

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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Amor "Skip" Portale
Vice President
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Charles "Chick" Kisby



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May 17, 2017

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on May 17, 2017 at the South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company by 2nd Vice President Charles "Chick" Kisby. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. Vice President Kisby then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

Vice President Kisby introduced Chief Rob Robinson of the South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Robinson welcomed all to South Egg Harbor.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 42 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 19 of 44

Special Presentation

Mainland Wellness & Rehabilitation Center, Linwood – Jennifer, from Mainland Wellness, gave a presentation about mobility and how to stay young. Dr. Matthew Corbo, one of two chiropractic doctors with the practice, provided some insight about the services they offer and how they may be able to help those that suffer from many different ailments. Jennifer offered that they have a program where a first time visit/evaluation costs only \$25 which is fully donated to various local charities. An offer was made to all local fire departments to request a presentation be made at their firehouse for the benefit of all their firefighters.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 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 \$133,390.02, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$51,144.47 / Savings: \$5,009.39 / Savings: \$52,997.10 / 13 Month CD: \$24,239.06
Matures 6/13/2017

Committee Reports

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on a response to the Hammonton Shoprite on May 4th. A chiller created a smoke condition and the county health department was notified. Ed reported that on May 8th he was informed about an incident that went to 2nd alarm. Ed reported on the response to the Buffalo Farms Freezer & Cold Storage in Hammonton on May 11th. The fire went to multiple alarms and drew approximately two hundred firefighters with seventy-five pieces of equipment from seven counties. Ed reported that the May 7th LDH drill scheduled at the airport has been rescheduled for June 4th. Ed reported that Tender Task Force Bravo (TTF-B) will soon determine a date for their spring drill to be held in Estell Manor. They will have ISO representatives in attendance to review the drill for new water supply ratings. Ed provided an update on the Homeland Security Grant funds. He has already submitted \$53,000 for FY2018, which is not yet approved. Ed reported that the Atlantic County fire service, as a whole, has received in excess of \$432,000 from Homeland Security Grants over the thirteen years they have been awarded. Ed reviewed some of the equipment that was purchased with those funds. Ed reported that Richland Fire Company has received a new pumper and no longer has the space to house the county foam trailer and it has been relocated to East Vineland Fire Company. This is only a temporary solution and a longer term host for the trailer is being sought. Ed reviewed the coordinator response to the overturned gasoline tanker on the Atlantic City Expressway and some of the issues encountered, including self-deployed resources from out of county. Ed reviewed the incident details, the resources that responded, and the mitigation procedures implemented. There was a meeting with the NJ DFS and the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) to review the incident. Ed explained the requirements of resource deployment per the NJ Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act. Ed reported that the SJTA and the Atlantic City Expressway will be creating Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to sign off with all counties and municipalities that they operate within. Ed reported on the recent passing of Fire Chief Daniel J. Cahill, IV (ret), Ventnor City Fire Department, and noted that he was also a past president of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association. Ed clarified a recent email received from county officials. County emergency response equipment will only be deployed to county level community events and will no longer be sent to local/municipal events. Ed reported that the Absecon 9/11 Memorial Committee had worked with city, county, NJ Assembly, and NJ Senate representatives to get state bills introduced to create a 9/11 Memorial Registry. The bills submitted for the NJ 217th Legislature are Assembly Bill A3908 and Senate Bill S3021.

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold thanked the representatives from Mainland Wellness for the presentation, reminded all that the plan is to emphasize firefighter health and wellness as much as possible, and reported that ideas for presentations are welcome. Howard thanked Chief Clayton for hosting the meeting as the Firefighters Museum of Sothern New Jersey was unavailable. Howard noted that Joy Swartz wants to continue hosting the fire service but is not ready to do so at this time. The Swartz family has planned on keeping Whitey's museum going and hopes to host smaller meetings in the future. Howard reported that Joy would like to attend an association meeting soon so that she can personally convey her gratitude for all of the support received with Whitey's funeral service. Howard summarized the minutes from the meeting of the committee held on May 5, 2017 in Longport. Howard reported that President Portale has been traveling the country and has sent his apologies for missing recent meetings and that he will arrange for a meeting of the By-laws Committee after his return. Howard thanked 2nd Vice President Kisby for running the meetings in the President's absence. Howard reported that 1st Vice President Ott is still recovering from a leg infection at the Linwood Care Center but is due to be released in the next couple of days. Howard reported that the Atlantic County 4H Fair is scheduled for August 10th, 11th, and 12th. Planning for the association fire prevention booth and the Friday night firefighter competition will start soon. Howard reported that Director Corbo brought back some useful new information from FDIC concerning firefighter cancer prevention. Howard reported that the Harold J. "Whitey" Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition presentation went well at the April meeting but the delegate attendance was very disappointing. Howard thanked the awards committee, the secretary, and Fire Marshal Buzby for all the work arranging the presentation. Howard reported that Treasurer Jaime Mellon informed the Executive Committee that the \$100,000 fraud coverage policy covers all employees, officers and instructors. The Treasurer also reported that due to the continuous billing issues, and low credit limits, it would be best to drop the Home Depot and Lowes business accounts in favor of bank issued credit cards for select employees. The Executive Committee recommendation was for Director Corbo, Instructor Winkler, and Instructor Zonge to be issued bank issued credit cards for approved fire academy purchases. The Treasurer had also recommended that the CD, due soon at Parke Bank, be rolled over where it is. The committee agreed with that recommendation. Howard reported that he had heard from Ricky Coraluzzo who informed him that he will be traveling and unable to host the Executive Committee in Landisville on July 7th and that an alternative location will need to be found. *Chuck Mackintosh volunteered, after the meeting adjourned, that Bayview Volunteer Fire Company will host the July meeting.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold summarized the meeting of the board held on May 8, 2017 at the training center. Many issues were discussed including the \$132,800 pump house equipment replacement, various electrical issues the county is working to resolve, and the planned redesign of the smokehouse 2nd floor. The advisory board also reviewed a training incident report. Rob Winkler requested that the advisory board work with the county to improve the

