

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



April 21, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:05 on April 21, 2021 via Zoom 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.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 22 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 13 of 44

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 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 Firefighter I and Firefighter II are running well. All other classes that have been scheduled thus far have run. The Heavy Rescue class had forty-three students. Mike reported that he expects all scheduled classes to have the required attendance to run through the end of the semester. Mike reported on the cost increase of OSB used for flashover training. It increased from \$8.20 per sheet to \$37.00 per sheet. Costs are expected to return to normal once supply has returned to normal. Mike has warned departments of the increased cost to run flashover training as a department drill and most have continued with their scheduled training. Mike reported that the county has received bids for the burn building project and that additional repairs to the building and the new panel installation will be completed by one contractor. The project is likely to be completed before the end of the year and there should be no interruption to the fall semester training schedule.

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on May 7, 2021 at the Longport Volunteer Fire Company. Howard reported that he conferred with Chief Clayton and they agreed to move forward with an in-person meeting. On the agenda will be discussion about returning the regular monthly meetings to in-person also.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported on the meeting of the Fire Training Advisory Board held on April 12, 2021 via Zoom. The burn building project was discussed. They took notice that the ongoing training has been going very well even though it is not back to what it used to be. The Ocean City Fire Department has a recruit class training during the day. Research into upgrade the training center audio visual systems is being done. Fire Marshal Buzby

reported that the county had technicians work on the current system and they have it working again after an entire day. The next board meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on July 12, 2021.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Lefty Clayton reported that he forwarded a letter from the NJ Division of Fire Safety to all chiefs reminding them of the NJ DFS and NJ DOL reporting requirements for firefighter injury or death. Lefty thanked all the departments that responded to assist with the Johns Manville insulation warehouse fire on Winslow Township, Camden County. Lefty reported that Camden County is seeking additional data from the responding departments for possible reimbursement of expenses based on the FEMA reimbursement schedule.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that he has completed his twenty first year on the board and that he is seeking reelection to represent Atlantic County on the home's Board of Managers. Oscar reported on what the board sees as the pros and cons of the proposed legislation that would affect both the home and the NJSFA. Oscar reported that the memory care unit is scheduled to open on May 12th and that the home currently has forty-six guests with the first female guest having just arrived. Oscar reported that the state recently conducted a surprise inspection, and no issues were found.

Harold J. "Whitey" Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition – Howard Berchtold reported that scheduling the awards and recognition will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting along with scheduling the delayed annual memorial service.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the Atlantic County 4H Fair Association wants to do something this year. They are not yet sure what that may be or if a firefighter competition could be held.

200 Club of Atlantic and Cape May Counties – Howard Berchtold reported that the 2021 Memorial Brunch and annual scholarships had been canceled but that the valor award nominations were still accepted.

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. President Kisby reported that the audit committee will soon meet to review the books and report back at the next meeting of the association.

Good of the Order

Howard Berchtold expressed his appreciation for the Officers, Executive Committee, and Fire Instructors that have been doing a phenomenal job over the past year to keep the association and the training moving forward.

Dennis Sharpe reported that Firehouse Software has reached end of life and that there are many new programs out there to handle NFIRS reporting. Dennis recommended Chief Dan Adams, Margate FD, as someone to reach out to for information.

Ed Vincent reported that the firefighter sent to the hospital for overexertion, from the Egg Harbor City Forman Autobody fire, was held for two days and scheduled for a triple-bypass. He is now recovering well. Lefty Clayton noted that he was referred to the hospital from on-scene rehab and that shows the value of having rehab in place.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:50. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on May 19, 2021 in Bayview, Galloway Township. Or via Zoom if need be. An update will be provided after the May 7th meeting of the Executive Committee.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. May 1, 2021	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner (16:00 - 19:30) *TAKE OUT ONLY
Sat. May 15, 2021	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30) *TAKE OUT ONLY
Sun. Jun. 6, 2021	12:00	Dorothy VFC	64th Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 18:00) *TAKE OUT ONLY
Thurs. Jun. 10, 2021	18:00	Smithville Inn (tents out back), Smithville	Beef & Beer to Benefit Oceanville VFC
Sat. Nov. 13, 2021	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

Wed. May 19, 2021	20:00	Bayview VFC or Zoom (Pending Update)	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 16, 2021	20:00	Richland VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 21, 2021	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 18, 2021	20:00	Weymouth VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 15, 2021	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 20, 2021	20:00	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 17, 2021	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 15, 2021	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 19, 2022	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 17, 2022	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. May 7, 2021	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 2, 2021	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 3, 2021	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Oct. 29, 2021	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 7, 2022	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Jul. 12, 2021	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Oct. 18, 2021	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 10, 2022	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. May 12, 2021	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Jun. 9, 2021	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Jul. 14, 2021	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Aug. 11, 2021	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Sep. 8, 2021	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Oct. 13, 2021	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Nov. 10, 2021	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
Wed. Dec. 8, 2021	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
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Tues. Jan. 25, 2022	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association
February 2022	-----	-----	NO MEETING

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 22, 2021	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 27, 2022	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 28, 2022	19:30	Oceanville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association