

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

President
Amor "Skip" Portale
Vice President
Ellsworth Ott
2nd Vice President
Charles "Chick" Kisby



Secretary
Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer
Jaime C. Mellon
Asst. Sect./Treasurer
Cindy L. Badger

December 20, 2017

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on December 20, 2017 at the Farmington 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. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale introduced President James Garth Sr. of the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company. President Garth welcomed all to Farmington on behalf of the chief and members, thanked everyone for attending, and introduced Egg Harbor Township Fire Department Chief C. Robert Winkler III. Chief Winkler welcomed all on behalf of the entire Egg Harbor Township Fire Department and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 43 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 18 of 44

Special Presentation

President Portale reported that in an effort to keep moving forward with the presenting of information concerning health and wellness, Carolyn Quinn, Mental Health Association in Atlantic County, had been invited to present information about their new Atlantic County Hoarding Task Force and the Hoarding Disorder Initiative. Carolyn reported on the recent efforts to establish the new programs to help identify those within the Atlantic County population of approximately 243,000 that fall within the various levels of hoarding. Carolyn gave a presentation on what hoarding is and the associated stigmas associated with hoarding. Resources were identified that are now available to assist Atlantic County residents including a grant funded program with a goal of reaching out to assist those residents that meet certain criteria. Carolyn reported that the task force and initiative program is the first of its kind in New Jersey and only the fifth program in the country. Handouts with program information and contact numbers were distributed. Carolyn reported that the program is seeking input from all public safety sectors, including the county fire service, as to what they see when out in homes and asking that handouts be left with residents so that they may decide if they would be interested in contacting the program for assistance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the November 15, 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 \$151,019.29, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$68,538.84 / Savings: \$5,010.27 / Savings: \$53,121.29 / 13 Month CD: \$24,348.89
Matures 6/13/2018

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for January 5, 2018 in Pomona at 19:30 and will be the reorganizational meeting for 2018. Howard commented that the presentation about hoarding was very good and that the plan is to keep seeking programs concerning health and wellness for the 2018 meetings. Howard reminded all to slow down once and a while, take a breath, and count your blessings. Howard wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at the Anthony “Tony” Canale Training Center. The board will be reviewing the possibility of moving to quarterly meetings, instead of every two months.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Lefty Clayton reported that he will be reaching out to the Deputy Fire Coordinators to schedule a meeting with them in January. Lefty reported that mutual aid plan updates are due in January and that the FY2017 Homeland Security Grant spending plan will require updated price quotes for equipment by January 16th. Lefty reminded all that the FY2018 grant requests will be required to meet the current initial justifications (IJs) for Homeland Security Grants.

Harold J. “Whitey” Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition – Lefty Clayton reported that he recently held a committee meeting and only two others attended. Lefty requested that additional people join this committee and noted that someone will need to chair the committee as he will not be able to. The application and award approval process need to be reviewed. Tom Sweeny reported that he will draft the “Letter of Accommodation” if it were to be added to the available awards. A letter of accommodation would be the initial level of recognition.

Fire Marshal – Dave Buzby reminded all to notify him no later than January 9th of any firefighter deaths in 2017 for inclusion in the annual memorial service program on January 17, 2018.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Firefighter I class has completed. Mike reported that the spring semester course book should be completed before the January meeting of the association. Mike informed all that the fall semester Firefighter I graduation ceremony will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the training center. The spring semester Firefighter I will start on Thursday, February 8th and Firefighter II will start on Monday, March 5th. Mike reported that Fire Officer I will start on January 2nd and Fire Officer II will start on January 3rd or be cancelled if there are not enough enrolled students by then. Mike reported that he attended a NJ Fire Training Committee meeting where much of the time was spent discussing the requirements for junior firefighters. Many conflicting requirements under NJ law were discussed. NJ PEOSH limits juniors to instruction on firefighter gear and protection. Title 40A bars those under the age of 16 from any hazardous duties while not addressing ages 16 and 17. The NJ Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division does not allow for anyone under the age of 18 from wearing a pressurized air cylinder and also considers junior firefighters as public employees requiring they be covered by workers compensation insurance. Mike noted that there are no current plans to better organize the multiple rules covering junior firefighters in NJ and that every existing junior firefighter program in the state is run differently. Mike reported on the AtlantiCare Cardiovascular Evaluation Program for First Responders and provided handouts about the program. The program is completely free and they have not even asked for insurance coverage information from those that have insurance. The program is not as extensive as the Captain Buscio program but may be completed annually when Deborah Heart and Lung may only have someone repeat the Buscio program every two or three years. Mike thanked the fire academy instructors for their hard work throughout the past year. Mike reported that many classes were canceled in 2017 due to low enrollment, but that trend has affected all training programs in the state. Mike thanked Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold, the Executive Committee, President Skip Portale, and Officers of the Association for working with him. Mike wished all Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association – Butch Kienzle reported on the December 13th meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association held in Sweetwater. Nominations and election of officers for 2018 was conducted. The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association will be 8:00 PM on January 23, 2018 at the Absecon Volunteer Fire Department and there will be no meeting in February. Butch wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that working with the NJSFA officers has been going well. Oscar wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On a personal note, Oscar reported that he will not be continuing as a Deputy Fire Coordinator after twenty-one years of service and thanked all that have worked with him over those years.

