

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



January 18, 2023

Annual Memorial Service

The annual memorial service of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association commenced at 19:35 on January 18, 2023 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department and was conducted by President Charles J. Mackintosh 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 1st Vice President Dennis C. Sharpe and 2nd Vice President William L. Merola Jr., and the bell being tolled by Gene Sharpe 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 FIRE COMPANY

Edward Vincent "Ed"
James J. Smith "Jim"

ATLANTIC CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stanley Baker
William Glenn III "Bill"
William Seymour

ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Wayne Burke "Burkie"

BARGAINTOWN FIRE COMPANY

John Paul Keeler Jr.

BAYVIEW FIRE COMPANY / TEANECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles H. Mackintosh "Chuck"

BRIGANTINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Joseph Simon Sr. "Bob"

EAST VINELAND FIRE COMPANY

Jack Francis Quinlan Sr.
Charles Thomas Green

EGG HARBOR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles Richard Kurtz "Charlie"

FARMINGTON FIRE COMPANY

John Giacopello Sr.

HAMMONTON FIRE COMPANY #1

Anthony J. Parzanese "Padutie"

LAURELDALE FIRE COMPANY / EGG HARBOR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary W. Snellbaker

LAURELDALE FIRE COMPANY

Neil A Woerner Jr.

LONGPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

William A. Fiore Sr. "Billy"

MARGATE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

William L. Hangstorfer "Bill" "Hank"

MAYS LANDING FIRE COMPANY

Joseph Anthony Irrera
Robert John Valasek "Pickle"

POMONA FIRE COMPANY

Roy H. Heintz Jr.
Eric E. Peace

PLEASANTVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Horace M. Connelly "Butch"
Gary Edson McCormick

SOMERS POINT FIRE COMPANY #1

Eric W. Jones "Jonesy"

SOMERS POINT FIRE COMPANY #2 / OCEANVILLE FIRE COMPANY

WEST TUCKERTON FIRE COMPANY / MAYS LANDING FIRE COMPANY

Kevin Charles Foder Sr.

VENTNOR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence Risley Watts "Larry" "Uncle Larry"

The "Striking of the Four Fives" was tolled on the bell by Lefty Clayton, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Donna Marie and Howard Berchtold, followed by the playing of "Taps" by Bugler Joe Ward. The memorial service closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain Deacon Richard Maxwell.

Call to Order

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on January 18, 2023 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department by President Charles J. Mackintosh. The meeting was opened with the flag salute. President Mackintosh then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks

