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. 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 Linwood Fire Department Chief, Charles "Chick" Kisby. 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 19, 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 \$148,137.36, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America	/	Bank of America	/	ING Direct	/	Parke Bank	/	Parke Bank
Checking: \$75,968.14	/	Savings: \$5,003.17	/	Savings: \$20,262.25	/	12 Month CD: \$23,333.17	/	13 Month CD: \$23,570.63
					/	1.10% - Due 10/30/2013	/	0.65% - Due 5/6/2014

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Vice-Chairman Oscar Dutch summarized the minutes from the committee meeting held on July 5, 2013 at the Landisville Vol. Fire Company. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on September 6, 2013 at the Absecon Fire Department.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Oscar Dutch reported that all current members of the board have received reappointment letters from County Executive Dennis Levinson. Oscar summarized the discussion from the July 8th meeting of the board including the current condition of the training center with plans for ongoing repairs. Also discussed was the need to review the current SOPs for use of the training center and the need that they remain current with changing liabilities and requirements. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for September 9, 2013.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that VHF radios have been received for fire coordinators and are being programmed. New 800 MHz radios should be received by the end of September. Ed has emailed the Atlantic County

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Fire Radio Policy, as approved in 2011, to all county fire chiefs and has requested feedback for any needed updates prior to the July 30th meeting of the chief's association. The most pressing concern with the radio policy has been the use of 800 MHz to VHF patching on county fire 1. At times an extended patch has created issues with other priority dispatches. The policy does not allow this practice and it is recommended that county fire 2 be used when patching. Many pager programmers, for all widely used models, are available at various stations throughout the county so that county fire 2 can be programmed into pagers that currently do not have it. Contact Ed or Oscar and they will get the assistance needed to reprogram fire pagers. Ed reminded all, especially chiefs, to regularly check email. Most information is and will be distributed via email. Ed reported that the June 23rd TTF-A drill, at the Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, went well despite an initial dispatching issue. The communication failure with dispatch left the on duty dispatchers not knowing that a drill was scheduled. Ed had to relay all details over the phone that morning. Ed and Oscar will schedule a meeting to address the dispatch issue with District 25. Ed reported that Estell Manor, SJTA FD, Avalon, Green Creek, and Somers Point's Foam Trailer were all in Atlantic City to assist ACFD with the Atlantic City Airshow. A battalion, consisting of Ventnor, Absecon, Pleasantville, and Pomona, was also on standby during the airshow. There was a reported 150,000 spectators at the airshow and it has been considered a success and the plan is to continue with the June date next year. Ed reported that the SJTA FD held a grand opening of the new Atlantic City Airport Fire/Rescue Station on July 12. Ed reported on the new communications/dispatch for the airport fire departments located on the Atlantic City Expressway, ACE Comm., and also summarized some new procedures for the fire departments/companies assigned to the airport tacbox response. Ed reported that Chief Conrow will schedule a meeting with all mutual aid departments/companies on airport tacbox response in order to provide them with all updated information and procedures. Ed reported that the fire coordinators held a meeting on July 15th. A list of current fire coordinator/deputy fire coordinators, their responsibilities, and contact information will be emailed to all county fire chiefs. Also, information on the fire service regional deployment act and the requirement that all NJ municipalities have adopted mutual aid agreements/plans will be included. Ed reported that the term of office for both his position as fire coordinator and all deputy fire coordinators concludes at the end of 2013. All those wishing to serve another term will need to be nominated through the Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association at the November meeting.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the Atlantic County 4H Fair is scheduled for August 8th, 9th, and 10th. Volunteers are needed to help staff the ACFFA booth and also set up the booth on Thursday afternoon. Contact Whitey if able to assist. Dennis Sharpe will coordinate the display/demonstration apparatus at the fair.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the summer Firefighter I class is now at eight students and the Firefighter II class is now at nine students. The Fall Firefighter I class will start on Tuesday August 20th. The course booklet should be completed prior to the August meeting of the association. Mike reported that the 4H Fair Firefighter Competition will be held on August 9th. Applications for the competition have been emailed and posted on the website. Applications need to be returned by August 2nd. If more than four teams register for the competition, a preliminary competition will take place on August 7th. Mike reported that 386 students trained during the spring semester at twenty-eight classes that ran with a \$23,240 instructor payroll. Mike reported that the fire training advisory board will be looking at the training center SOPs due to new liability issues since they were first adopted twenty years ago. The propane pad has been shut down due to leaks and it will be repaired. Mike reported the flashover simulator training tuition will need to be increased due to increased lumber costs. Mike reported that the cost of straw has been fluctuating between \$4 and \$7 per bale. The actual cost of the straw will be passed onto any department/company utilizing the burn building for training. The most recent cost for straw will always apply. The Spring 2013 Semester Graduation Ceremony for Firefighter I and II has been scheduled for 7:00 PM, Monday, July 29th 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.