NJ State Firemen's Assn. – Cindy Badger reported that the local associations of the NJSFA are required to elect officers at their December meeting. The NJSFA office will be closed until January 2nd. The local officer listing report is due by February 1st. Local relief reports are due by January 30th. Annual financial reports are due by January 20th. Annual membership reports are due by February 28th. Delegate convention reports are due by May 1st. IRS990 copies are due by May 15th. The local relief application has been revised, dated January 2018, and is available online. Cindy reviewed some of the changes to the application and noted that instructions now further clarify what the definition of need is and that copies of all documentation needs to be reviewed and attached. Cindy reminded all that relief applications are confidential and should not be discussed outside the normal course of business. Two new voting machines will be purchased for the convention and Atlantic County had seven delegates achieve life member status at the 2017 convention. Cindy reported that thirty-two applications had been received for the new NJSFA long term healthcare program. None were from Atlantic County. Statewide, one hundred forty-seven applications for special relief were approved. Two Atlantic County locals will not be seated at the 2018 convention. Cindy wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

The second reading of the proposed Bylaws revisions were accepted into the record.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association amend the constitution of the association as proposed and read into the record.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association amend the bylaws of the association as proposed and read into the record.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the 2018/2019 meeting schedule as submitted by Secretary Mellon.

2018/2019 Meeting schedule for the Executive Committee (meetings at 19:30):

March 2, 2018 – Cardiff	May 4, 2018 – Longport
July 6, 2018 – Somers Point #1	September 7, 2018 – Absecon
November 2, 2018 – South Egg Harbor	January 4, 2019 – Pomona

2018/2019 Meeting schedule for the Regular Meetings (third Wednesday of month at 20:00):

March 21 – Sweetwater	April 18 - Fire Training Center (Host Margate)	May 16 – Oceanville
June 20 – East Vineland	July 18 – Linwood	August 15 – Mays Landing
September 19 – Hammonton #2	October 17 – Port Republic	November 21 – Somers Point #1
December 19 – West Atlantic City	January 16, 2019 – Egg Harbor City	February 20, 2019 – Longport

Bills

The bills, totaling \$37,366.27, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- AtlantiCare - \$135.00 (9 BLS cards) / Continental Fire Safety - \$1,280.56 (fire equipment) / American Safety - \$1,657.00 (smoke machine) / Jaime C. Mellon - \$281.56 (postage stamps, office equipment & filing supplies) / MES - \$126.00 (suspenders & PPE) / Jaime C. Mellon, Treasurer - \$1,200.00 (annual) / Robert A. Mellon, Secretary - \$1,200.00 (annual) / Good Enoughs - \$900.00 (150 bales straw) / Home Depot - \$42.69 (equipment repair) / Harbor Freight - \$111.14 (battery charger) / English Creek Supply - \$200.39 (25 bales straw) / Home Depot - \$32.03 (training supplies) / UPS Store - \$23.57 (office supplies) / WS Software - \$79.95 (office supplies) / Firefighter 1 - \$2,351.40 (turnout gear) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$140.00 (training lunches) / American Safety - \$101.00 (smoke machine supplies) / MES - \$3,145.06 (SCBA flow test & repair) / NJ Division of Revenue - \$50.00 (5 year renewal alternative name) / Payroll & Payroll Taxes- \$24,308.92 (instructors)

