

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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July 15, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:05 on July 15, 2015 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.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale introduced Chief Martin Walley of the Linwood Fire Department. Chief Walley welcomed all to Linwood and invited everyone to stay for some great food after the meeting.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance - 44 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 18

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 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 \$136,836.56, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$55,352.09 / Savings: \$5,006.62 / Savings: \$52,610.73 / 13 Month CD: \$23,867.12
/ 1.01% - Due 6/13/2016

Special Presentation

President Portale introduced Sergeant Litterer from the NJ 177th Air National Guard Fire Department. Sgt. Litterer explained the mission and duties of the 177th Fire Department both locally and abroad. Sgt. Litterer then explained the capabilities and advantages of their new quick attack vehicles, one of which he brought to the meeting for display. Sgt. Litterer noted that Chief Brain Alexander sent him to the meeting with the mission to show the new quick attack vehicle, explain its capabilities, and report that it will be available for mutual aid calls.

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Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Vice-Chairman Oscar Dutch summarized the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 3, 2015 in Landisville. Oscar reported that Committeeman Charlie Guenther suffered a medical incident on Memorial Day that has required hospitalization and rehabilitation, but that he is now at home. Oscar reported that the Atlantic County 4H Fair is scheduled for August 6, 7, and 8th. Oscar requested help with loading the booth and supplies on the trailer at 9:00 AM on August 6th at the training center. Oscar reported that the 2016 ACFFA dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Mays Landing Country Club. Oscar reported that the executive committee discussed the calendar project and ultimately decided on a recommendation to discontinue the calendars due to low sales of the 2015 calendar and lack of 2016 fire department/company event dates.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Oscar Dutch summarized the minutes of the advisory board meeting held on May 4, 2015 at the training center.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that there have been no incidents requiring coordinator response and that no drills are currently scheduled. Ed thanked Sgt. Litterer, the NJ ANG 177th FD, and Chief Alexander for the display of the new quick attack unit and the offer of it for mutual aid. Ed reminded all that the Atlantic City Air Show is scheduled for September 2nd with practice on September 1st. Ed reminded all of the Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill scheduled for May 14, 2016 at the Atlantic City Airport. Ed reported that the Atlantic County Emergency Operations Center has adopted new staging locations for out of county deployments in the Emergency Operations Plan. Several sites around the county will be utilized depending in what direction the deployment will be. The staging update will be released to the county fire chiefs when the final draft is available. Ed reported that the 2015 Homeland Security Grant spending plan has been approved. Ed congratulated the Atlantic County Fire Departments that have been recently announced as AFG grant recipients including Brigantine, Cologne, Pomona, Oceanville, and Absecon.

Atlantic County Central Dispatch – Atlantic County Freeholder John Carman reported that all plans for central dispatch are moving forward as planned. Freeholder Carman noted that a conceptual drawing should be completed by the architect soon and that the project should be out for bid by November with an approximated one year of construction to follow.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Dave Buzby reported that Director Vince Jones plans on having the conceptual drawings of dispatch available for review at the August meeting of the association. Dave also requested help with loading the booth and supplies on the trailer at 9:00 AM on August 6th at the training center for the 4H Fair.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Summer Firefighter I is running with six students and Firefighter II is running with eleven students. Mike reported that the Fall Firefighter I class will start at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 20, 2016. Mike reported that the 4H Fair Firefighter Competition applications have been distributed to all departments/companies and that currently there is only two teams registered for the firefighter competition and no applications for the junior competition. Mike requested that everyone consider forming a five man team and registering for the competition. Mike reported that the Fall 2015 Course Book will be completed and released by the August meeting of the association. Mike reported that four hundred and ninety-six students were trained during the Spring 2015 Semester. Mike reported that he received a base estimate, actual cost will increase depending on hidden problems, of \$1,600 to start repairs on the Estell Manor engine. The known problems include will not stay in pump, no gauge readings due to cracked tubing, priming valve does not work, and three inch manifold needs to be replaced. Due to the issues, Mike placed the Estell Manor engine out of service and noted that the Oceanville engine is running fine and without any major issues. Mike reported that a suitable engine has been retired in Northfield and has been listed on govdeals.com. Mike made an offer to exchange training

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for the engine but the municipal leadership opted to attempt a sale of the engine. Mike reported that the NJ Division of Fire Safety will be sending out new certificates for those that had certificates issued for classes within the last five years. The new certificates will include IFSAC and ProBoard recognition. Mike reported that the burn building door replacement project is out for bid. Mike reported that the drafting and separator pits have been cleaned at great peril to his life. Mike reported on the plans to introduce a bail out course to the curriculum and that the possibility of a rope rescue III class is also being researched. Mike reported that the tuition bills have been sent out and requested prompt payment when received. Mike reported that American Salvage will no longer strip cars and that he is looking into alternatives for the much needed replacement of the propane pad car. Mike reported that he is working on scheduling the 2015 Spring/Summer Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – Chick Kisby reported that the next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association will be 8:00 PM on August 12, 2015 at the Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that a committee has been looking into the Vineland area for surplus state properties that may be suitable for a southern home.

