

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



November 16, 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 19:30 on November 16, 2022, at the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Sta. 1, by President Charles J. Mackintosh. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Deacon Rich Maxwell. Chaplain Maxwell asked everyone to keep Ed Vincent, Past President, and Past Chief of Absecon FD, in their prayers. Chaplain Maxwell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. President Mackintosh then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Mackintosh introduced Assistant Chief Jay Loder of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Sta. 1. Assistant Chief Loder welcomed all to Somers Point.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 30 of 172 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 15 of 43

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 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 on, and summarized the minutes of, the Executive Committee meeting held on November 4, 2022 in South Egg Harbor. The Minotola Telesquirt was picked up and moved to the training center on November 9th. Howard reported that the truck is phenomenal. Butch Kienzle drove the truck and reported that same. Howard reported that the Training Advisory Board, the Firefighters' Association, and the Fire Chiefs' Association will work with the County to fill the "Director Fire Academy" position. The position does fall under NJ Civil Service. Howard reported that the committee discussed the 7:30 PM meeting start time and the consensus was to continue with the earlier start time and move to update the governing documents in 2023. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for January 6, 2023 in Pomona at 19:30 and will be the reorganizational meeting for 2023.

Atlantic County Radio Communications – Howard Berchtold reported work is continuing and that the committee will meet with the EMS and the County before the end of the month.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for January 9, 2023 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center.

Fire Coordinator – Deputy Fire Coordinator Howard Berchtold reported he spoke with Fire Coordinator Clyde W. “Chip” Stockton Jr. by phone. Chip conveyed his gratitude for all the assistance received during recent larger incidents throughout the county and Chip thanked the Absecon Fire Department for their excellent handling of the services for Ed Vincent.

NJ Firemen’s Home – Oscar Dutch reported that guests of the home are still tested daily for COVID. Some have tested positive but have been symptom free.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association – Butch Kienzle summarized the minutes of the meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association held on November 9, 2022 at the Bayview Volunteer Fire Company. Butch thanked Bayview for stepping up to host the November meeting. Butch noted that the 177th NJANG Fire Department has signed a mutual aid agreement with Atlantic County making units available for mutual aid throughout the county. The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs’ Association is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in Sweetwater. Nominations and election of officers will be conducted. Butch wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Harold J. “Whitey” Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition – Billy Merola reported that one nomination has been received and that it has not yet been reviewed.

Bylaw – President Chuck Mackintosh reported that he will appoint a Bylaw Committee. Anyone interested should see him after the meeting.

Audit – President Chuck Mackintosh reported that the Audit Committee met with the Treasurer and found the books to be in good order. The committee also recommended that all purchasers should be holding onto, and submitting, all receipts and all purchases should be made with the best effort to utilize NJ Form ST-5 for sales tax exemption.

100th Anniversary – President Chuck Mackintosh reported that the 100th Anniversary Committee will be meeting after the meeting. Anyone wishing to join the committee should see him after the meeting.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association adopt the resolution (Resolution 2022-002) donating the 1983 Ford/E-One engine, obtained for training purposes, to the County of Atlantic so that the county will maintain and insure the engine as they do the other trucks.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02

RESOLUTION OF THE ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY INC. AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF ONE FIRE APPARATUS

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the “County”) and the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association of the State of New Jersey Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”) in the year 1992 entered into an agreement titled “Atlantic County Training Center Agreement” (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides ownership, and all maintenance and repair there to, of the Atlantic County Training Center to the County and charges the Association with the educational activities, materials, and equipment associated with the training of paid and volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the County has since agreed to also own, insure, and maintain the motor vehicles (fire pumpers, ladders, etc.) deemed necessary, by the county and the association, for the training of paid and volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Association has been recently able to obtain a newer fire apparatus to replace one of the current fire pumpers deemed to be less than ideal for current training needs; and

WHEREAS, the fire engine currently owned by the Association is as follows:

1. Make: Pierce
2. Model: Lance 4 / Fire Apparatus
3. Body Type: Custom Cab / 65' Telesquirt
4. Body Color: Black
5. Year: 1993
6. Miles: 25,534
7. Vehicle Identification Number ("VIN"): 4P1CT02G7PA000331

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY INC.:

SECTION 1. The Association hereby finds that the property described above in this Resolution has been obtained by the Association for the training of paid and volunteer firefighters and acknowledges that the County should maintain ownership of said fire engine.

SECTION 2. The President of the Association is hereby authorized to donate said fire engine to the County for use at the Atlantic County Training Center with a primary use of providing training to paid and volunteer firefighters.

Adopted this 16th day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association adopt the resolution (Resolution 2022-003) Resolution of Sympathy, Edward Vincent.

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 on November 1, 2022.

Edward Vincent

Whereas, through his death the Absecon Fire Department, The County of Atlantic, and this Association have lost an earnest co-worker and devoted friend with a true wealth of knowledge and love for the fire service.

Therefore be it Resolved, that the heartfelt sympathy of this Association be extended to his bereaved wife and family and members of the Absecon Fire Department, 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.

Resolution No. 2022-003

Adopted this 16th day of November, 2022.
Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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.

Nomination of Officers

The second of two rounds of nominations were held. Marylynn Graham sent an email to withdraw from the Executive Committee nomination and Charles E. "Chick" Kisby, III was withdrawn from the Executive Committee nomination due to

not accepting the nomination in person or via email. All positions, except for Executive Committee, are uncontested, and all nominees have accepted their nomination to office. Those nominated are as follows:

President (1)	Charles J. Mackintosh
1 st Vice President (1)	Dennis C. Sharpe
2 nd Vice President (1)	William L. Merola Jr.
Secretary (1)	Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer (1)	Jaime C. Mellon
Asst. Sec./Trea. (1)	Sandra L. Walczak
Chaplain (1)	Dcn. Rich Maxwell
Sgt.-at-Arms (3)	Wayne Dilks, William Donath, Charles Harlan
Executive Comm. (9)	Howard Berchtold Jr., Levon S. "Lefty" Clayton, Marc J. Corsiglia, Kim Feinstein, Joe Hartman, Walter R. "Butch" Kienzle III, Christopher Kislow, Eugene M. Sharpe, Martin Walley, C. Robert Winkler III

Good of the Order

Howard Berchtold, Chuck Mackintosh, and Butch Kienzle thanked Secretary Robert Mellon for handling all of the paperwork for the acquisition of the Minotola Telesquirt.

Butch Kienzle reported that the turnout to the services for Ed Vincent was low for being on a weekend and it is not a good look for the county fire service.

Oscar Dutch thanked all that assisted with the services for Ed Vincent on behalf of Chief Roy Talley and the Absecon Fire Department. All went well.

Dennis Sharpe shared information about drone operations and reported that Atlantic City Fire and Police both have drones available for mutual aid operations. Dennis reported on licensing requirements and that Atlantic Cape Community College has a drone course.

Chuck Mackintosh reported that the Minotola Telesquirt is an excellent addition to the training center and that the delays in obtaining it were embarrassing. Chuck thanked Howard Berchtold for putting his foot down and getting the deal done.

Thank you to the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Sta. 1 for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Dcn. Richard Maxwell. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:15. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on December 21, 2022 at the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company. Election of officers for 2023 will be conducted.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. Dec. 10, 2022	19:00	Hammonton VFD	Hammonton VFD Christmas Parade (lineup 18:00 & parade 19:00)

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Dec. 21, 2022	20:00	Farmington VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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

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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. Jan. 9, 2023	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Dec. 14, 2022	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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. 26, 2023	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 27, 2023	19:30	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association