President Charles J. Mackintosh welcomed all to the annual reorganizational meeting and noted that on January 17, 1923, in Egg Harbor City, a motion was made and carried unanimously to make this association a permanent organization. President Mackintosh reported that a celebration of the 100 year milestone is being planned for September 30, 2023 in Egg Harbor City, where it all began. President Mackintosh spoke briefly on the recent loss of his father, whom is on the memorial roll, and how all those that were read into the final roll will be missed by their families, both at home and at the firehouse. President Mackintosh wished Director Mike Corbo well in retirement and that he is looking forward to the appointment of a new Director of Fire Training before February 1st. President Mackintosh ensured everyone that he will continue to see that the absolute best training is provided in Atlantic County. President Mackintosh 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 to be part of the association since the beginning 100 years ago and hosting the association for the 98th reorganizational meeting. Chief Kienzle then introduced the line officers of the fire department and Egg Harbor City Mayor Lisa Jampetti. Mayor Jampetti welcomed all to Egg Harbor City and expressed how proud she is having the annual memorial service in the city. Mayor Jampetti expressed her appreciation for the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department and all the fire departments serving Atlantic County. Mayor Jampetti and Chief Kienzle are both looking forward to the 100th Celebration in September. President Mackintosh introduced Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. and noted that Howard is now serving his 27th year as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Howard offered condolences to President Mackintosh on the loss of his father and also noted the loss of Ed Vincent who had served as President of this Association for five years. Howard then reflected on some of the one hundred years of history of the Association and noted that the collection of meeting minutes for the vast majority of those years are available on the Association website. Howard congratulated all of the Executive Committee members and the Officers elected to serve. Howard thanked outgoing Executive Committee members Marylynn Graham and Chick Kisby for their service and congratulated Marc Corsiglia and Joe Hartman for stepping up to fill those positions. Howard reported that the Executive Committee had a reorganizational meeting on January 6th and thanked the committee for believing in him enough to reelect him as Chairman for 2023 and reelecting Levon S. "Lefty" Clayton as Vice-Chairman. Howard thanked the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Chairman John W. Risley Jr., and Department Head of Atlantic County Department of Public Safety Michael Fedorko for all of the work going on to further the effort of all the first responders in Atlantic County to provide the best possible service to our fellow residents. Howard reported on big plans for 2023. With the upcoming retirement of Mike Corbo, a new Director of Fire Training will be appointed. Department Head Michael Fedorko, County Administrator Jerry DelRosso, and County Shared Services Coordinator Tim Kreisler have been working with the Firefighters' Association, the Fire Chiefs' Association, and the EMS Chiefs by forming a working group that is secure a grant for a feasibility study for centralized fire and EMS dispatch that would include the impact of Next Generation 911 (commonly referred to as NG911). NG911 is a digital, internet protocol (IP)-based system that will replace the analog 911 infrastructure that's been in place for decades. The success and reliability of 911 will be greatly improved with the implementation of NG911, as it will enhance emergency number services to create a faster, more resilient system that allows voice, photos, videos, and text messages to flow seamlessly from the public to the 911 network. NG911 will also improve public safety answering points' ability to help manage call overload, natural disasters, and transfer of 911 calls based on caller location data. Because most 911 systems were originally built using analog rather than digital technologies, PSAPs across the country need to be upgraded to NG911. While the technology to implement these new IP-based 911 systems is available, the transition to NG911 involves much more than just new computer hardware and software. Implementing NG911 in states and counties nationwide will require the coordination of a variety of emergency communication, public safety, legislative and governing entities. Howard reported that this has become a big endeavor that not only would fix the current need for a more cohesive communication among all county first responders but also ensure the installation of technological upgrades that would become a burden for much smaller PSAPs. Howard noted that this will require assistance from all chiefs to discuss this with their municipal leadership as a request for municipal resolutions supporting a feasibility study will soon be sent out from county government. The grant application needs to be submitted by early March.

Special Presentation

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. called upon Mike Corbo. Howard reported that Mike has served as the Director of Fire Training for twenty-seven years. President Charles J. Mackintosh expressed his gratitude for Mike's years of service.

President Mackintosh and Chairman Berchtold presented a plaque Michael J. Corbo for 27 years of dedicated service as Director of Fire Training.

(Plaque)
Presented To
Michael J. Corbo
In Sincere Appreciation Of Your
27 Years Of Dedicated Service As
Director Of Fire Training
“You made a difference”
Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association
January 18, 2023

Mike Corbo thanked everyone for the recognition and reported it was a difficult decision to retire from running the fire academy. Mike reported that he will continue as a Fire Instructor for Firefighter I and II and will work on planning some new classes. Mike reported that he still sits on NJ State level training committees, and they are working on finalizing a RIT training course and certification. Mike noted that he has already started working on the transition to a new director. Mike thanked all the Fire Chiefs and all the Fire Instructors, some of the best in New Jersey, for working with him for the many years running the training program.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 56 of 172 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 28 of 43

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022 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 Mackintosh welcomed and introduced guests; Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners Chairman John W. Risley Jr., Atlantic County Clerk Joseph J. Giraldo, Atlantic County Surrogate James Curcio, Department Head of Atlantic County Department of Public Safety Michael Fedorko, Atlantic County Fire Marshal Dave Buzby, Atlantic County Fire Coordinator Chip Stockton, and Director of Training Mike Corbo. Invited guests offered words of sympathy for those we have lost, congratulations to Mike Corbo on his retirement and words of thanks for all those continuing the dedicated service for the public good.

Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners Chairman John W. Risley Jr. presented President Mackintosh a certificate for the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association.

(Certificate)
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
The Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners
does hereby honor and congratulate
ATLANTIC COUNTY
FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION
on its
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
Presented this 18th day of January 2023

Department Head of Atlantic County Department of Public Safety Michael Fedorko, on behalf of County Executive Dennis Levinson, presented, on behalf of County Executive Dennis Levinson who was unable to attend, President Mackintosh a certificate for the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association.

(Certificate)
On behalf of the citizens of Atlantic County
Atlantic County Executive
Dennis Levinson
proudly joins in celebrating the
100th Anniversary
of the
Atlantic County Firefighters' Association
and saluting its past and present members
in recognition and appreciation of their
"Union for the Safety of All"
presented
January 18, 2023

Installation of Officers for 2023

Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners Chairman John W. Risley Jr. installed the following into office for the year 2023:

President	Charles J. Mackintosh
1 st Vice President	Dennis C. Sharpe
2 nd 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, William Donath, Charles Harlan
Executive Comm.	Howard Berchtold Jr., Levon S. "Lefty" Clayton, Marc J. Corsiglia, Kim Feinstein, Joe Hartman, Walter R. "Butch" Kienzle III, Christopher Kislow, Eugene M. Sharpe

Not present were:

Executive Comm. C. Robert Winkler III

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 20:35. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on February 15, 2023 in Longport.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Fri. Mar. 31, 2023	17:00	Hammonton VFC Sta. 2	11th Annual Firehouse Fish Fry Dinner *TAKE OUT ONLY
Sat. Apr. 15, 2023	11:00	Minotola VFC	Chili and Combread Cook-off (11:00 - 14:00) ***FREE to Enter & FREE to Taste***
Sat. Apr. 15, 2023	15:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham or Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. May 6, 2023			
Sat. May 20, 2023	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
Wed. Jun. 14, 2023	18:00	Smithville Inn, Smithville	Beef & Beer to Benefit Oceanville VFC
Tues. Aug. 8, 2023	19:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 15, 2023		Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention & Memorial Service
Sat. Sep. 16, 2023		Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 30, 2023		Egg Harbor City	Atlantic County Firefighters' Assoc. 100th Anniversary Celebration
Sat. Nov. 4, 2023	11:00	Minotola VFC	Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Sale (11:00 - 14:00)
Sat. Nov. 11, 2023			
Sat. Sep. 7, 2024	12:00	Oceanville VFC	Oceanville Vol. Fire Co. 100th Anniversary Celebration (Noon-5PM) (Rain Date - Sep. 8th)

ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

Wed. Feb. 15, 2023	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Mar. 15, 2023	19:30	Weekstown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Apr. 19, 2023	19:30	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting and Annual Valor Awards Presentation
Wed. May 17, 2023	19:30	Oceanville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 21, 2023	19:30	Milimay VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 19, 2023	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 16, 2023	19:30	Mays Landing VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 20, 2023	19:30	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 18, 2023	19:30	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 15, 2023	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 20, 2023	19:30	West Atlantic City VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jan. 17, 2024	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 21, 2024	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Mar. 3, 2023	19:30	Cardiff VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. May 5, 2023	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 7, 2023	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 1, 2023	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 3, 2023	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jan. 5, 2024	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Apr. 17, 2023	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jul. 17, 2023	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Oct. 16, 2023	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jan. 8, 2024	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Tues. Jan. 24, 2023	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2023-----	-----	-----	NO MEETING-----
Wed. Mar. 8, 2023	20:00	Minotola VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Apr. 12, 2023	20:00	West Atlantic City VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. May 10, 2023	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jun. 14, 2023	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jul. 12, 2023	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 9, 2023	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 13, 2023	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 11, 2023	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 8, 2023	20:00	Bayview VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 13, 2023	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 30, 2024	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2024-----	-----	-----	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
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Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024	19:30	*TBD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 25, 2024	19:30	*TBD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association