

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



August 18, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on August 18, 2021, at the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company, by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Howard Berchtold. Howard reported that the Chaplain of the Association, Deacon Rich Maxwell, was unable to be in attendance. Howard asked everyone to take the time to remember the significance of the upcoming twenty-year anniversary of the 9/11 attack and to also pray for all those affected and a safe return of those who went out west to assist with the wildfires. President Kisby then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Kisby introduced Chief John Carrigan of the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Carrigan welcomed all to Weymouth.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 29 of 168 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 14 of 42

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 21, 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

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported meeting scheduled to be held on July 2, 2021 was canceled. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on September 3, 2021, at the Absecon Fire Department. Howard reported that the agenda will include discussion about the upcoming election of association officers. Getting the 2020/2021 Harold J. "Whitey" Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition honors scheduled for an upcoming meeting of the association. Howard noted that we should not delay the years of service recognition any further. Also to be discussed is getting the missed Firefighter I graduation ceremonies scheduled in September and combining the missed 2021 Memorial Service into the 2022 Memorial Service to be held in Egg Harbor City, January 2022.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the meeting scheduled to be held on July 12, 2021 was canceled. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for October 18, 2021.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Summer Firefighter I class will be complete after practical evaluations and written exam. The Fall Firefighter I class will start August 18th and the Fall Firefighter II class will start October 4th. Twenty-two classes have been scheduled for the Fall Semester and the course book has been posted and emailed. Mike reviewed some of the classes scheduled. Mike also provided a status update on the burn building refurbishment. It is progressing.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Lefty Clayton reported that the water supply operation for the fire at F. Groff & Sons Auto and Scrap Metal Recycling went very well and did not fall below required water flow. Lefty reported that two Deputy Fire Coordinators split the duty hours in the operation center during the Atlantic City Airshow.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that they are looking to move forward with placing firefighter home qualified guests in select southern New Jersey homes if they choose to be closer to family. The plan is to allow an option to be within forty miles of family. They are looking to start with Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem Counties. They plan to add monies to the budget proposal to cover the cost. Oscar reported that he was reelected to continue representing Atlantic County on the New Jersey State Firemen's Home Board of Managers and thanked everyone for the support. Oscar recommended a no vote on resolution number one at the NJSFA convention in Wildwood.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Nesco Volunteer Fire Company, Mullica Township.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the 4H Fair ran with a modified two-day schedule. The county fire service was out Saturday evening with fire apparatus and demonstrations. Howard thanked Dennis Sharpe for setting up the fire apparatus. Howard noted that the antique car show was out on Friday night and was very cool. Dennis Sharpe thanked Elwood, South Egg Harbor, Germania, Bayview, Northfield, and NJ Forest Fire for bringing out apparatus. Dennis also thanked all the volunteers that assisted that evening.

Atlantic County Radio Communications – Howard Berchtold reported he is working with Lefty Clayton and Butch Kienzle to put a committee together and work with Tim Kreischer, Shared Services Coordinator for Atlantic County, to formulate a fire and EMS central dispatch proposal. It was reported that there is concern that some of the very limited space at the training center may be designated for a dispatch center. Mike Corbo reported that the original architect of the training center has been scheduled to review the building and determine if it is feasible to build an additional story onto it.

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

Chris Kislow reported on a September 25th fundraiser to assist Pomona Firefighter Eric Peace.

Ed Vincent reported that the Absecon Fire Department has scheduled a housing for their new tower and a dedication of their new station on October 23, 2021. There will be a parade and refreshments. The membership of the Absecon Volunteer Fire Department is looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Dennis Sharpe reported that he and the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank all of those that assisted at the ACUA fire.

Dennis Sharpe reported that the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a 9/11 Ceremony at 10:30 on Saturday, September 11th. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to the Weymouth 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 15, 2021 at the Hammonton Fire Department Station 1.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Thurs. Sep. 2, 2021	18:00	Harrah's Casino Resort	Summer Fundraiser & Valor Award Ceremony - 200 Club of Atlantic & Cape May Counties
Thurs. Sep. 16, 2021	12:00	Greate Bay Country Club	Atl. City Professional Firefighters Local 198 - Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament
Fri. Sep. 17, 2021	09:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention (Arrive, Vote, Leave) 09:00-15:00
Fri. Sep. 17, 2021	08:00	Wildwood	Five Mile Beach Vol. Firemen's Assoc. hosts NJ Fire Expo (Tents & Exhibits) 08:00-18:00
Sat. Sep. 18, 2021	08:00	Wildwood	Five Mile Beach Vol. Firemen's Assoc. hosts NJ Fire Expo (Tents & Exhibits) 08:00-13:00
Sat. Sep. 18, 2021	14:00	Wildwood	Five Mile Beach Vol. Firemen's Assoc. hosts NJ State Firemen's Convention Parade
Sat. Sep. 25, 2021	09:00	NJ State Fireman's Home -Boonton, NJ	Antique Fire Association Of NJ 40th Anniversary Antique Fire Truck Show (09:00-15:00)
Sun. Sep. 26, 2021	09:00	NJFM, 4 Polhemustown Rd, Allentown, NJ	NJ Fire Museum Annual Open House (09:00 - 15:00)
Sat. Oct. 3, 2021	10:00	Northfield FD	5th Annual Classic Car Show & Silent Auction
Sat. Oct. 23, 2021	12:00	Absecon VFC	Building Dedication, Housing, & Parade
Sat. Nov. 13, 2021	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
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Sat. Apr. 9, 2022	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham or Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. May 14, 2022	07:30	Atlantic City Int'l Airport	Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill
Sat. Nov. 12, 2022	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham or Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

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. 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. 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. 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.

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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