condition of the building. Many issues have been noted including walls, by the hand dryers, and a sink in the men's room that need repair. Howard noted that the cleanliness has improved since the county addressed the janitorial issues and that he will advise the board of the maintenance issues.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I has had six students drop out leaving the class to conclude with thirty-four students when it concludes in June. Mike reported that he, along with Instructors Winkler and Grace, attended FDIC (Fire Dept. Instructors Conf.) recently. There was approximately 33,000 in attendance at the conference. Mike highlighted one of the programs to address firefighter cancer prevention. Mike passed around a sample “FireWipes” decontamination wipe to be used after byproducts of combustion exposure during incident operations or training. It is a large wipe to help remove the byproducts on the skin of the face and neck immediately after exposure to minimize prolonged contact before a recommended shower to fully decontaminate. Mike also reported on the recommendation for all firefighters to be issued two hoods so one is available when the other is being washed and that all hoods are washed after byproduct exposure. Mike noted that future hoods will be required to have a membrane to minimize smoke/byproducts exposure. Mike summarized the incident that earned a firefighter from FDNY Rescue 1 the Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award that was presented at FDIC. Mike summarized the upcoming classes scheduled and noted that the Heavy Vehicle Rescue class is already at capacity. The Summer Firefighter I will start on June 1st and Firefighter II will start on June 5th. These are daytime classes for those that cannot make the evening schedule of the Fall and Spring classes.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the May 7th golf tournament went well with one hundred sixty-four in attendance. Oscar provided an update to the ongoing memory care unit discussion, reported that the guests of the home were just treated to the first BBQ of the season, and thanked this association for the recent golf hole sponsorship donation sent to the home.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – Butch Kienzle reported on the May 10, 2017 meeting of the chiefs' association. The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association will be 8:00 PM on June 14, 2017 at the Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Company, Buena Vista Township.

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 close the Home Depot and Lowes credit accounts and approve the issuance of bank credit cards to Director Corbo, Instructor Winkler, and Instructor Zonge as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to rollover the CD at Parke Bank, when it comes due in June, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$5,964.09, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Suburban Propane - \$1,737.41 (propane) / Good Enoughs - \$900.00 (150 bales straw) / Mike Corbo - \$3,166.11 (reimburse FDIC expenses & registration) / Eric Grace - \$150.91 (reimburse FDIC expenses) / South Jersey Welding - \$9.66 (equipment rental)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Jim Garth informed all the Independent Order of New Jersey Odd Fellows Union Lodge No. 213 will be hosting a bus trip to the 9/11 Museum and the NYC Fire Museum on October 14, 2017. The trip cost will be \$98pp and includes lunch at Forlini's.

Thank you to the South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:25. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on June 21, 2017 in Richland, Buena Vista Township.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. May 20, 2017	14:00	Somers Point VFC Sta. 2	Firefighter Fugee Fundraiser (14:00 – 19:00)
Sat. May 20, 2017	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 – 19:30)
Sat. Jun. 3, 2017	12:00	Cologne VFC	Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 – 18:00)
Sun. Jun. 4, 2017	07:30	Atlantic City Int'l Airport	Large Diameter Hose (LDH) Task Force Drill
Sun. Jun. 4, 2017	12:00	Dorothy VFC	60th Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 18:00)
Tues. Jun. 20, 2017	11:00	Nesco VFC	Italian Hoagie Sale (11:00 - 16:00)
Sun. Jul. 16, 2017	-----	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	2017 Lawn Raffle Drawing at Mt. Carmel Festival
Tues. Aug. 8, 2017	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association - Atlantic County Caucus
Thurs. Aug. 10, 2017	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 11, 2017	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 11, 2017	19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition
Sat. Aug. 12, 2017	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Sep. 15, 2017	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 16, 2017	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Oct. 7, 2017	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner (16:00 – 19:30)
Sat. Oct. 14, 2017	09:00	New York City	Odd Fellows 9/11 Museum and NYC Fire Museum Bus Trip
Sat. Nov. 11, 2017	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
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ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Jun. 21, 2017	20:00	Richland VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 19, 2017	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 16, 2017	20:00	Cologne VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 20, 2017	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 18, 2017	20:00	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 15, 2017	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 20, 2017	20:00	Farmington VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 17, 2018	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 21, 2018	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Jul. 7, 2017	19:30	Landisville VFC Bayview VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 1, 2017	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 3, 2017	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 5, 2018	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Jul. 10, 2017	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Sep. 18, 2017	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Nov. 13, 2017	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 8, 2018	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Jun. 14, 2017	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jul. 12, 2017	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 9, 2017	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 13, 2017	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 11, 2017	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 8, 2017	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 13, 2017	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 23, 2018	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2018-----	-----	-----	NO MEETING-----

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 27, 2017	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 25, 2018	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 26, 2018	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association