

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



August 16, 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 19:30 on August 16, 2023 at the Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Company by President Charles J. Mackintosh. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by Howard Berchtold. President Mackintosh then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Mackintosh introduced Chief Louis DiMartine of the Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Company. Chief DiMartine welcomed all to Mays Landing.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 50 of 172 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 22 of 43

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 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 Jr. reported the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on September 1, 2023 at the Absecon Volunteer Fire Department.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for October 16, 2023.

Training – Dave Buzby reported that Firefighter I class currently has thirty-two students registered and will start on August 17th and the Firefighter II class currently has eleven students registered and will start on September 11th. Dave also reviewed the list of classes scheduled for September. Dave also reported that the drafting pit has been cleaned and refilled.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Clyde W. "Chip" Stockton Jr. reported on a recent second alarm fire in Atlantic City. Chip reported that Atlantic County is at 70% completed on the NJDFS FD Survey. Only eight more fire chiefs need to complete the survey to make it 100%. The Atlantic City Airshow just wrapped up and everything went very well. Chief Scott

Evans, Atlantic City, will be making a presentation on the upcoming state online Fire Stat report. Chip reported that they are still in the planning stages for a local Fire Police class and hopefully it can be scheduled in the Fall. Chip reported on upcoming changes to the frequency of fire chief incident reporting.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – Butch Kienzle reported that the next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Nesco Volunteer Fire Company and that the ACFCA Trophy to be presented in Wildwood will be Best Appearing Tanker from Atlantic County.

100th Anniversary Celebration – Kim Feinstein reported that plans are moving along for the 100th Anniversary Celebration and Parade. Parade participant plaques have been received. Ads sales for the program book have exceeded \$17,000. Sales of merchandise have already exceeded \$4,500. All relevant permit applications have been submitted. Kim reviewed the plans for the day including the parade details, raffles, live music, food trucks, and free hot dogs and soda. Kim reported that the beer is available with a purchase of a pint glass and an ID verification to receive a wrist band. Kim reported that there are signup sheets available so that everyone can volunteer some time on the day of the celebration. The more volunteers, the less time each would be needed so that all have time to enjoy the day. Howard Berchtold thanked Kim for the excellent job he has been doing and asked everyone to keep pushing the ad sales sine the cutoff is scheduled for September 1st. There are many fire companies that still have not placed an ad in the program book. The next meeting of the 100th Anniversary Committee is scheduled for 7PM, August 29th at the Egg Harbor City firehouse.

NJ Forest Fire Service –Fire Warden Ken Badger, Jr. reported on the deployment of local teams assisting with the western United States fires in New Mexico, Texas, and California.

Atlantic County Radio Communications – Howard Berchtold reported that the county \$147,000 L.E.A.P. grant papers have been submitted and the working group will meet at the end of August to get the RFP for the study finalized.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold thanked Dave Buzby, Butch Kienzle, and Oscar Dutch for helping setup for the fair with the 2023 NFPA Fire Prevention theme “Cooking Safety Starts with You.” Howard thanked Somers Point for donating the plastic helmets for distribution at the fair. Howard thanked Cindy Badger, Kenny Badger, Joe Hartman, Dennis Sharpe, Billy Merola, Ashley House, Butch Kienzle, Oscar Dutch, and Kolby Rundio for assisting at the booth over the two days and helping to sell 100th Anniversary merchandise. Howard thanked Joe Ward and Maui for the excellent canine demonstration. Howard noted that the firefighter competition was not held and thanked the 177th Fighter Wing, Laureldale, Elwood, Sweetwater, South Egg Harbor, Germania, and New Jersey Forest Fire for having apparatus at the fair and providing some demonstrations for the public in attendance. Howard noted that Firefighter Patsy, Sweetwater, was incredible with the water and ice rescue equipment demonstration as was Ashley House, New Jersey Forest Fire, with her presentation. Howard reported that there were eighty-eight antique cars on Friday night. Howard noted that the fair is an excellent and important opportunity for public relations and that sales of 100th Anniversary merchandise exceeded \$1,500 at the fair.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

Lefty Clayton, on behalf of the By-Law committee, submitted a proposal for an amendment to the Constitution of the Association that would adjust the scheduled time of the monthly meeting to be more flexible. The first reading of the proposal will be at the September 20, 2023 meeting of the Association, with a second reading to be held at the November 15, 2023 meeting, and a vote to be held at the December 20, 2023 meeting.

Chip Stockton reported that a debriefing session has been scheduled for 10:00 August 18th at the Delsea Regional High School for those that were at the Buena Borough house explosion incident.

