

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer
Jaime C. Mellon
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Cindy L. Badger

June 15, 2016

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:05 on June 15, 2016 at the Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Company 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. Reverend Sweeny reported on the recent passing of Lt. Jodi Lynd, Cologne Volunteer Fire Co., and asked all to keep his family and the Cologne members in their prayers. 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 Chief Bill Donnelly of the Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Donnelly welcomed all to Collings Lakes.

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 - 22

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 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 \$128,936.27, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$46,993.72 / Savings: \$5,008.01 / Savings: \$52,804.19 / 13 Month CD: \$24,130.35

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the executive committee is scheduled for July 1, 2016 in Landisville.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that next meeting of the advisory board is scheduled for July 11, 2016 at the training center.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that there have been no fire coordinator deployments since the last meeting. Ed reported that Tender Task Force Bravo (TTF-B) held a drill on June 14th in East Vineland with a meeting followed by drilling on pond setup. Ed reported that he has met with the leadership of the West Tuckerton Volunteer Fire

Company (Ocean County) after they requested assistance of the Atlantic County Fire Coordinators and Tender Task Force Alpha (TTF-A) to develop a pre-plan for the new Super Wal-Mart in their district of Little Egg Harbor Township. It was discovered that the Wal-Mart site water system is only able to supply enough water to utilize one of the hydrants at full capacity. A pre-plan has been drafted that would include Atlantic County Tender Task Force Alpha (TTF-A) and an Atlantic County Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) on a confirmed 2nd alarm fire response. A 3rd alarm would include two aerials and a cascade (probably the county cascade housed in Margate) from Atlantic County. The details of the draft are still being finalized. The Wal-Mart is scheduled to open in mid-July. West Tuckerton may try to schedule a drill prior to the opening. Ed reported that the Atlantic City Air Show will be on Wednesday August 17th, the practice day will be Tuesday August 16th, and a resources meeting is scheduled in Atlantic City on June 20th. Ed will contact all of the usual departments and companies that provide emergency services support during the show. Ed thanked the Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company for sending an engine to the Raymour & Flanigan furniture store for an Absecon 9/11 Memorial fundraiser. Ed reported that Tender Task Force Alpha (TTF-A) is planning a drill to be held at McCarthy Tire on Pleasant Avenue in Absecon. A date for the drill has not yet been set. Ed reported that Chief Wiest, Atlantic City Int'l Airport FD, had contacted him with interest in hosting a large diameter hose drill either at the airport or outside the airport. Ed reported that the FY2015 Homeland Security Grant spending plan has been approved and that he will reach out for updated equipment price quotes.

Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Dave Buzby had nothing to report and noted that he should be contacted if anything is needed.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Spring Firefighter I has finished. Six students failed the written test and will be retaking it soon. Mike reported that the Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Anthony “Tony” Canale Training Center. Mike reported that the Summer Firefighter I is running with nineteen students, nine from Atlantic County and ten from out of county. The Summer Firefighter II class was cancelled due to low enrollment. Mike reviewed that plans for the firefighter competition at the Atlantic County 4H Fair. Applications have been sent out via email and posted on the website. A preliminary competition will be scheduled if there is more than four teams entered. A junior firefighter competition will be scheduled if there is interest. Applications are due back no later than July 29th. Mike reported that the Fall 2016 Course Book should be ready prior to the August meeting of the association. Mike reviewed the remaining classes scheduled for this semester.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association – Butch Kienzle reported that, at the June 8th meeting, Freeholder Carman updated the chiefs on the visit to Cape May County by Administrator DelRosso and Director Jones. The Cape May County central dispatch only has plans to cover four towns and is only a fraction of what was planned/desired in Atlantic County. Butch reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 13th in Estell Manor and that a representative from Fail Safe will provide information about their fire hose, pump, and ladder testing programs.

NJ Firemen’s Home – Oscar Dutch reported that all is quiet at the home.

NJ State Firemen’s Assn. – Cindy Badger reported three candidates, including the incumbent, are running for president and three are running for vice president. The remaining offices are uncontested with the incumbents running. Cindy reported that one local sent her a letter requesting changes to the state bylaws be presented and she had to send it back due to lack of clarity about what changes are being requested. Cindy reported that the association is still reviewing properties in the central area of the state for a new office. There was some discussion about that property search. Oscar Dutch congratulated Cindy for the excellent assistance she provided to Estell Manor to get their local back up and running.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair is scheduled for August 11th, 12th, and 13th with the Firefighter Competition to be held on Friday August 12th. Howard requested that fire departments look into entering the competition and noted that last year an all-female team dominated the competition. Howard reminded all that assistance will be needed on August 11th to set up and apparatus will again be requested for display for the length of the fair. An apparatus display application will be distributed and only a few hours will be requested of each display piece. Those displaying apparatus may also run a demonstration evolution and it is requested that they note that on the display application. The association booth will display this year’s NFPA Fire Prevention Week theme, “Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”. Howard thanked all those that assist every year and requested that some of the younger generations try to assist this year.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$490.06, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Walt’s Primo Pizza - \$270.00 (training lunch) / Atlanticare - \$15.00 (BLS card) / South Jersey Welding - \$14.26 (equipment rental) / International Society of Fire Service Inst. - \$125.00 (membership renewal) / Lowes - \$65.80 (late fees – dispute filed for refund)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Butch Kienzle recommended that all local relief associations seriously consider the future of the NJ State Firemen’s Association and who should serve as the president.

