

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



January 15, 2020

Annual Memorial Service

The annual memorial service of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association commenced at 20:00 on January 15, 2020 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department and was conducted by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III with Howard Berchtold Jr. giving the invocation and opening remarks, the memorial candles being lit by Dennis C. Sharpe and Charles J. Mackintosh, and the bell being tolled by C. Robert Winkler III as Secretary Robert A. Mellon read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Firefighters of the Final Roll were:

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL
Battalion Chief Eugene Fottrell, FDNY (ret.)

ABSECON FIRE DEPT.

Mark Patten

ATLANTIC CITY FIRE DEPT.

Battalion Chief Richard McNally

Captain Michael Scull

Tucker Smith

Charles J. Kraly, III

BARGAIN TOWN VOL. FIRE CO.

Gerald B. Johnson

Robert F. Krause

Thomas Lemon

Anthony Pagano

Ken Smith

EGG HARBOR CITY FIRE DEPT.

Walter "Butch" Kienzle, Jr.

Lewis B. Milne

ESTELL MANOR VOL. FIRE CO.

John V. Wagner

GERMANIA VOL. FIRE CO.

Stanley Grillo

LINWOOD VOL. FIRE CO.

Captain Ellsworth A. Ott

Carl J. Wentzell, Sr.

LONGPORT VOL. FIRE CO.

Carmen Rossell

NESCO VOL. FIRE CO.

Clarence J. Peterson, Jr.

NORTHFIELD VOL. FIRE CO.

Robert V. Webb, Sr.

Dean Arthur Ellison, Sr.

OCEANVILLE VOL. FIRE CO.

Sherwood Conover

William E. "Bill" Ditmire

POMONA VOL. FIRE CO.

William Grunow

SOMERS POINT FIRE DEPT.

Leslie Conover

Michael Kennedy, Sr.

SOUTH EGG HARBOR VOL. FIRE CO.

Lester Johns

SWEETWATER VOL. FIRE CO.

Al Kuenher

The "Striking of the Four Fives" was tolled on the bell by C. Robert Winkler III, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Donna Marie and Howard Berchtold, "Taps" was played by Buglers Heather Berchtold and Joe Ward, followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Sand Pipers. The memorial service closing prayer was conducted by Howard Berchtold Jr..

Call to Order

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:25 on January 15, 2020 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III. The meeting was opened with the flag salute. President Kisby then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks

President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III welcomed all to the annual reorganizational meeting and introduced Chief Walter "Butch" Kienzle III of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department. Chief Kienzle welcomed the membership and guests to Egg Harbor City and conveyed the pride felt by this department as it hosts the association for the 97th consecutive meeting and the 96th reorganizational meeting. Chief Kienzle then introduced the line officers of the fire department and Egg Harbor City Mayor Lisa Jiampetti. Mayor Jiampetti welcomed all to Egg Harbor City and expressed how proud she is having the annual memorial service in the city. Mayor Jiampetti expressed her appreciation for the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department and all the fire departments serving Atlantic County.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 51 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 24 of 44

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Dispensing of Regular Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the regular business except for the paying of the bills.

Paying of 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.

Introduction of Invited Guests

President Kisby welcomed and introduced guests; NJ Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo; NJ Assemblyman John Armato; Atlantic County Freeholder John W. Risley; Atlantic County Surrogate James Curcio; Atlantic County Director of Public Safety Michael A. Fedorko; Atlantic County Sheriff Eric Scheffler; and Atlantic County Director of Fire Training Michael J. Corbo.

NJ Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo noted that he appreciates the effort that the firefighters put forth for their communities and wished all a Happy and Safe New Year.

NJ Assemblyman John Armato thanked the fire service for the dangerous work and noted that he has entered his fiftieth year serving with the Richland Volunteer Fire Company. Assemblyman Armato reminded all that he, and Assemblyman Mazzeo are a phone call away if there is anything they can assist with.

Atlantic County Surrogate James Curcio thanked the fire service for keeping traditions such as this memorial service recognizing the fallen.

Atlantic County Freeholder John W. Risley reported that he has now served nineteen years on the Board of Chosen Freeholders and has always been honored to attend the memorial service to honor the firefighters.

Atlantic County Sheriff Eric Scheffler reported that this is his fourth year serving Atlantic County and he remains humbled when attending the memorial service.

Atlantic County Director of Public Safety Michael A. Fedorko reported that it was an honor attend and recognize all those that passed in 2019.

Installation of Officers for 2020

Atlantic County Freeholder John W. Risley installed the following into office for the year 2020:

President	Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III
1 st Vice President	Dennis C. Sharpe
Secretary	Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer	Jaime C. Mellon
Asst. Sec./Trea.	Sandra L. Walczak
Sgt.-at-Arms	Wayne Dilks, William Donath, Charles Harlan
Executive Comm.	Howard Berchtold Jr., Levon S. "Lefty" Clayton, Marylynn Graham, Walter R. "Butch" Kienzle III, Christopher Kislow, William L. Merola Jr., Eugene M. Sharpe, C. Robert Winkler III

Not present were:

Chaplain	Dcn. Richard Maxwell
Executive Comm.	James A. Garth Sr.

President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III read the following statement.

