

**Constitution**  
**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**  
**of the State of New Jersey**  
January 1, 2024 (revised)

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**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

*SECTION 1: The name of this Association shall be the "Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey".*

**ARTICLE II**  
**OBJECTIVES**

*SECTION 1: OBJECTS The objects of this Association shall be to promote the welfare of the several member fire companies; to arouse interest, through discussions, toward improving our services as firefighters; and to create a feeling of good will and good fellowship among the members.*

*SECTION 2: TRAINING To provide the necessary training programs, training aids, and facilities and incentives to adequately staff the Fire Departments of Atlantic County with properly trained and fully qualified firefighters in order to protect the life and property of the citizens of Atlantic County, New Jersey.*

*SECTION 3: COMMUNICATIONS To work with and assist the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management with the operation of the emergency communications system as it pertains to the fire service within Atlantic County.*

*SECTION 4: MUTUAL AID To provide Mutual Aid to all Fire Departments and Communities of Atlantic County during any fire or disaster.*

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

*SECTION 1: Any incorporated or governmental fire company in Atlantic County shall be eligible to submit a written application for membership.*

**ARTICLE IV**  
**REPRESENTATIVES**

*SECTION 1: Each Company shall be represented by its Chief Officer and three (3) elected or appointed delegates.*

*SECTION 2: A Municipality Fire Chief shall not be a delegate by virtue of that title, except when they shall be the Chief Officer of their home fire company or a delegate thereof.*

**ARTICLE V**  
**DUES**

*SECTION 1: Dues for fire company members shall be provided for in the By-Laws.*

**ARTICLE VI**  
**OFFICERS**

*SECTION 1: The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, a Chaplain, three (3) Sergeant-at-Arms, and an Executive Committee of nine (9) members.*

*SECTION 2: Nominations for the above Officers shall be held at the October meeting and the November meeting and then closed. A nomination will be considered official only after the member nominated has verbally, at the time of the nomination, accepted that nomination. A nominee who is unable to be present at the time of nomination, due to extenuating circumstances, may submit a written acceptance. Said correspondence must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.*

*SECTION 3: The above Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the December meeting. Their terms of office shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning upon their installation at the Annual Meeting in January or until their successors have been elected and installed.*

*SECTION 4: Eligibility of the Officers and their duties shall be provided for in the By-Laws.*

**ARTICLE VII**  
**MEETINGS**

*SECTION 1: Meetings of this Association shall be designated Regular, Annual, and Special.*

*SECTION 2: Regular Meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at a time and place agreed upon, by the membership at the December meeting, by approving an annual schedule for the following March through February months utilizing a historical hosting schedule that may be changed as needed by the hosting departments. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, the time and place may be changed by the voting members present, provided that no fire company shall be permitted to host more than two (2) meetings in one year.*

*SECTION 3: The Annual Meeting shall be the January meeting. At this meeting the newly elected Officers shall be installed.*

*SECTION 4: Special Meetings may be called by the President at the request of three (3) fire companies, or the Executive Committee. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted.*

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**QUORUM**

*SECTION 1: By roll call, nine (9) companies shall constitute a quorum for any Regular, Annual, or Special Meeting of this Association, provided that the number of delegates shall be not less than twenty (20).*

*SECTION 2: In the case of a Special Meeting, fifty (50) percent of the delegates present must be from companies other than those which requested the Special Meeting.*

**ARTICLE IX**  
**AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1: *Amendments to this Constitution may be made as follows:*

A. *The addition, deletion, or revision shall be submitted in writing at a Regular Meeting, prior to the November Meeting, at which time discussion may be held and changes made.*

B. *The proposal shall be read again at the November Meeting. Discussion may again be held and changes made.*

C. *At the December Meeting the proposal shall be voted upon, and if approved by two thirds (2/3) of the voting members present, shall become effective as of January 1st of the ensuing year.*

SECTION 2: *Before the date of voting, a brief description of the proposal shall be inserted in the minutes which are mailed to each voting member.*

**ARTICLE X**

SECTION 1: *SEVERABILITY* *If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of the Constitution shall be held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Constitution.*

SECTION 2: *CONFLICTS* *This Constitution is subordinate to all provisions of the Declaration, and to any applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of New Jersey. All of the terms hereof, except where clearly repugnant to the context, shall have the same meaning as in the Declaration or the aforesaid statutes. In the event of any conflict between the aforesaid Declaration and any applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of New Jersey, the provisions of the statute shall control.*

SECTION 3: *DISSOLUTION* *Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.*

SECTION 4: *PURPOSE* *Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, included, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.*

SECTION 5: *NET EARNINGS* *No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth.*

SECTION 6: *POLITICAL ACTIVITY* *No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.*