Jim Garth requested that the association look into new polo shirts, ball caps, and other clothing items. Cindy Badger will research options available and report to the Executive Committee with recommendations and pricing.

Thank you to the Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Company 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 20:45. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on July 20, 2016 in Linwood.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

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| Tues. Jun. 21, 2016 | 11:00 | Nesco VFC | Italian Hoagie Sale (11:00 - 16:00) |
| Sun. Jun. 26, 2016 | 10:30 | Tri-Counties Fire Assoc. @ Thompson Park | 25th Annual Antique Fire Apparatus Show (Jamesburg, Middlesex Co.) |
| Sun. Jul. 17, 2016 | 14:00 | Pitney Pub, Galloway | Beef & Beer to Benefit Bayview VFC (14:00 - 17:00) |
| Mon. Jul. 18, 2016 | 19:00 | Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center | Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony |
| Sat. Jul. 23, 2016 | 09:00 | Mizpah VFC | 3rd Annual Car Show & Family Day (09:00 - 15:00) |
| Tues. Aug. 2, 2016 | 19:30 | Egg Harbor City VFD | New Jersey Firemen's Association - Atlantic County Caucus |
| Thurs. Aug. 11, 2016 | 12:30 | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50 | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display |
| Fri. Aug. 12, 2016 | 12:30 | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50 | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display |
| Fri. Aug. 12, 2016 | 19:00 | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50 | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition |
| Sat. Aug. 13, 2016 | 12:30 | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50 | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display |
| Sat. Aug. 27, 2016 | 08:00 | Smithville Square | 1st Annual Oceanville Volunteer Firefighter Classic Car Show (08:00 - 15:00) |
| Sun. Sep. 11, 2016 | 18:00 | Absecon VFD | 9/11 Ceremony @ Heritage Park, 500 Mill Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201 |
| Sun. Sep. 11, 2016 | 18:00 | Egg Harbor Township FD | 9/11 Ceremony @ Bargaintown VFC Sta. 1 - 6550 Mill Rd., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 |
| Fri. Sep. 16, 2016 | 13:00 | Wildwood Convention Center | New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention |
| Sat. Sep. 17, 2016 | 10:00 | Wildwood Convention Center | New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention |
| Sat. Sep. 24, 2016 | 10:00 | Northfield FD | 1 st Annual Classic Car Show @ Sta. 2 - Burton Ave. |
| Sat. Oct. 1, 2016 | 16:00 | Germania VFC | Turkey Dinner (16:00 - 19:30) |
| Sat. Oct. 15, 2016 | 08:00 | Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country | 15th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament |
| Sat. Nov. 12, 2016 | 16:00 | Oceanville VFC | Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com |
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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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| Wed. Jul. 20, 2016 | 20:00 | Linwood VFD | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Wed. Aug. 17, 2016 | 20:00 | Weymouth VFC | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Wed. Sep. 21, 2016 | 20:00 | Hammonton VFD Sta. 2 | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Wed. Oct. 19, 2016 | 20:00 | Estell Manor VFC | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Wed. Nov. 16, 2016 | 20:00 | Somers Point VFD Sta. 1 | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Wed. Dec. 21, 2016 | 20:00 | Scullville VFC | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
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| Wed. Jan. 18, 2017 | 20:00 | Egg Harbor City VFD | Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service |
| Wed. Feb. 15, 2017 | 20:00 | Longport VFD | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

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| Fri. Jul. 1, 2016 | 19:30 | Landisville VFC | Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting |
| Fri. Sep. 2, 2016 | 19:30 | Absecon VFD | Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting |
| Fri. Nov. 4, 2016 | 19:30 | South Egg Harbor VFC | Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting |
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| Fri. Jan. 6, 2017 | 19:30 | Pomona VFC | Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization) |

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

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| Mon. Jul. 11, 2016 | 19:00 | Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center | Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board |
| Mon. Sep. 12, 2016 | 19:00 | Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center | Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board |
| Mon. Nov. 14, 2016 | 19:00 | Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center | Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board |
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| Mon. Jan. 9, 2017 | 19:00 | Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center | Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board |

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

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| Wed. Jul. 13, 2016 | 20:00 | Estell Manor VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
| Wed. Aug. 10, 2016 | 20:00 | Laureldale VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
| Wed. Sep. 14, 2016 | 20:00 | Nesco VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
| Wed. Oct. 12, 2016 | 20:00 | East Vineland VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
| Wed. Nov. 9, 2016 | 19:30 | Linwood VFD | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
| Wed. Dec. 14, 2016 | 20:00 | Sweetwater VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
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| Jan.11, 2017 | 20:00 | Absecon VFD | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association |
| Feb. 8, 2017 | 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. Jul. 28, 2016 | 19:30 | Oceanville VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association |
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| Thurs. Jan. 26, 2017 | 19:30 | Bargaintown VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association |
| Thurs. Jul. 27, 2017 | 19:30 | Absecon VFD | Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association |