

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



July 17, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 17, 2019 at the Linwood Fire Department 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 introduced Chief Martin Walley of the Linwood Fire Department. Chief Walley welcomed all to Linwood.

In Attendance

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

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 19, 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

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 7:00 PM Monday July 29th at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center. Mike reported that the Fall Firefighter II class will start on Thursday August 22nd at 7:00 PM. Mike reported that the 4H Fair Firefighter Competition applications have been posted and emailed to the fire chiefs. Applications will be due back by Friday August 2nd. A preliminary competition will be held on August 7th if more than four teams are registered and the final four teams will compete at the fair on Friday August 9th. Teams should report to the fairgrounds by 6:00 PM and the competition will start promptly at 7:00 PM. 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 reported that 492 firefighters have attended training this semester with 35 classes hosted at the Fire Academy. Mike reviewed the three upcoming classes that will finish out the semester.

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 5th. Howard thanked Somers Point Vol. Fire Co. Station #1 for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments. Howard noted

that Jim Garth was in attendance and doing well after a long recovery from medical issues. Howard reported that Captain Mel Worth, retired from Ventnor Fire Dept. and currently leading Atlantic County EMT Instruction, Inc., just recently suffered a coronary event and has had quadruple bypass surgery. Updates have been shared via email and Face book. All are wishing Mel a speedy recovery. Howard reported that Lewis Milne, Egg Harbor City, had recently passed. Lewis had served on the Executive Committee and as a Deputy Fire Coordinator. Howard reported that 1st Vice President Ellsworth Ott is back in the hospital for treatment on ongoing medical issues. Howard asked that all keep those that are recovering, or have lost a loved one, in their prayers. Howard reported that the Executive Committee is continuing to seek additional programs about health and wellness. Looking into the American Red Cross critical incident stress management (CISM) team availability. Howard reported that he and President Kisby will meet with Treasurer Jaime Mellon and the accountant to review the accounting firm's procedures and documentation. Howard reported that Treasurer Mellon rolled over a CD at Parke Bank, also adding \$50,000 to the CD from Capital One Savings, to a sixteen-month CD with a balance of \$74,629.91 at a 2.75% APR. Howard reported on the Treasurer's recommendation to apply for a business cash rewards credit card instead of using a debit card for purchases and that the committee agrees with that recommendation. Planning for the Atlantic County 4H Fair apparatus display and firefighter competition is ongoing. The fair is scheduled for August 8, 9, and 10 with the competition to be held on the 9th. Howard thanked all the fire instructors for their effort and hard work through the last semester. Howard also reported that there has been zero response to the effort to share information about excess equipment.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the meeting of the Advisory Board scheduled for July 15, 2019 was canceled due to a multiple alarm structure fire in Egg Harbor Township.

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. Lefty reported that Robert Tharp, NJ DFS Delaware River Region Coordinator, will also be covering the Shore Region after the recent retirement of Craig Augustoni. He will be meeting with Lefty and the Deputy Fire Coordinators soon.

NJ State Firemen's Assn. – Executive Committeewoman Cindy Badger reported that 2nd quarter relief reports are due July 30th and that some of those reports are still outstanding. 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 also reported that the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association will be hosting a class, Strategy & Tactics: Commercial Building Fires, on Thursday September 12th at the convention center in Wildwood.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that all is well at the home. Twenty-one guests have passed over the past year. The state is currently conducting the annual inspection of the home. All permits have been received for the memory care wing expansion and demolition has started. If anyone is interested in riding up for a tour, they should contact Oscar.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – The fair is scheduled for August 8th, 9th, and 10th with the Firefighter Competition to be held on Friday August 9th. Assistance will be needed on August 8th to set up at the fairgrounds and every day to assist at the fire safety booth. Dennis Sharpe is scheduled apparatus for display.

Communications

Invitation received for fire departments and fire department color guards to participate in the Celebrate America Parade hosted by the Hard Rock Casino in Atlantic City on September 7, 2019. Invitation has been distributed via the email list.

Flyer received for Sun & Sand 5K Run to be held on July 20, 2019 in North Wildwood at the Elks Lodge. Proceeds to benefit Mid-Atlantic Police and Fire Survivor Weekend in Wildwood.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize the Treasurer to apply for a credit card account to be utilized for association purchases.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase two trophies, Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus and Best Appearing Atlantic County Department/Company, to be presented at the Wildwood Firefighters' Memorial Parade in September.

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

Online registration still required at <https://www.njfireexpo.com/memorial-parade>

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

Howard Berchtold reported on a certified public manager class scheduled in Atlantic County for those that may be interested.

Thank you to the Linwood Fire Department for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:40. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on August 21, 2019 at the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company.

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
Thurs. Sep. 12, 2019	08:30	Wildwood Convention Center	NJSFCA hosting; Strategy & Tactics: Commercial Building Fires
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. 15, 2019	09:00	3700 New Jersey Ave., Wildwood	3 rd Annual Wildwood FD 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb and After Party(MudHen Brewing Co.)
Thurs. Sep. 26, 2019	19:00	DiMatteo Winery, Hammonton	Cigar & Wine Fundraiser benefiting Hammonton VFD Sta. 1
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. 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. 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. 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. Aug. 14, 2019	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Sep. 11, 2019	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Oct. 9, 2019	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Nov. 13, 2019	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Dec. 11, 2019	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
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Tues. Jan. 28, 2020	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs 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