

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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August 20, 2014

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on August 20, 2014 at the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company by First 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. First Vice President Ott then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

First Vice President Ott introduced Chief Jay Davenport II of the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Davenport welcomed all to Mizpah.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance - 41 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 17

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 16, 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 \$111,750.57, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$30,602.12 / Savings: \$5,005.24 / Savings: \$52,418.87 / 12 Month CD: \$23,724.34
/ 0.60% - Due 5/6/2015

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on September 5, 2014 at the Absecon Fire Department.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for September 8, 2014.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on the fire coordinator response and participation at the double structure fire in Galloway and the 2nd alarm fire, with two fatalities, in Atlantic City. Ed thanked deputy fire coordinators Lefty Clayton, Jim Garth, Chip Stockton, and Howard Berchtold for their availability and/or participation during the Atlantic City Air Show. Ed thanked all those that assisted with setup and breakdown for the 4H Fair on behalf of himself and Fire

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Marshal Whitey Swartz. Ed reported that all mutual aid plan updates have been received with the exception of Ventnor and Brigantine. The mutual aid plan has been scanned and sent to all fire chiefs and dispatch centers on a CD. Ed requested that any updates to mutual aid plans be sent to him when implemented. Ed reported that all municipalities have signed the mutual aid agreement with the exception of Margate and Hammonton. Ed noted that Hammonton should be signing the agreement shortly. Ed reported on the status of the four foam trailers stationed throughout the county. One is currently at the Canale Training Center and a new home is being sought. Ed requested that any departments/companies willing to house the trailer to contact him. Chief Davenport, Mizpah Vol. Fire. Co., volunteered to house the trailer. Ed will coordinate with Chief Davenport to house the foam trailer. Ed reported on a recent CAD/RMS meeting. Ed would like all questions about central dispatch, CAD/RMS, or related subjects to be submitted to him via email so that they can be tracked and followed up on appropriately. Ed reported that he and Oscar Dutch have been involved with the architect interviews for central dispatch along with the county central dispatch committee. Ed reported on the committee members representing county and municipal government, fire, police, EMS, and Stockton along with some of the process and timeline for choosing a central dispatch architect.

Atlantic County Fire Radio Policy Committee / Central Dispatch – Oscar Dutch reported further on the central dispatch architect selection process and that the top two architects are currently in the final phase of consideration. Oscar reported that a meeting scheduled for next week should result in the final selection of the architect. Oscar reported that central dispatch is currently on target to start operations in approximately two years.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that all is well at the home. This will be Oscar's last year as Chairman of the Board of Managers as eight years is the maximum allowed. Oscar reported that HBO has a new documentary about the life of a FDNY firefighter and that they selected the home for a screening of the documentary in September. Oscar reported on a recent site survey that revealed a sewerage authority structure has been built on the home's land. They are in discussions to get compensation for the home since the structure cannot be moved.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair was successful and had great weather. The theme for the ACFFA booth was the NFPA "Smoke Detectors Save Lives" program. Many people learned a lot at the fair as many were not aware of the need to replace any smoke detector at ten or more years due to maximum life ratings. Howard reported that free smoke detectors are available if any departments/companies would like to help distribute them to area residents. Howard suggested that all departments/companies go back to the basics with public fire prevention education this year. Howard thanked all those that assisted during the 4H fair. Working the booth (including setup and breakdown) were Whitey Swartz, Ellsworth Ott, Dave Buzby, Ed Vincent, Oscar Dutch, Lefty Clayton, Ron Bird, John Wagner, and Dennis Sharpe. Displaying apparatus were Northfield, 177th ANG, Mays Landing, Laureldale, Minotola, Germania, West Atlantic City, East Vineland, and Estell Manor. Participating in the firefighter competition were Germania and Estell Manor. Firefighter competition planning completed by Mike Corbo. Fire instructors running the competition included Gill Zonge, Rob Winkler, Chris Kislow, Dave Buzby, and Dennis Sharpe. Junior firefighter demonstration performed by Estell Manor. Firefighter competition photos posted to Facebook completed by Robert Mellon. Howard reported that Estell Manor faced multi-year reigning champion Germania in the firefighter competition and went on to win every category.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the summer Firefighter I class completed with thirteen graduates. Mike reported that the fall Firefighter I just started with forty-five students and that Firefighter II will start on Monday, September 15th. Mike reported that thirty-three courses have been scheduled for the fall semester including several QTO, QSO, ODI classes for those seeking to utilize the training center for department/company drills/training without the need to pay for staff instructors. Mike reported on the 4H fair firefighter competition and Estell Manor defeating reigning champions,

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Germania. Mike reported that the fall course booklet was distributed and posted online last week. Mike reported that another Camden County College Tactics and Strategy class will be scheduled at the training center this fall.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Charles "Chick" Kisby reported that the next meeting of the chiefs' association is scheduled for September 10, 2014 and will be hosted by Nesco Volunteer Fire Company.

Legislative – Egg Harbor Township Fire Chief Bill Danz provided an update about the NJ legislative bill S1480, introduced by Senator Jeff VanDrew, concerning municipal appropriations to volunteer fire companies/districts. Chief Danz reported that the senate bill has been passed in committee and hopefully will be introduced to the senate floor after their return from summer break.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the two trophies to be presented at the Wildwood parade in September, one for Best Appearing Apparatus from Atlantic County and one for Best Overall Company from Atlantic County.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$4,996.27, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Brown & Brown - \$1,560.93 (professional and general liability) / Brown & Brown - \$916.17 (commercial automobile) / Suburban Propane - \$149.89 (propane) / Lowes - \$35.46 (training supplies) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.46 (equipment rental) / Continental Fire - \$50.00 (equipment) / AtlantiCare - \$37.50 (CPR cards) / This & That Uniform - \$1,666.00 (FFI shirts, polo & tee) / Thomas Sweeny - \$566.86 (2 trophies for Wildwood parade & 18 trophies for 4H)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Thank you to the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

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Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:50. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on September 17, 2014 at the Hammonton Fire Department Station 2.

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. Aug. 22, 2014	19:00	Bayview VFC @ Gardner's Basin, Atlantic City	2 nd Annual Bayview Sunset Cruise
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. Oct. 4, 2014	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest
Sat. Oct. 4, 2014	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sun. Oct. 5, 2014	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest
Sat. Oct. 11, 2014	08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country Club	13 th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Oct. 11, 2014	12:30	Bargaintown VFC @ McCullough's Emerald Links	6 th Annual Golf Outing
Sat. Oct. 18, 2014	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner
Sat. Nov. 8, 2014	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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. 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)

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Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

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 Chiefs' 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.

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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