Election of Officers

The election of officers was held. The positions on the Executive Committee were voted on by ballot. The remaining positions were unopposed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed positions. Those elected to office for the year 2018 are as follows:

President (1)	Amor "Skip" Portale
1 st Vice President (1)	Ellsworth Ott
2 nd Vice President (1)	Charles "Chick" Kisby
Secretary (1)	Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer (1)	Jaime C. Mellon
Asst. Sec./Trea. (1)	Sandra L. Walczak
Chaplain (1)	Rev. Thomas Sweeny
Sgt.-at-Arms (3)	Charles Harlan, Wayne Dilks, William Donath
Executive Comm. (9)	Howard Berchtold Jr., Levon "Lefty" Clayton, Oscar Dutch Jr., James Garth Sr., R. Thomas Hunter Jr., Walter R. "Butch" Kienzle III, Eugene M. Sharpe, C. Robert Winkler III, William L. Merola Jr.

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Freeholder John Carman reported that this will be the last association meeting he attends as a Freeholder. John expressed his gratitude for having had the opportunity to work with the county fire service and reported that he will continue to support the fire service in any way that he can. John wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President Portale reported that Freeholder Carman was the Freeholder representative on the Fire Training Advisory Board and that he regularly attended association, and the chiefs' association, meetings. President Portale noted that Freeholder Carman has been one of the most active Freeholders to stay involved with the county fire service in recent memory and wished him well with all future endeavors.

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

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny. Reverend Sweeny wished all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:35. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on January 17, 2018 in Egg Harbor City. This meeting includes the annual memorial service of the association. Please submit the names of those that have passed during 2017 so that they may be included in the memorial service program and plan on attending the meeting and service in full class A dress uniform.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Proposal for Revision

“Constitution, Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association of the State of New Jersey”.

1) **DELETE**

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 2: Any member of a fire company belonging to this Association may submit his or her application as an individual non-voting member.

2) **CHANGE**

ARTICLE IV
REPRESENTATIVES

Current:

SECTION 2: A Township Fire Chief shall not be a delegate by virtue of that title, except he shall be the Chief Officer of his home fire company or a delegate thereof.

Proposed:

SECTION 2: A Municipality Fire Chief shall not be a delegate by virtue of that title, except when they shall be the Chief Officer of their home fire company or a delegate thereof.

3) **CHANGE**

Current:

ARTICLE V
ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1: Entrance fees and dues for fire companies and also individual non-voting members shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

Proposed:

ARTICLE V
DUES

SECTION 1: Dues for fire company members shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

4) **CHANGE**

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Current:

SECTION 3: The Annual Meeting shall be the January meeting. At this meeting the newly elected Officers shall be installed, Standing Committees as far as possible shall be appointed, and the Auditing Committee's report for the previous year shall be due.

Proposed:

SECTION 3: The Annual Meeting shall be the January meeting. At this meeting the newly elected Officers shall be installed.

5) CHANGE

ARTICLE X

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.

6) ADD

ARTICLE X

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
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

First Reading
Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Second Reading
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Voted and Adopted
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Effective
Monday, January 1, 2018

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

1) **CHANGE**

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Current:

SECTION 2: Application for individual non-voting membership shall be accompanied by the entrance fee and dues for the current year.

Proposed:

SECTION 2: Non-voting membership shall be those individuals that are current members of the member Fire Companies.

2) **CHANGE**

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Current:

SECTION 5: Special dispensation may be made for out of County Fire Companies for their participation in meetings and social events of this Association without privilege of voting. Dues shall be on the same basis as individual non-voting members of regular member Fire Companies.

Proposed:

SECTION 5: Special dispensation may be made for out of County Fire Companies for their participation in meetings and social events of this Association without privilege of voting. Dues shall be on the same basis as regular member Fire Companies.

3) **CHANGE**

Current:

ARTICLE III
ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1: Entrance fee and dues for one year for member Fire Companies shall be in the sum of sixty (\$60.00) dollars payable, upon acceptance in the case of new members, or by the Regular Meeting in January of this Association in the case of present member Fire Companies.

