

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



August 21, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on August 21, 2019 at the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Deacon Rich Maxwell. President Kisby then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Kisby introduced Chief Jay Davenport II of the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Davenport welcomed all to Mizpah.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 46 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 July 17, 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 fall Firefighter I starts on August 22nd and Firefighter II will start on September 9th. Mike reported on discussion at the state level considering the combining of the Firefighter I and II training. Currently NJ only has ten percent of Firefighter I graduates continuing to Firefighter II training. Mike will provide updates as the state training requirement continues to be reevaluated. No potential changes are expected before the fall semester 2020. Mike reported that the new version of the NJ firefighter textbook has been put out for bid. Jones & Bartlett and IFSTA are expected to compete. Mike reported that the fire academy course book should be completed and distributed soon. The first class of the new semester is a Wednesday Night Live Burn on September 4th.

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on September 6, 2019 at the Absecon Fire Department.

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 and that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for October 21, 2019.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold thanked the fire instructors for running the firefighter competition at the fair. Bargaintown and Germania were the only two competing teams and Bargaintown took the overall win. Howard thanked Fire Marshal Buzby for his effort to get everything out to the fair and setup and Dennis Sharpe for coordinating the fire apparatus displayed at the fair. Dennis thanked Collings Lakes, 177th Air Guard FD, Northfield, South Egg Harbor, Germania, and Laureldale for displaying apparatus. Howard thanked Joe Ward and Charles Mackintosh for taking the lead on the ACFFA 4H Fair committee. Howard reminded all that the NFPA Fire Prevention Week theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” was displayed at the ACFFA booth. Howard noted that he had many good discussions with fair attendees and found many do not test smoke alarms and practice an escape plan, including firefighters. Howard reported that some of the NFPA banner is available for loan and some handouts were left over after the fair and that they are available to any departments/companies that would like to distribute them during fire prevention week in October. Howard reported that all three days of the fair had great weather.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Levon “Lefty” Clayton reported that the Atlantic City Airshow had just wrapped up earlier in the day. Four of the Deputy Fire Coordinators assisted in the EOC during the two-day event. Lefty reported that the required biennial updates of the mutual aid policies will be due in 2020. Lefty reported that the August 2019 Fire Engineering Wildland Supplement has some good information about the recent Spring Hill fire in the NJ Pinelands.

NJ Firemen’s Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the expansion project has started and that they have been uncovering a lot of history during the demolition/excavation process. Oscar reported on attending the Morris County NJSFA Caucus and that the speech from NJSFA President Ordway was critical of the Firemen’s Home. Oscar reported that all else is going well at the home and that the residents are enjoying the Friday night barbeques. Oscar reported that the guests are not happy with the current Dish TV service and would like cable. Oscar reported that the estimate once received for cable TV installation was approximately \$37,000. They have gone back for a new estimate and are working on a deal that would cost significantly less. A new bocce ball court was installed using a short grass to save on installation costs and see if the interest remains, Oscar reported that the fire museum on site is almost full and that a new truck will soon join the collection. Oscar reminded all that he is available to give a tour of the home if anyone would like to take a ride up there.

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

Lefty Clayton reported on a Longport Firefighter with NJ Firefighter I & II certifications needing to sit for the ProBoard certification tests after joining a fire company in Pennsylvania. Current NJ firefighter trainees receive ProBoard certifications. The firefighter in question had done his NJ training prior to the adoption of ProBoard certifications.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:35. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on September 18, 2019 at the Hammonton Fire Department Station 1.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

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
Sat. Dec. 14, 2019	19:00	Hammonton VFD	Hammonton VFD Christmas Parade (lineup 18:00 & parade 19:00)
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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
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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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. 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. 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
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