

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



June 19, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 19, 2019 at the Milmay Volunteer Fire Company by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of all fallen firefighters and military personnel. President Kisby then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Kisby welcomed all to Milmay and thanked the Milmay Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 41 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 20 of 44

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on July 5, 2019 at the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Station 1. Howard noted that there have been some county firefighters have recently passed and asked all to keep them, and their families, in prayer. Howard reported that it has been a year since the passing of Chaplain Tom Sweeny and he is still sorely missed. Howard also reported that 1st Vice President Ellsworth Ott is recovering and currently in rehab.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for July 15, 2019.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Levon "Lefty" Clayton reported that the Atlantic City Airshow is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st with a practice day on Tuesday, August 20th. The usual departments and companies that provide emergency services support during the show will again be requested to assist. Lefty reported that "The Vans Warped Tour" concert is scheduled to be held on the Atlantic City beach on June 29th and 30th. Lefty reported on the safety and emergency planning for the concert including a tabletop exercise scheduled for June 17th. Lefty reported on attending a meeting of the

EMS Chiefs concerning the “Jim Whelan Open Water Festival & Around the Island Marathon Swim” scheduled in Atlantic City on July 14th. The discussion centered on how EMS and multiple beach patrol agencies will communicate during the event. Many radios do not have countywide talk groups. There will also be out of county beach patrol boats as each swimmer will have a boat assigned to shadow them during the race. Lefty reported that the county will have Tactical Public Safety reprogram all radios on the county network to include countywide, and possibly statewide, talk groups. They will start with the island municipalities first so that they are done before the swim. It was reported that there will be no cost to municipalities for this reprogramming. Lefty reported that he has distributed copies of the Pleasantville Mutual aid Plan update as submitted by Deputy Chief Gene Wellington. Deputy Chief Wellington reported that Pleasantville will move all radio communications to Egg Harbor Township dispatch sometime between July 1st and 8th. Lefty reported that NJ DFS Shore Regional Fire Coordinator, Craig Augustoni will be retiring.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the summer Firefighter I is running with twelve students. Eleven of the students are from out of county. The summer Firefighter II class had to be canceled due to low enrollment. Mike reported that the spring 2019 Firefighter I graduation ceremony has been scheduled for Monday July 29th at 7:00 PM. Mike reported that he is working on the 4H Fair Firefighter Competition and will have the applications posted and emailed to the fire chiefs. Applications will be due back by Friday August 2nd. Mike reported that he is planning on having the fall course book ready by the August meeting of the association. Mike noted that he is behind with paperwork and will soon have a county intern to assist. Mike is still working on getting a part time position approved to assist him. Mike reviewed the list of upcoming classes that will finish out the semester. Mike reported that he attended a state training and education meeting. The assembly bill to lower the junior firefighter age has stalled due to Department of Labor concerns. The assembly bill to allow for some required Firefighter I and II training to be completed online has been pulled. The state is still working on the new edition of the Firefighter I textbook.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association – Butch Kienzle summarized the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting of the chiefs’ association ran by 1st Vice President Marc Corsiglia. The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association will be 8:00 PM on July 10, 2019 at the Estell Manor Volunteer Fire Company.

NJ Firemen’s Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the home has drafted a letter opposing New Jersey Assembly Concurrent Resolution 232 as written due to the rushed timeline and the fact that the home, and many others, were not asked for input before the resolution was drafted. Oscar reported on the efforts of the NJFH to clarify their opinion and to seek a combined effort to protect all interests of the NJFH and the NJSFA with regards to the state budgeting process.

NJ State Firemen’s Assn. – Executive Committeewoman Cindy Badger reported that, effective immediately, only one copy of submissions to the state office is needed. The state office will make copies as needed. Cindy reported that revised applications for membership have been distributed to the local associations and that the revised application will be the only version accepted after January 1, 2020. Cindy reported that, effective immediately, the physical on the membership application is only valid for one calendar year from the date of the physical. Cindy reported that the Atlantic County Caucus has been scheduled for August 5th in Egg Harbor City at 7:00 PM. The convention is scheduled for 1:00 PM September 13th and 10:00 AM September 14th in Wildwood. The Memorial Service is to precede the convention meeting on September 14th. Cindy reminded all that delegates must attend the caucus and both convention sessions to qualify for full reimbursement. Convention expenses will remain the same as 2018 and three, out of five hundred thirty-eight, local associations will not be seated for the convention. Cindy reminded all to make sure they are using the new mailing address for the state office as well as the new phone and fax numbers. Cindy reported that they are reviewing lowering the call/drill percentage required for qualification. Cindy reported on the home healthcare reimbursement program to date and the relief/supplemental relief applications numbers for 2018. Cindy reminded all that any member, or their widow/widower not remarried, with a line number may request and apply for relief. All applications will have to document a need for relief. Cindy reported that the death benefit will increase to \$12,000, which is tripled for line of duty death, on July 1st. Cindy reported that if it is discovered that a member has died in any prior years that it should be reported so that the death benefit may be paid out at the level approved for the year of the death. Cindy reported that the NJSFA website will be updated to be more user friendly.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair is scheduled for August 8th, 9th, and 10th with the Firefighter Competition to be held on Friday August 9th. Howard requested that fire departments consider entering the competition. Howard reminded all that assistance will be needed on August 8th to set up and apparatus will again be requested for display at the fair. An apparatus display application will be distributed and only a few hours will be requested of each display piece. The association booth will have plenty of fire prevention material to share with the public. Howard thanked all those that assist every year and requested that some of the younger generations try to assist this year. Howard reminded all that this is one of the largest county level events to share the fire service mission with the public by showing off equipment and sharing information.

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

Good of the Order

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

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:50. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on July 17, 2019 in Linwood.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Mon. Jul. 29, 2019	19:00	Egg Harbor Township Community Center	Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony
Mon. Aug. 5, 2019	19:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Thurs. Aug. 8, 2019	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 9, 2019	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 9, 2019	19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition
Sat. Aug. 10, 2019	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Sun. Aug. 18, 2019	10:00	Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ	39th Annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade and Fire Fighter's Family Day
Fri. Sep. 13, 2019	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 14, 2019	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sun. Sep. 29, 2019	10:00	NJFM, 4 Polhemustown Rd, Allentown, NJ	NJ Fire Museum 4th Annual Open House (10:00 - 15:00)
Sat. Nov. 9, 2019	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
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Sat. Apr. 4, 2020	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Aug. (TBD), 2020	19:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 18, 2020	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 19, 2020	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Nov. 14, 2020	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Jul. 17, 2019	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 21, 2019	20:00	Mizpah VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 18, 2019	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 16, 2019	20:00	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 20, 2019	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 18, 2019	20:00	Cardiff VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 15, 2020	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 19, 2020	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Jul. 5, 2019	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 6, 2019	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 1, 2019	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 4, 2020	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Jul. 15, 2019	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Oct. 21, 2019	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 13, 2020	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Jul. 10, 2019	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 14, 2019	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 11, 2019	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 9, 2019	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 13, 2019	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 11, 2019	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 28, 2020	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2020-----	-----	-----	NO MEETING-----

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 25, 2019	19:30	Port Republic VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 23, 2020	19:30	Bargaintown VFC Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 23, 2020	19:30	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association