

# Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

*"In Union For The Safety Of All"*



June 16, 2021

## **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 16, 2021 at the Richland Volunteer Fire Company 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 Anthony Monfredo of the Richland Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Monfredo welcomed all to Richland and remarked on how good it is to be meeting in person again.

## **In Attendance**

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 39 of 172      Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 17 of 43

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 19, 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 that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on July 2, 2021 at the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Station 1. Howard noted that a discussion on how to proceed with the annual memorial service and valor awards will be on the agenda. Howard reported that Tim Kreisler, Shared Services Coordinator for Atlantic County attended the May meeting of the Executive Committee to provide an overview of his assigned task to study, report, and recommend sharing services within Atlantic County. Tim is looking into starting discussion about central dispatch and looking to access the interest if it were to start with only fire and EMS. It was agreed that a committee should be formed with representatives from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association, the ACFFA Executive Committee, and the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association. Howard reported that he will be meeting with Chick Kisby, Lefty Clayton, and Butch Kienzle to get a committee formed.

**Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board** – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for July 12, 2021.

**Atlantic County 4H Fair** – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair will be only two days this year and is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The antique car show will be Friday night instead of the normal Thursday night. This change would require the firefighter competition to be on Saturday. It was reported that the key fire instructors that organize the competition will be at the rescheduled FDIC out of state. It was determined that we will not host a competition this year and will focus on one day of apparatus displays on Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Requests for apparatus and volunteers will be sent out.

**Training** – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I is running with twelve students and Firefighter II is running with seven students. Mike reported on the county's expected timeline for the burn building project. Bids received by the end of July, projected awarded in September, work to run from October through December. The timeline would require the fall Firefighter I final burn to be moved to late December. The project is expected to add ten years to the life expectancy to the building. Mike reported that he will work with Howard on how to schedule the three missed Firefighter I graduation ceremonies. Mike summarized the remaining classes scheduled for this semester and reported that the semester went very well with a good turnout.

**NJ State Firemen's Assn.** – Executive Committeewoman Cindy Badger reported that the Atlantic County Caucus is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> in Egg Harbor City and will again be a walk through for voting only from 6PM to 8PM. The convention is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> in Wildwood and will also be walk through for voting only from 9AM to 3PM.

**Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association** – Butch Kienzle summarized the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting of the chiefs' association. The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association will be 8:00 PM on July 14, 2021 at the Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Company, Buena Vista Township.

**Audit Committee** – President Kisby reported that the audit committee met with Treasurer Jaime Mellon on May 26<sup>th</sup> and found the books to be in good order.

**NJ Firemen's Home** – Oscar Dutch reported that twenty guests of the home were lost to COVID over the last year. Oscar reported that the ten-bed memory care unit will be open after final inspections are completed and that there have been continued discussions about a home for southern New Jersey. Oscar reported that the weekly BBQs are being hosted at the home again and that they are greatly enjoyed by the guests. Oscar reported that the Antique Fire Association Of New Jersey will host their Antique Fire Truck Show at the home on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Oscar reported 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 was questioned about the recent legislative bill and whether the Board of Managers had supported that bill prior to its withdrawal. Oscar stated that the Board of Managers did not support that bill especially due to the way it placed the monies under state control for distribution. There was extended discussion about the bill and how it came to be.

### **Communications**

Secretary Robert Mellon reported that notice was received that the association was awarded a \$15,000 New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Emergency Assistance Phase 4 Grant.

### **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**

Dennis Sharpe reported that he is the current President of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Parade Judges Association and that he has been in contact with representatives of the Five Mile Beach Volunteer Firemen's Association. There will be a two-day Fire Expo in Wildwood on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with the Memorial Parade scheduled for Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Sharpe reported that the EHTFD has been training with the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing FD on firefighter aircraft rescue awareness. Dennis introduced Deputy Chief Snyder of the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Chief Snyder reported that he has been assigned to increase their involvement with the county fire service and that they are available to bring the awareness course out to any departments that would like to host them. They hope that in the future they may be able to provide some training at the airport.

Ed Vincent reported that the Absecon Volunteer Fire Dept. will be scheduling a building dedication and truck housing.

Thank you to the Richland Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the evening.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:45. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on July 21, 2021 in Linwood.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

**Fire Department/Company/Association Events**

Sat. July 3, 2021	09:00	Smithville, Galloway Township	Galloway 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade (Rain Date July 10 <sup>th</sup> )
Sat. Aug. 7, 2021	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display/Demos
Mon. Aug. 10, 2021	18:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus & NJSFA Voting (Arrive, Vote, Leave) 18:00-20:00
Sun. Aug. 15, 2021	10:00	Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ	40th Annual Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade
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. 23, 2021		Absecon VFC	Station Dedication and Tower Housing
Sat. Nov. 13, 2021	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
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Sat. May 14, 2022	07:30	Atlantic City Int'l Airport	Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill

**ACFFA Meetings****Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

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. 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. Jul. 14, 2021	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 11, 2021	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 8, 2021	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 13, 2021	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 10, 2021	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 8, 2021	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 25, 2022	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's 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