

# Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



January 19, 2022

## Annual Memorial Service

The annual memorial service of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association commenced at 19:05 on January 19, 2022 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department and was conducted by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III and Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. with Chaplain Deacon Richard Maxwell giving the invocation and homily, Eugene Sharpe and Joseph Hartman standing Honor Guard, the memorial candles being lit by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis C. Sharpe and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President William L. Merola Jr., 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:

### Absecon Volunteer Fire Department

07/06/2021 John H. Kolb, Sr.  
11/02/2021 James Andrew Mong ("Jim")  
11/02/2021 Edward Leroy Kolbe, Sr. (First County Fire Marshal)

### Atlantic City Fire Department

02/03/2020 Frank W. Howardell  
07/07/2020 Richard H. Perrin ("Richie")  
03/23/2021 Mark Lowe  
08/14/2021 Robert James McCarty, II ("Bob")  
10/31/2021 Tyrone Harmon

12/10/2021 John Thompson, Jr. ("Jack")  
12/21/2021 Anthony Michael Carfagno

### Bargaintown Volunteer Fire Company

02/23/2020 Frank Leo Kearns, Jr. ("Jay")  
09/27/2020 Lee Seth Widder  
01/03/2021 Robert F. Lemon

### Bayview Volunteer Fire Company

12/16/2021 Joseph J. Victor

### Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company

04/29/2020 Monroe J. Dayton ("Butch")  
06/01/2020 Steve Pernicka  
10/13/2020 Brent F. Denney  
10/17/2021 Robert James Gibney, Sr. ("The Gibber")

### East Vineland Volunteer Fire Company

11/13/2020 Charles M. Hinrichsen ("Chuck")

### Egg Harbor City Fire Department

02/05/2020 Albert S Haes, Jr.

### Farmington Volunteer Fire Company

04/21/2020 James A. Garth, Sr.

### Germania Volunteer Fire Company

06/15/2020 Fred H. Sohn  
03/04/2021 Carl W. Hanselman

### Hammonton Volunteer Fire Company 1

03/02/2020 Frank Silvesti  
07/04/2021 Frank J. Domenico, Jr. "Schooner")

### Landisville Volunteer Fire Company

12/08/2019 Gennaro David Zappariello ("Jerry")  
09/09/2020 Albert P. Ralph (and NJ Forest Fire Service)

12/16/2020 Rocco Trapani, Sr. ("Big Rock")  
08/13/2021 Louis Raul Gonzalez, Sr. ("Speedy")  
08/21/2021 Ugo Trasferini

10/04/2021 Rocco Trapani, Jr.

### Linwood Fire Company

02/10/2020 Oscar Russell Doughty  
07/12/2020 Daniel P. Dilks

12/26/2020 Richard J. Costello  
01/23/2021 Warren F. Steelman  
02/04/2021 Bernard A. Halverson, Jr. ("Bernie")

### Longport Fire Department

11/17/2021 Charles J. Datz, III  
12/11/2021 Robin Scott Bonar

### Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Company

11/22/2021 Martin Ronald Ripley  
12/05/2021 William Houck ("Bill")

### Minotola Volunteer Fire Company

04/27/2020 John Ernest Gallo, Jr. ("Johnny")  
12/07/2020 Dominick Battelini ("Dom")  
09/29/2021 Ronald J. Ciraolo, Sr. ("Ron")

### Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company

03/07/2021 Karl Myers

### Nesco Volunteer Fire Company

05/06/2020 William F. Eppler, Sr.  
10/18/2020 Franklin N. Brown

### Northfield Fire Department

01/12/2021 Richard Buxton, Jr. ("Bucky")  
02/26/2021 Thomas Eric Steelman  
05/22/2021 Robert Earl Cunius  
09/11/2021 Howard W. Thomson (Scullville Vol. Fire Co. and Bargaintown Vol. Fire Co.)

### Oceanville Volunteer Fire Company

04/05/2020 Raymond L. Conover, Sr. ("Bud")  
07/11/2020 Arturo A. Macera ("Artie")  
09/11/2020 Samantha E. (Krajovich) Gill (and Pleasantville Fire Dept.)

09/18/2020 James W. Turner ("Jim")

### Pleasantville Fire Department

11/22/2021 William N. Higbee, Sr.

### Pomona Volunteer Fire Company

03/03/2020 George W. Smyth  
01/28/2021 Charles R. Winkler, Jr. ("Wink")  
04/24/2021 Charles W. Filling, Sr. ("Bucky")

### Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company 1

09/09/2020 Michael J. Pratt, Sr. (and Somers Pt. Vol Fire Co. 2)

11/10/2020 Michael Thomas O'Hare  
01/17/2021 William L. Merola, Sr.

### Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company 2

10/03/2020 Anthony Michael Migliaccio ("Tony")

### Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Company

06/06/2021 Joseph Rocco Fiochi, Jr. ("Joe")

### Ventnor City Fire Department

09/13/2021 Steven Bakanaskas

### Weekstown Volunteer Fire Company

02/22/2020 Robert Anthony Cirillo ("Bob")

Firefighter Anthony Michael Carfagno, Atlantic City Fire Department died in the Line of Duty on December 21, 2021. Secretary Mellon read a Resolution of Sympathy from this association to FF Carfagno's family. Howard Berchtold introduced Chief Scott Evans, Atlantic City Fire Department. Chief Evans introduced FF Carfagno's wife, Laurie Carfagno,

and his children. The family was presented a copy of the resolution as well as a copy presented to Chief Evans and the Atlantic City Fire Department. FF Carfagno's name will be added to a brass leaf on the Remembrance Tree at the Atlantic County Training Center. The tree honors all of those from Atlantic County fire, police, and EMS that have died in the line of duty.