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NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the TV show "Storage Wars", on TLC, filmed at the home and whatever makes the final cut should air on August 13th. Oscar reported that the Board of Managers sent a resolution to the NJ State Firemen's Association that would allow web streaming of the annual convention in Wildwood so that residents of the home could watch the convention without having to make the long trip to Wildwood. The vote was 21-0 against the resolution. Oscar reported that there may have been some confusion about the resolution and that Atlantic County Executive Committeeman Henry Schoenstein is going to resubmit it with an explanation clarifying the intention of the resolution. Oscar reported that the wait list for the home is currently at fourteen, there are twelve currently in residential housing, and there are forty-eight currently in long-term care. The renovation of dorm C should be completed by the end of August and that will put twenty-two rooms back in service and eliminate the wait list. Oscar reported that his term to the NJ Firemen's Home Board of Mangers representing Atlantic County is up. Oscar would like to serve another term and would accept nomination at the August 13th Atlantic County Caucus to be held in Egg Harbor City.

Legislative – John Wagner reported on several NJ legislative bills including; A2593 (requires designated fire command structure in municipal emergency operations plans involving mutual aid responses to fires), A2596 (a review of New Jersey's requirements for portable fire extinguishers in residences), S1496 (provides surviving spouses of certain fire and police personnel who die in line of duty with workers' compensation for entire period of survivorship), and S2702 (sets forth certain standards to be followed by law enforcement agencies and fire departments when utilizing drones).

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

Drawing was held for the Wildwood Parade order for the Atlantic County Unit (lead Dept./Co. to also carry ACFFA banner):

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

Online registration still required at http://www.njfireexpo.com/memorial_parade.html

Bills

The bills, totaling \$24,530.69, 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 - \$1.32 (postage) / Butterhof's Farm - \$350.00 (straw) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.02 (equipment maintenance) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$671.00 (training lunches) / Suburban Propane - \$917.58 (propane) / AtlantiCare - \$30.00 (CPR cards) / Screenprince.com - \$250.00 (instructor shirts) / Staples - \$274.53 (training office supplies) / 1st Half 2013 Instructor Payroll - \$22,023.24 (instructor payroll)

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Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Butch Kienzle reported visiting Ted Reinhard at the Suites of Galloway, Jimmie Leeds Road, just prior to the meeting. Ted is in room 321B. Ted was in good spirits, though not looking too well. All should try to stop for a visit, call him, or send a card.

Fire Coordinator Vincent had Secretary Mellon read a letter sent to Estell Manor Fire Chief John V. Wagner from Atlantic City Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Foley thanking John for his exemplary service during the airshow. Tom Foley had received communication from a member of the public attesting to John's kindness and service to the public during the 2013 airshow.

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 21:05. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on August 21, 2013 at the Mays Landing Vol. Fire Company.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Mon. Jul. 29, 2013	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Spring 2013 Firefighter I and II Graduation Ceremony
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

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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

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)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

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. 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 Association

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.