Charles Horner, Oceanville, requested that the Firefighter II schedule be adjusted to not start on September 11th. Charles reported that Oceanville has two members scheduled and that the company is displeased with the schedule and the two will not be able to attend the first night of the class. Howard Berchtold reported that the schedule was discussed with Director Middleton and it was determined that it would be difficult to change at this time and there will be no penalty for missing the

first night, as it is limited to registration, orientation, and report writing. Howard reported that classes will not be scheduled on September 11 in the future. Rob Winkler reported that it was a total oversight and that the instructors did not even take notice of it during their meeting to set work schedules.

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

Asst. Chief Louis Miranda, Bayview Fire Company, reported that Bayview Fire Company will be holding a Beef & Beer with a Cornhole Tournament on September 30th at McGettigan's 19th Hole.

President Mackintosh thanked the members of the 100th Anniversary Committee noting that all the commemorative merchandise looks great.

Thank you to the Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:10. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on September 20, 2023 at the Hammonton Fire Department Station 2. Note, the meeting was scheduled to be held at Station 1 and has been moved to Station 2.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sun. Aug. 20, 2023	10:00	Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ	42nd Annual Fire Muster & Firefighters' Family Day presented by Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade
Tues. Aug. 22, 2023	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	"Yeti For The Beach" Raffle Drawing Aug. 22nd
Sat. Sep. 2, 2023	09:00	Dorothy VFC	Cornhole Tournament
Sep. 5 – 10, 2023	varies	New York Yankees	Firefighter Appreciation Week
Thurs. Sep. 14, 2023	08:30	Wildwood Convention Center	NJSFCA Wildwood Convention Training Seminar
Thurs. Sep. 14, 2023	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting
Thurs. Sep. 14, 2023	19:00	Cattle 'n Clover, Wildwood	Annual Wildwood F.O.O.L.S. Bash
Fri. Sep. 15, 2023	08:00	Wildwood	Five Mile Beach Vol. Firemen's Assoc. hosts NJ Fire Expo (Tents & Exhibits)
Fri. Sep. 15, 2023	11:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey State Firemen's Association Annual Convention & Memorial Service (Reg. 07:00-11:00)
Fri. Sep. 15, 2023	19:00	Seaport Pier, North Wildwood	NFFF Fire Hero Beach Bash
Sat. Sep. 16, 2023	07:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey State Firemen's Association Annual Convention (Voting Only 07:00-11:00)
Sat. Sep. 16, 2023	08:00	Wildwood	Five Mile Beach Vol. Firemen's Assoc. hosts NJ Fire Expo (Tents & Exhibits)
Sat. Sep. 16, 2023	09:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey State Firemen's Association Workshop
Sat. Sep. 16, 2023	14:00	Wildwood	Five Mile Beach Vol. Firemen's Assoc. hosts NJ State Firemen's Convention Parade
Sun. Sep. 17, 2023	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Ladies Auxiliary	Breakfast (08:00 - 12:00)
Sun. Sep. 24, 2023	09:00	4 Polhemustown Rd, Allentown, NJ 08501	NJ Fire Museum Annual Open House (09:00 - 15:00)
Sat. Sep. 30, 2023	08:00	Elwood VFC @ White Oaks Country Club	19th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Sep. 30, 2023	11:00	Bayview VFC @ McGettigan's 19th Hole	Beef & Beer and Cornhole Tournament
Sun. Oct. 1, 2023	10:00	Northfield VFC	7th Annual Classic Car Show & Silent Auction
Sat. Oct. 7, 2023	12:00	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic County Firefighters' Assoc. 100th Anniversary Celebration (12:00 - 17:00)
Sat. Oct. 7, 2023	17:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Ladies Auxiliary	Linda Shields, Jersey Shore Medium (17:00 - 21:00)
Sun. Oct. 15, 2023	11:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Ladies Auxiliary	Meatball Sub Sale (11:00 - 14:00)
Sat. Nov. 4, 2023	11:00	Minotola VFC	Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Sale (11:00 - 14:00)
Sat. Nov. 11, 2023	15:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham or Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sun. Nov. 12, 2023	11:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Ladies Auxiliary	Sub Sale (11:00 - 14:00)
Sun. Dec. 3, 2023	08:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2 Ladies Auxiliary	Breakfast with Santa (08:00 - 12:00)
Sat. Dec 9, 2023	19:00	Hammonton VFD	Hammonton VFD Christmas Parade (lineup 18:00 & parade 19:00)
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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. Sep. 20, 2023	19:30	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1 Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting *NEW LOCATION
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
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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. 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
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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. Oct. 16, 2023	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 8, 2024	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Sep. 13, 2023	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Oct. 11, 2023	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Nov. 8, 2023	20:00	Bayview VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Dec. 13, 2023	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
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Tues. Jan. 30, 2024	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
February 2024	-----	-----	NO MEETING

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

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Thurs. Jan. 25, 2024	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 25, 2024	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association