"Good evening and welcome to the Atlantic County Fireman's Association's 96th annual re-organization meeting. This is the 97th consecutive meeting that has been hosted by the Egg Harbor City Fire Department, and for that we thank them. Founded in 1923, the primary duty of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association is to provide training to all firefighters, either paid or volunteer, from Atlantic County. While at the same time offering training to all firefighters throughout New Jersey and the tri-state area. This would not be possible without the assistance of Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and his staff, The Board of Chosen Freeholders, Director of Public Safety Mike Fedorko, Director of Emergency Management Vince Jones, Fire Marshal Dave Buzby, and last but not least, Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo along with his dedicated staff of 31 Instructors. As we begin 2020 I am confident that the relationship that has been established with Atlantic County Government, Executive Dennis Levinson, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Fire Marshal Dave Buzby, Director of Public Safety Mike Fedorko, and Director of Emergency Management Vince Jones, along with the members of the Executive Committee, and the Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo will continue so that the Atlantic County Firefighters Association remains one of the best in the state. I would especially like to thank the members of the Executive Committee and Chairman Howard Berchtold."

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. thanked all Atlantic County Government, the association Executive Committee members, Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo, and the 31 Fire Instructors for the hard work and continued effort to better the association and the fire academy. Howard noted that Atlantic County has one of the best fire academies in the state, and country, due to the much-appreciated support received from Atlantic County government. Howard reported that the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center will be thirty years old this year and the Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board met on January 13th to discuss the plans to keep the facility in working condition. Howard reported that the burn building needs refurbishment and that the county has committed one million dollars towards the work required to extend the usable life of the building. Howard reported that, at the direction of President Kisby, a review of the association finances and payroll was conducted with the accountant and that the records and procedures were found to be in good order. Howard noted that, at the recommendation of the accountant, the instructor payroll will be paid via direct deposit starting this year. Howard reported that the Executive Committee held a reorganizational meeting on January 3rd and thanked the committee for reelecting him as Chairman for 2020 and reelecting Levon S. "Lefty" Clayton as Vice-Chairman. Howard also thanked the Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Department, and Egg Harbor City, for hosting the annual meeting and memorial service.

Good of the Order

The 2019 Summer/Fall Firefighter I graduation ceremony has been scheduled for 7:00 PM Monday, January 27th at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center.

The next Firefighter I class starts on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 PM.

Thank you to the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Howard Berchtold Jr..

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:50. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on February 19, 2020 in Longport.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sun. Jan. 19, 2020	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Aux.	All You Can Eat Breakfast (08:00 - Noon)
Mon. Jan. 27, 2020	19:00	Egg Harbor Township Community Center	Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony
Sun. Mar. 8, 2020	10:30	St. Nicholas Church (10:30) & Tropicana	200 Club of Atlantic & Cape May Counties - Memorial Service (10:30) & Brunch (12:00)
Fri. Mar. 13, 2020	18:00	Fred & Ethel's Lantern Light Tavern,	Beef & Beer to Benefit Oceanville VFC
Sun. Mar. 15, 2020	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Aux.	All You Can Eat Breakfast (08:00 - Noon)
Tues. Mar. 31, 2020	16:00	Chick-Fil-A Cumberland, 3849 South	Minotola VFC - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
Fri. Apr. 3, 2020	17:00	Hammonton VFC Sta. 2	9th Annual Firehouse Fish Fry Dinner
Sat. Apr. 4, 2020	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sun. May 17, 2020	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Aux.	All You Can Eat Breakfast (08:00 - Noon)
Sat. Jun. 6, 2020	12:00	Cologne VFC	Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 18:00)
Sun. Jun. 7, 2020	12:00	Dorothy VFC	63rd Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 18:00)
Sat. Jun. 13, 2020		Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	100th Anniversary
Sun. Jul 19, 2020	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Aux.	All You Can Eat Breakfast (08:00 - Noon)
Mon. Jul. (TBD), 2020	19:00	Egg Harbor Township Community Center	Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony
Mon. Aug. 3, 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
Sun Sep. 20, 2020	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Aux.	All You Can Eat Breakfast (08:00 - Noon)
Sat. Nov. 14, 2020	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sun. Nov. 22, 2020	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Aux.	All You Can Eat Breakfast (08:00 - Noon)
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Sat. Apr. 10, 2021	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Nov. 13, 2021	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Feb. 19, 2020	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Mar. 18, 2020	20:00	Weekstown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Apr. 15, 2020	20:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting and Annual Valor Awards Presentation
Wed. May 20, 2020	20:00	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 17, 2020	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 15, 2020	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 19, 2020	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 16, 2020	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 21, 2020	20:00	Port Republic VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 18, 2020	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 16, 2020	20:00	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 20, 2021	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 17, 2021	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Mar. 6, 2020	19:30	Cardiff VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. May 1, 2020	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 10, 2020	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 4, 2020	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Oct. 30, 2020	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 8, 2021	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Apr. 20, 2020	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jul. 20, 2020	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Oct. 19, 2020	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 11, 2021	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Tues. Jan. 28, 2020	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Wed. Mar. 11, 2020	20:00	Landisville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Apr. 8, 2020	20:00	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. May 13, 2020	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jun. 10, 2020	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jul. 8, 2020	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 12, 2020	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 9, 2020	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 14, 2020	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 11, 2020	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 9, 2020	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 26, 2021	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2021-----	-----	-----	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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Thurs. Jan. 28, 2021	19:30	Bargaintown VFC Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 22, 2021	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association