

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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February 19, 2014

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on February 19, 2014 at the Longport Volunteer Fire Department 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.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale introduced Chief Levon "Lefty" Clayton of the Longport Vol. Fire Department. Chief Clayton welcomed all to Longport and introduced Longport Mayor, and Firefighter, Nick Russo. Mayor Russo welcomed all to Longport and reminded all about the Gift from Captain Buscio Firefighter Cardio-Pulmonary screening program at Deborah Hospital. Mayor Russo reported that he has been invited to serve on a focus group for Deborah Hospital. Mayor Russo also reported that those taking advantage of the Captain Buscio screening program has continued to increase year after year and that police officers are finally increasing their utilization of the program. Mayor Russo reminded everyone that the Captain Buscio screening program saved his life and he would like all firefighters to take advantage of this free screening. Information and program details are available online. Deborah Hospital will accept insurance but will not send a bill to the patient.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 43 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 21

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 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 \$136,091.55, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$55,162.31 / Savings: \$5,004.34 / Savings: \$52,315.20 / 13 Month CD: \$23,609.70
/ 0.65% - Due 5/6/2014

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported on the annual reorganizational meeting of the committee held on January 10, 2014 in Pomona. Howard summarized the minutes from that meeting and reported on the recommendations that the association adopt the 2014 Atlantic County Fire Academy Training Budget Proposal, the 2014 Atlantic County Fire Academy Training Capital Purchase Proposal, the 2014 Public Relations Budget Proposal, and the 2014 Administrative

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Capital Purchase Proposal. Howard reported that the committee also recommended that the association sponsor the New Jersey Firemen's Home 2014 Golf Outing at the bronze level with a \$200.00 donation. Howard reported that Director Corbo has presented an excellent training budget and that the fire academy is well operated. Howard reported on the addition of one set of instructor turnout gear being added to the budget and the need to raise flashover training from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per student.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported on the advisory board meeting held on January 13, 2014. Howard reported that the board is very interested in the central dispatch plans and how that may free up space at the training center if some county offices are moved out. Howard reported that the training center is fully booked most of the time now. Howard reported on the ongoing repairs and maintenance of the training center and that the training center is now twenty-one years old and in very good condition considering the age. Howard reported that the county has budgeted for the much needed burn building door replacements.

Fire Coordinator – Oscar Dutch reported on behalf of Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent. Oscar reported on attending a FY14 grant meeting. Grants will only support previously grant supported projects. Equipment for TTF-B is being researched. Two pallets of AFFF has been received through county Haz-Mat. A LDH meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2014 in Absecon. Howard Berchtold reported on the need to review and update the Atlantic County Forest Fire Interface Plan.

Atlantic County Fire Radio Policy Committee / Central Dispatch – Oscar Dutch reported that final papers are being drawn up and an agreement between the County of Atlantic and Stockton college may be signed by March 1st. Oscar reported that Vince Jones will be the primary contact concerning central dispatch moving forward. Oscar noted that the county will be seeking fire department input as to their wants and needs with central dispatch.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the home's budget has been approved, unchanged, by the Governor. Oscar reported that there is currently eighteen inches of snow at the home right now and that four of the home's managers, including himself, attended the Newark Fire Department's annual dinner where home Superintendent Hugh Flood was honored as person of the year.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that county fire reports are now being requested annually at the conclusion of the year. Whitey reported that he has received six submissions for honorees with 50+ years of service. Whitey reported that there are currently no submissions for valor awards but there is work being done to get information about a possible nomination from an incident during the summer of 2013. Whitey reported that the Cape Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Service and Brunch is scheduled for March 16th and all information and tickets are available online at <http://www.capeatlantic200club.org/events.html>. Whitey reported that the 2014/2015 schedule cards are currently being printed and will be available at the March meeting in Weekstown.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I started last week with forty-two students. Mike reviewed the class schedule and reported on the QTO, QSO, ODI and Drill Ground Instructor classes. Mike reported that New Jersey weekend at the National Fire Academy is scheduled for April 26th through 28th and is a shared weekend with Mississippi. Registration is available at <http://www.keanfiresafety.com> and only costs \$38.81 per attendee. Mike reported that the Division of Fire Safety is going all digital after this year and everyone will need an email address to receive notices and certificates. Mike reported that the NJ DFS is going out for bid on the Firefighter I book. The hope is that the current publisher will win the bid and impact to training will be minimal. Mike reported that the Homeland Security Conference is scheduled for June 12th at Kean University. Mike reported that the burn building doors will be replaced this year and still working on the projected costs with an engineer. Mike reported on a plan to have ironworkers help with building a car