Proposed:

ARTICLE III
DUES

SECTION 1: Dues for one year for member Fire Companies shall be in the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars payable, upon acceptance in the case of new members, or by the Annual Meeting in January of this Association in the case of present member Fire Companies.

4) DELETE

ARTICLE III
ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES

SECTION 2: Entrance fee of one (\$1.00) dollar and dues of three (\$3.00) dollars for the remainder of the current year shall be submitted by individual non-voting members. Each year thereafter dues of three (\$3.00) dollars shall be submitted by the Regular Meeting in January of this Association.

5) CHANGE

ARTICLE V
ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 1: To be eligible for the office of President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President, a member must be a delegate, chief officer or past chief officer of his company at the time of his election but does not have to remain in that category after said election.

Proposed:

SECTION 1: To be eligible for the office of President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President, a member must be;

A: in good standing with their member Fire Company
and

B: a current, or past, delegate - or - current, or past, chief officer, of their member Fire Company

at the time of their election to office, but does not have to remain in that category after said election.

6) CHANGE

ARTICLE V
ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 2: The Office of Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and members of the Executive Committee may be held by any member whether he be a voting or non-voting member.

Proposed:

SECTION 2: The Office of Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and members of the Executive Committee may be held by any member, in good standing with their member Fire Company, whether they are a voting or non-voting member.

7) CHANGE

ARTICLE V
ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 3: All of the above must be in good standing within the Association with respect to the entrance fees and yearly dues.

Proposed:

SECTION 3: All of the above must be in good standing within the Association with respect to the yearly dues of their respective member Fire Companies.

8) CHANGE

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association and shall conduct them according to accepted Parliamentary Procedure; appoint all committees, except the Executive Committee, in their entirety or by chairman only who shall select the other members of his committee; he shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; he shall, with the Treasurer, sign all checks for the disbursement of the funds of this Association. In the President's absence, the First Vice President shall sign the checks.

Proposed:

SECTION 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association and shall conduct them according to accepted Parliamentary Procedure; appoint all committees, except the Executive Committee, in their entirety or by chairperson only who shall select the other members of his/her committee; he/she shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; he/she shall, with the Treasurer, sign all checks for the disbursement of the funds of this Association. In the President's absence, the First Vice President shall sign the checks.

9) CHANGE

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 2: The First Vice President shall work closely with the President in order to be able to assume the chair and duties of the President in his absence.

Proposed:

SECTION 2: The First Vice President shall work closely with the President in order to be able to assume the chair and duties of the President in his/her absence.

10) CHANGE

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 3: The Second Vice President shall familiarize himself with the duties of the President and First Vice President in order to assume the higher position should an occasion require it.

Proposed:

SECTION 3: The Second Vice President shall familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the President and First Vice President in order to assume the higher position should an occasion require it.

11) CHANGE

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 5: The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the Association and deposit them in a bank or banks as shall be authorized by the Association. He shall pay them out only upon orders drawn on him by the Association. The Treasurer's signature and that of the President or of the First Vice President shall be required on all checks for the disbursement of the funds of this Association. The Treasurer shall assist the Auditing Committee in the examination of the books and records of the Association.

Proposed:

SECTION 5: The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the Association and deposit them in a bank or banks as shall be authorized by the Association. He/she shall pay them out only upon orders drawn on him/her by the Association. The Treasurer's signature and that of the President or of the First Vice President shall be required on all checks for the disbursement of the funds of this Association. The Treasurer shall assist the Auditing Committee in the examination of the books and records of the Association.

12) CHANGE

ARTICLE VI
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current:

SECTION 9: The Executive Committee shall meet as soon as possible after their election and select one of their members to be Chairman and preside over their meetings. They shall act as advisors to the Officers and help to formulate policies of the Association. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing all Association matters involving, but not limited to, budgets and salaries of the Association and all subdivisions and committees thereof as well as all proposed expenditures not included in their budgets and all permanent commitments. Being an elected Committee, they will have the responsibility of reviewing policy of all of the Active Committees within this Association and making recommendations to the Committee Chairman concerning this policy. They will also review and make recommendations on any matters before the Association as referred to them by the President at his discretion. Their actions and recommendations will only be to advise the membership on matters with no decision made by the Executive Committee to be binding on the Association.