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, followed by the playing of "Taps" by Bugler Heather Berchtold. The memorial service closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain Deacon Richard Maxwell.

## *Atlantic County Firefighters' Association Resolution of Sympathy*

*Whereas, it has pleased the Divine Providence in His everlasting wisdom to remove from our midst our faithful comrade in the Line of Duty on December 21, 2021.*

*Anthony Michael Carfagno*

*Whereas, through his death the Atlantic City Fire Department, Atlantic City Professional Firefighters IAFF 1198, NJFMA Local 8, and this Association have lost an earnest co-worker and a true gentle soul who was a fixture in the station and the community.*

*Therefore be it Resolved, that the heartfelt sympathy of this Association be extended to his bereaved wife and family and members of the Atlantic City Fire Department, Atlantic City Professional Firefighters IAFF 1198, NJFMA Local 8, and*

*Be it further Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our departed comrade.*

### **Call to Order**

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 19:30 on January 19, 2022 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 noting that it was good that we are meeting in person. President Kisby 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 97<sup>th</sup> 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 – 48 of 168

Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 23 of 42

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 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 Don Guardian; Atlantic County Commissioners: Chairwoman Maureen Kern, Vice-Chairman John W. Risley, Frank X. Balles, and Richard R. Dase; Atlantic County Clerk Joseph J. Giraldo; and Atlantic County Surrogate James Curcio. All invited guests offered words of sympathy for those we have lost and words of thanks for all those continuing the dedicated service for the public good.

**Special Presentation and Installation of Officers for 2022**

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. thanked all Atlantic County Government, the association Executive Committee, Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo, and the 33 Fire Instructors for the hard work and continued effort to better the association and the fire academy. Howard noted that thanks to everyone’s hard work and dedication this association has continued to function and move forward during the operational limitations of the pandemic. A major refurbishment of the burn building has started thanks to the support of Atlantic County government seeing the need and supporting the best possible plan to make it happen. Howard reported that the Executive Committee had a reorganizational meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> and thanked the committee for believing in him enough to reelect him as Chairman for 2022, also noting that he has just completed his 25<sup>th</sup> year on the committee, and reelecting Levon S. “Lefty” Clayton as Vice-Chairman. Howard thanked President Charles E. “Chick” Kisby III for his service as President now that he is returning to the Executive Committee. Howard also thanked the Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Department, and Egg Harbor City, for hosting the annual meeting and memorial service.

Atlantic County Commissioner Maureen Kern installed the following into office for the year 2022:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President           Dennis C. Sharpe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President       William L. Merola Jr.
- Secretary                   Robert A. Mellon
- Treasurer                  Jaime C. Mellon
- Asst. Sec./Trea.          Sandra L. Walczak
- Chaplain                   Dcn. Rich Maxwell
- Sgt.-at-Arms               Wayne Dilks, Charles Harlan
- Executive Comm.         Howard Berchtold Jr., Levon S. “Lefty” Clayton, Kim Feinstein,  
Walter R. “Butch” Kienzle III, Charles E. “Chick” Kisby III,  
Eugene M. Sharpe, C. Robert Winkler III

**Not present were:**

- President                   Charles J. Mackintosh
- Sgt.-at-Arms             William Donath
- Executive Comm.         Marylynn Graham, Christopher Kislow

Howard Berchtold reported that newly elected President Charles J. Mackintosh was unable to be in attendance and that the passing of the gavel will be conducted at the February meeting of the Association along with swearing in all the officers unable to attend tonight. Howard read a statement from President Mackintosh expressing his regrets for being unable to attend and his hope to serve to the highest capacity he can and continue the work of this Association.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis C. Sharpe and Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. presented a Plaque to Charles E. “Chick” Kisby III for service as President of the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association.

(Plaque)  
Presented To  
Charles “Chick” Kisby  
In Recognition, Thanks and Appreciation  
For Your Service as Association President  
On Behalf of the  
Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association and  
The Entire Fire Service Community of Atlantic County  
January 19, 2022

**Good of the Order**

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

**Adjournment**

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Deacon Richard Maxwell.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:00. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on February 16, 2022 in Longport.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

**Fire Department/Company/Association Events**

Sat. Apr. 9, 2022		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
Tues. Aug. 9, 2022	19:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 16, 2022	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 17, 2022	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Nov. 12, 2022		Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham or Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
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**ACFFA Meetings**

**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Feb. 16, 2022	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Mar. 16, 2022	19:30	Elwood VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Apr. 20, 2022	19:30	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting and Annual Valor Awards Presentation
Wed. May 18, 2022	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 15, 2022	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 20, 2022	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 17, 2022	20:00	Cologne VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 21, 2022	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 19, 2022	20:00	Port Republic VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 16, 2022	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 21, 2022	20:00	Farmington VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 18, 2023	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 15, 2023	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee**

Fri. Mar. 4, 2022	19:30	Cardiff VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. May 6, 2022	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 1, 2022	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 2, 2022	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 4, 2022	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 6, 2023	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

**Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings**

**Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board**

Mon. Apr. 18, 2022	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jul. 18, 2022	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Oct. 17, 2022	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 9, 2023	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

**Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association**

Tues. Jan. 25, 2022	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
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Wed. Mar. 9, 2022	20:00	Minotola VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Apr. 13, 2022	20:00	Farmington VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. May 11, 2022	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Jun. 8, 2022	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Jul. 13, 2022	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Aug. 10, 2022	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Sep. 14, 2022	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association

Wed. Oct. 12, 2022	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 9, 2022	20:00	Bayview VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 14, 2022	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 24, 2023	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2023-----	-----	-----	NO MEETING-----

**Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.**

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
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Thurs. Jan. 26, 2023	19:30		Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 27, 2023	19:30		Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association