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mockup for the propane pad. Mike reported that an across the board dress code will need to be put into effect for all students due to too many using poor judgment when attending a class. All students, in any class, need to dress appropriately. No tank tops, flip-flops, or shorts will be allowed. Mike reported that all current certificates have been sent out.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Charles "Chick" Kisby reported that a vote at the last meeting of the chiefs' association changed the meeting schedule from bimonthly to monthly and moved the meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association will be 8:00 PM on March 12, 2014 at the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company.

ACFFA Dinner – Wayne Dilks reported that the dinner is scheduled for 6:30 PM April 11, 2014 at Careme's, Atlantic Cape Community College. Wayne reviewed the menu options and reported that the dinner has only half of the seats remaining and that those interested should contact him as soon as possible at (609)927-8362. The cost is \$40.00 per person.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Old Business

The third and final reading of the proposed By-laws revision and addition to Article XII was accepted as read.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association amend the By-laws with the revision and addition to Article XII as read.

New Business

Egg Harbor Township Fire Chief William Danz Jr. reported that he has sent out letters to New Jersey state legislators; Senator James Whelan, Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo, and Assembly Chris Brown. In the letter, Chief Danz informed them of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-34 municipal appropriation to fire companies and how the last time the limits on municipal appropriations were increased was twenty-five years ago. Chief Danz reported that he had a meeting with Assemblyman Brown whom is very receptive to the request to increase the appropriation limits and one of Assemblyman Brown's aids found a 2001 update to N.J.S.A. 40:5-2 increasing municipal aid to volunteer ambulance and rescue squads that may help the argument. Chief Danz also met with Egg Harbor Township Committeemen and reported that they will look into a resolution of support. The Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders is also reported to be working on a resolution of support. Chief Danz has requested that all fire departments/companies send letters of support, and request support from, their local, county, and state government representatives. Chief Danz requested that the association help spread the word to all other counties within New Jersey.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that a resolution supporting an increase in allowable municipal appropriations to volunteer fire companies by the amendment of N.J.S.A 40A:14-34 municipal appropriation to fire companies be drafted.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and adopt the 2014 Atlantic County Fire Academy Training Budget Proposal, the 2014 Atlantic County Fire Academy Training Capital Purchase Proposal, the 2014 Public Relations Budget Proposal, and the 2014 Administrative Capital Purchase Proposal.

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Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and sponsor the New Jersey Firemen's Home 2014 Golf Outing at the bronze level with a \$200.00 donation.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$5,966.29, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Jones & Bartlett Learning - \$1,516.47 (fire officer books) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.46 (welding gas) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$167.60 (food for graduation) / Staples - \$181.01 (training office supplies) / IRS - \$281.48 (FUTA Tax) / NJ Tax - \$779.85 (NJ-927) / Irvin Company - \$396.50 (commendation bars) / Mike Corbo - \$2,200.00 (FDIC registration) / AtlantiCare - \$80.00 (CPR cards) / Guthrie Glass - \$280.00 (shims for forcible entry mockup) / Scantron - \$69.92 (training office supplies)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Lefty Clayton reported that he attended a meeting with the island communities about the Challenge Atlantic City Triathlon scheduled for June 29, 2014. The 2.4 mile swim is adjacent to Bader Field, the 112 mile bike is from Bader Field to Hammonton then back, and the 26.2 mile run is from Bader Field along the entire island to finish at Boardwalk Hall. An international company has been contracted to run the event for the next five years. The organizer will provide all of their own support including paramedics and EMTs. Lefty reported on the event so that all fire service along the route will be aware of any traffic delays that may occur on Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 6:00 AM until approximately 11:30 AM. Details at <http://challengeatlanticcity.com>.

