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Journal

INFORMATION FROM OUR SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING

Our meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President William "Bill" Newberry who welcomed all present and thanked all for attending. Room exits were pointed out and Second Vice President Robert Myers, Jr., led us in the Flag Salute. Gerard Naylis sang our National Anthem and asked all to join him to sing together. Joseph Pawlak gave the Invocation.

First Vice President Ron Stokes introduced our guests which included NJ Firemen's Association President Frank Gunson III; NJ Firemen's Association Vice President Robert Ordway, Acting Director of the NJ Division of Fire Safety Lou Kilmer; Past President and Liaison of the NJ Fire Ladies Auxiliary Barbara Wyle; Chief Jim Yate who the Vice President of the Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, (EDIAFC), gave a report on the upcoming EDIAFC Conference in May 2019 that will be held in New Jersey. More info to follow.

Senator Corey Booker's Representative M. Scutter who gave a report on Legislation being worked on by Senator Booker.

Secretary C Assenheimer reported as the New Jersey Director of the EDIAFC that he attended the Annual Conference in Rehoboth Beach, DE on May 18-20, 2017 and also attend the IAFC Conference in Charlotte, NC on July 26-28, 2017. In addition the 2019 EDIAFC Conference will be in New Jersey so keep your calendars clear.

Second Vice President Ron Stokes introduced our Past Presidents that were in attendance: Jeffrey Betz, Chris Assenheimer, Larry Wood, Jim Duffy, Judson Moore, George F. Lenhardt.

The Guest Speaker was introduced by Past President Larry Wood. Fred Scalera from A.T. & T. The second Guest Speaker was Crosby Grindle of the G.P.O. who presented an informational history of the Group Purchasing Organization and how products from the G.P.O can be purchased the same as with New Jersey State Contracts.

Trustee Chairman Chief Paul Mundy introduced Mr. Joe Giorgi to present our Scholarship Awards. Mr. Giorgi is a high ranking officer with Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service and is an Honorary Member of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association. Also, Mr. Brian Wallace from V.F.I.S. was present to assist Mr. Giorgi. A collection was taken to be used for the Walter Fortnum Scholarship Fund. Scholarships were given to Robert Velardi who received the Fortnum Scholarship, Christopher Bodrato who received the V.F.I.S. Scholarship. Brady Gallagher who received the Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship. Photos were taken of the

Scholarship recipients that were present.

The 2017 Valor Awards were presented by President Bill Newberry to Chief Tom Burniston and LT. Dennis Kronyak, Jr. of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, (Bergen County), and to Chief Marty Loesner of the Little Ferry Fire Department, (Bergen County). Secretary C. Assenheimer read the description of the lifesaving events. In addition Little Ferry Chief Bill Riedel assisted in the Valor Award presentation.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Joseph Pawlak. The Memorial Roll Call was read by V.P. Ron Stokes. The Memorial Cross was lit as names were read signifying the eternal light.

The following members of our Association have answered their last alarm: Casper Slieker, Otto Hediger, William Werner, John Crystalline, William T. Hansche, Joseph Hilbocki, Robert Bommelhyn, Alan Nagle, Alfred Stewart, Kurt Vieten, John Pandorf, Adrian Birdsall, David Carlough, Sr., Robert Artus, Karl R. Buck, Vincent Vena, Rochard Amos, Bruce Schneider, Walter Kozak. Please keep them in your thoughts. We honor their memory. "Once a Chief...Always a Chief"

Gerry Naylis sang vocal tributes to close our Annual Memorial Service.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Secretary C. Assenheimer reported that his report was sent out in the email with all of the Officers Reports and also thanked all for attending today's meeting; Thanks Firehouse Magazine for donating copies of their publications for our membership today. Reminded all of the special subscription offer that we have through Firehouse Magazine for our members only. Thanked V.F.I.S. for providing the refreshments for today's meeting. Thanked our Executive Board for keeping our Association moving in a progressive positive direction. Thanked the Fire Service for having faith in our Association.

Association Treasurer Ed Mullen stated that the Treasurers report was sent out and on a Motion by J. Pawlak, seconded by R. Cordes the Treasurers report was accepted as presented. Chief Mullen also reported that the 2018 being worked on by the Trustees.

VFIS Insurance Officer Judson Moore reported that there will be a premium increase of \$2.50 for 2018 for a total of \$85.00. All funds have been deposited. On a Motion by P. Mundy, seconded by G. Lenhardt the report was accepted as presented.

Membership Director and Second Vice President R. Myers, Jr. stated that his report was sent out via email message. All funds have been deposited. On a Motion by Past President J. Moore, seconded by Central Region Trustee P. Mundy the report was accepted.

President Bill Newberry welcomed all to today's meeting and stated that his report was sent out via email message. Association is moving forward. Looking forward to another good year ahead.

First Vice President Ron Stokes reported progress and thanked all for attending.

Trustee Chairman Paul Mundy reported that the Trustees are working on the 2018 Budget. Mundy thanked all for attending.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION: Past President Larry Wood reported that the Commission met earlier today here in Wildwood. Next Commission meeting will be at the NJ League of Municipalities in Atlantic City on Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

9-1-1 Committee: Neal Carroll reported issues with cell towers and where calls are re-routed to different locations.

Legislative: William Smith stated that his report was sent out via email message. Anyone with questions should see him after the meeting.

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By-Laws & Resolutions: Nothing has been submitted at this time.

Parade Judge: No report.

Publicity: BLOG; Trustee Paul Mundy reported that info is sent out daily over the internet.

Five Trumpet Journal: Chris Assenheimer reported that the next issue will go out at the end of October with a meeting recap.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: This year marks the end of the two year Treasurer and Secretary Terms in our Association and for Paul Mundy's term as Central Region Trustee and we also have an opening for a Southern Region Trustee. Treasurer Ed Mullen, Secretary Chris Assenheimer and Central Region Trustee Paul Mundy have all notified the Executive Board that they will be candidates for re-election. The Trustee Term is for three (3) years. There have been no other letters of interest for these Offices.

In addition and as per our By-Laws nominations may be made from the floor for all offices. All candidates were asked if they would like to say a few words on their behalf before the election and all candidates turned down the offer. On a Motion by Larry Rauch, seconded by Tom Kelly the Secretary was approved to cast one ballot for the slate of Officers and the Association approved said Motion.

Past President L. Wood administered the Oath of Office to all of the newly elected Officers.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing was reported or requested from the floor.

HEARING OF MEMBERS: No reports from the floor.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Central Trustee Bob Burns reported on the NJ Fire Museum that there will be an open house on Sunday October 22, 2017 and to please come and see what the museum has to offer.

BENEDICTION: Joe Pawlak gave the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: President W. Newberry adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

COUNTY ATTENDANCE:

Atlantic: 1	Burlington: 6	Warren: 1
Bergen: 19	Somerset: 2	Cumberland: 3
Hudson: 4	Passaic: 6	Mercer: 2
Middlesex: 7	Cape May: 1	Gloucester: 1
Monmouth: 22	Salem: 4	Ocean: 1
Morris: 18	Camden: 3	Essex: 2

2018 DUES NOTICES AND LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM BILLS.

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