NJ Firemen's Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported that the Atlantic County Caucus is scheduled for 19:30 August 11th at the Egg Harbor City firehouse, registration starts at 18:30. The convention is scheduled for 13:00 September 18th and 09:00 September 19th in Wildwood. The Memorial Service is to precede the convention meeting on September 18th. Henry reported that delegate and life member expenses remain the same as 2014, that there are no contested offices, and that one resolution has been submitted but is still be reviewed by the resolution committee for validity. Henry reported on several proposals recently reviewed by the compendium committee including allowing alternate representatives for local meetings and penalties being applied to officers, instead of the local, for procedural errors. Henry reported that ultimately the compendium committee recommended that no changes be made. Henry expressed his disappointment with the recommended no change for allowing alternate representatives for local meetings. Henry recommended that any locals with a recommendation or idea for change should put them into a letter.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

President Portale reported that the New York City – 9/11 Memorial bus trip can be rescheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to sponsor a bus trip to New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorial and the New York City Firefighters Museum on October 17, 2015. Fifty people will be able to sign up.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize President Portale, Director Corbo, and Fire Marshal Buzby to monitor the status of the Northfield engine currently for sale and to take reasonable action to obtain said engine with the best interest of this association in mind.

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Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the trophies needed for the Atlantic County 4H Fair Firefighter Competition as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the two trophies, Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus and Best Appearing Atlantic County Department/Company, to be presented at the Wildwood parade in September as recommended by the Executive Committee.

There was discussion on the pros and cons of the calendar project. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to table the calendar project and review again next year.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to restart the tradition of taking a group class photo of each Firefighter I class for display at the training center. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to make the group class photo available to the students with the student being responsible with any expenses.

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

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

Bills

The bills, totaling \$29,881.78, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Med-Tech Resource - \$54.48 (2 litebox battery) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.80 (equipment rental) / Lowes - \$39.51 (maintenance supplies) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$192.00 (training lunch) / Tom Sweeny - \$146.00 (firefighter competition trophies) / 1st Half 2015 Instructor Payroll - \$29,435.78 (instructor payroll)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Oscar Dutch reported that Rachel Woodruff-Kisic, the young woman who sings annually at the convention in Wildwood, is now a firefighter in Northern New Jersey.

Scullville Volunteer Fire Company thanked all those that attended the dedication ceremony for "Marine 3" on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

President Portale again conveyed this association's deepest thanks to the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the June meeting of this association at the last minute.

Thank you to the Linwood Fire Department 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 21:15. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on August 19, 2015 in Laureldale.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. Aug. 1, 2015	16:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	19 th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Thurs. Aug. 6, 2015	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 7, 2015	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 7, 2015	19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition
Sat. Aug. 8, 2015	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Sat. Aug. 8, 2015	17:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	Laureldale VFC Pulled Pork/Clam Dinner (back tent)
Sat. Aug. 8, 2015	17:00	Water Hole Café, Mays Landing	Beef & Beer to Benefit Weymouth VFC
Tues. Aug. 11, 2015	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Sun. Aug. 16, 2015	10:00	Wheaton Arts & Cultural Ctr., Millville, NJ	35 th Annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade & Fire Fighter's Family Day
Sat. Sep. 12, 2015	09:00	Smithville, NJ	9/11 Heroes Run
Fri. Sep. 18, 2015	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 19, 2015	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 26, 2015	10:00	Dorothy VFC	1 st Annual Car Show
Sat. Oct. 3, 2015	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
Sat. Oct. 3, 2015	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sun. Oct. 4, 2015	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
Sun. Oct. 4, 2015	13:00	Dover International Speedway, DE	8 th Annual NFFF Firefighter Appreciation Event & NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race
Sat. Oct. 10, 2015	08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country	14 th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Oct. 17, 2015	08:30	New York City	ACFFA Bus Trip to 9/11 Memorial and NYC Fire Museum
Sat. Oct. 17, 2015	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
Sat. Oct. xx, 2015	09:00	South Egg Harbor VFC	Fall/Christmas Craft, Art, & Home Show
Sat. Nov. 14, 2015	15:00	Scullville VFC	Fall Fundraiser Beef & Beer
Sat. Nov. 14, 2015	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Dec. 5, 2015	11:00	Cardiff VFC	Open House with Santa Claus (11:00 - 15:00)
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Fri. Mar. 18, 2016	17:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	5 th Annual Firehouse Fish Fry Dinner
Sat. Apr. 2, 2016	18:30	Mays Landing Country Club	Annual ACFFA Dinner (RSVP by March 18 th)
Sat. Apr. 9, 2016	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Oct. 8, 2016	08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country	15 th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Nov. 12, 2016	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

Regional Drills/Training

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Sat. May 14, 2016	07:30	Atlantic City Int'l Airport	Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill

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ACFFA Meetings

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Wed. Aug. 19, 2015	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 16, 2015	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 21, 2015	20:00	Port Republic VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 18, 2015	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 16, 2015	20:00	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 20, 2016	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 17, 2016	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Sep. 4, 2015	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Oct. 30, 2015	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 8, 2016	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Sep. 14, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Nov. 9, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 4, 2016	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Aug. 12, 2015	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Sep. 9, 2015	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Oct. 14, 2015	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Nov. 11, 2015	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Dec. 9, 2015	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
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Jan. 2016	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Feb. 2016	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 23, 2015	19:30	Dorothy VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 28, 2016	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 28, 2016	19:30	Oceanville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association