Hammonton Fire Department Station 2 / Independent Volunteer Fire Company has received a donation of two pallets of candy canes and 2,200 Christmas stockings. The candy canes are good until 2016. This is more than they can use and have offered to share with other fire companies. Contact (609) 567-4330 or hammontonfire2@yahoo.com.

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

Adjournment

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 March 19, 2014 in Weekstown.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Wed. Feb. 5, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Firefighter I & II Graduation Ceremony
Sun. Mar. 16, 2014	10:30	St. Nicholas Church (10:30) & Borgota	Cape Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Service (10:30) & Brunch (12:00)
Sat. Mar. 29, 2014	09:00	Cedar Creek High School (Laureldale VFC)	"Step Up and Lead" Fire Service Leadership Seminar
Fri. Apr. 11, 2014	17:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	3 rd Annual Fire House Fish Fry Dinner
Fri. Apr. 11, 2014	18:30	Careme's @ Atlantic Cape Community	Annual ACFFA Dinner
Sat. Apr. 12, 2014	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Sat. May 3, 2014	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. May 3, 2014	20:00	Mainland Regional High School (Linwood VFD)	Beatlemania
Tues. May 6, 2014	08:30	Neschanic Valley Golf Club	New Jersey Firemen's Home 2014 Golf Outing
Sun. Jun. 1, 2014	12:00	Dorothy VFC	57th Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 20:00)
Tues. Aug. 12, 2014	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 12, 2014	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 13, 2014	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Nov. 8, 2014	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

Wed. Feb. 19, 2014	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Mar. 19, 2014	20:00	Weekstown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Apr. 16, 2014	20:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting and Annual Valor Awards Presentation (Hosted by Margate FD)
Wed. May 21, 2014	20:00	Germania VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 18, 2014	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 16, 2014	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 20, 2014	20:00	Mizpah VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 17, 2014	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 15, 2014	20:00	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 19, 2014	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 17, 2014	20:00	Cardiff VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 21, 2015	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 18, 2015	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Mar. 7, 2014	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. May 2, 2014	19:30	Fire Museum of Southern New Jersey	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 11, 2014	19:30	Landisville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 5, 2014	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Oct. 31, 2014	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting

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Fri. Jan. 2, 2015	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Mar. 10, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. May 5, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jul. 14, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Sep. 8, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Nov. 3, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 5, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

Tues. Jan. 28, 2014	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Mar. 12, 2014	20:00	Landisville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Apr. 9, 2014	20:00	Cardiff VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. May 14, 2014	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jun. 11, 2014	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jul. 9, 2014	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 13, 2014	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 10, 2014	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 8, 2014	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 12, 2014	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 10, 2014	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Wed. Jan. 14, 2015	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Feb. 11, 2015	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jan. 23, 2014	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 24, 2014	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 22, 2015	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association

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Proposal for Revision and Addition

"By-Laws, Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey".

REVISION

ARTICLE XII

Current:

SECTION 3: DISSOLUTION Upon dissolution of the association, the association's assets shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the association or distributed to such organizations, or departments of local government, organized and operated exclusively for fire and emergency services within Atlantic County, New Jersey. Dissolution must be approved by a majority vote of the member fire companies' delegates at two consecutive monthly meetings.

Proposed:

SECTION 3: DISSOLUTION "Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

ADDITION

ARTICLE XII

New:

SECTION 4: PURPOSE "Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, included, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

SECTION 5: NET EARNINGS "No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth."

SECTION 6: POLITICAL ACTIVITY "No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

Respectfully submitted;

By-laws Committee
Friday, November 1, 2013

First Reading
Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Second Reading
Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Voted, Adopted, and Effective
Wednesday, February 19, 2014