Proposed:

SECTION 9: The Executive Committee shall meet as soon as possible after their election and select one of their members to be Chairperson and preside over their meetings and also one member to be the Vice-Chairperson to preside in the absence of the Chairperson. They shall act as advisors to the Officers and help to formulate policies of the Association. The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing all Association matters involving, but not limited to, budgets and salaries of the Association and all subdivisions and committees thereof as well as all proposed expenditures not included in their budgets and all permanent commitments. Being an elected Committee, they will have the responsibility of reviewing policy of all of the Active Committees within this Association and making recommendations to the respective Committee Chairperson concerning this policy. They will also review and make recommendations on any matters before the Association as referred to them by the President at his/her discretion. Their actions and recommendations will primarily be to advise the membership on matters with decisions made by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Association be done so only with regard to immediate need or confidential matters. The Association, after a majority vote, may review or change any decisions made by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Association.

13) CHANGE

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

Current:

SECTION 1: Committees appointed by the President shall endeavor to discharge their duties in the most expeditious manner and report promptly to the President and members of the Association. The Chairman of any Active Committee or his duly appointed representative, shall be required to attend all regular meetings of the Executive Committee.

Proposed:

SECTION 1: Committees appointed by the President shall endeavor to discharge their duties in the most expeditious manner and report promptly to the President and members of the Association. The Chairperson of any Active Committee or his/her duly appointed representative, shall be required to attend all regular meetings of the Executive Committee

14) CHANGE

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

Current:

SECTION 2: The Auditing Committee shall be appointed at the December Meeting and shall examine the books and records of the Association at their earliest convenience. Their report will be due at the Annual Meeting in January.

Proposed:

SECTION 2: The Auditing Committee shall be appointed at the December Meeting and shall examine the books and records of the Association at their earliest convenience. Their report will be due at the March Meeting of the Association.

15) CHANGE

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

Current:

SECTION 3: The Budgets of the Communications and Training Committees that are to be submitted to the County of Atlantic must be presented to the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee by the first (1st) of October for their review and study and then presented to the County of Atlantic.

Proposed:

SECTION 3: All expenditures of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association and all subdivisions and committees thereof, shall be budgeted items, and their proposed budgets must be submitted prior to the January Meeting of the Executive Committee for review, study, and recommendations. The budgets will then be presented for approval by the membership of this Association at the February Meeting.

16) DELETE

ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES

SECTION 4: All expenditures of the Atlantic County Fire Fighters' Association and all subdivisions and committees thereof, shall be budgeted items, and their proposed budgets must be submitted by the February meeting of the Association and turned over for review and study by the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee for their recommendations and then presented for approval by the membership of this Association at the March Meeting.

17) CHANGE

ARTICLE IX
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Current:

SECTION 1: The Order of Business shall be as follows:

- Prayer
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Host Chief
- Roll Call
- Reading of Minutes
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Communications
- Deferred Business
- New Business
- Bills
- Election of Officers
- Election of new members
- Announcements
- Remarks for the good of the order
- Place of next meeting
- Adjournment

Proposed:

SECTION 1: The Order of Business shall be as follows:

- Flag Salute
- Invocation
- Introduction of Host Chief
- Roll Call
- Reading of Minutes
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Communications
- Deferred Business
- New Business
- Bills
- Election of Officers
- Approval of New Members
- Announcements
- Remarks for the Good of the Order
- Place of Next Meeting
- Benediction
- Adjournment

Respectfully submitted;

By-laws Committee
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Second Reading
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Effective
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

First Reading
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Voted and Adopted
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Date Clearinghttp://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA_Date_Clearing.htm**Fire Department/Company/Association Events**

Mon. Jan. 29, 2018	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony
Fri. Mar. 23, 2018	17:00	Hammonton VFC Sta. 2	7th Annual Firehouse Fish Fry Dinner
Sat. Apr. 14, 2018	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Nov. 10, 2018	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

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. Jan. 5, 2018	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. Jan. 8, 2018	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Tues. Jan. 23, 2018	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
February 2018			NO MEETING

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

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