

Minutes

The regular business meeting of the Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association was called to order on June 8, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. by President T.E. Simpson at the quarters of the Ridgefield Fire Company No. 2. Fifty total were in attendance including all officers.

An informative presentation was made by Mr. P. Elenio regarding pyrotechnics.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read following a motion by Mr. Connelly, 2nd. by Mr. LePore.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Dansbach reported that with the last reported balance being \$9,348.93, deposits being \$2,458.00 which included a donation from the Elmwood Park Bureau of Fire Prevention of \$500; intended for the fire safety trailer fund . An additional donation of \$500 for this fund was received through the generosity of Mr. Darryl De Mott. Disbursements were limited to \$125 forwarded to Pres. Simpson for a memorial gift given upon the passing of the mother of Mr. Paul Allen. The report was accepted following a motion by Mr. Connelly., 2nd. by Mr. Silverman.

DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Elenio has posted and submitted a written report for the record.

COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mr. Hennig expressed thanks to all local fire officials for their assistance with county facilities as well as fireworks displays on county property. local fire department walk-throughs at such facilities will be scheduled in the near future. The County has purchased a building in Lyndhurst with the intentions of housing a branch of the Community College. Several other facilities have received sprinkler system upgrades and renovations and the hydrants in Van Saun Park have been replaced. Occupant load surveys are currently being conducted at all

county schools. Special gratitude was expressed for the hospitality of the Ridgefield Fire Department.

COUNTY COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Chief Rausch was absent.

JUVENILE FIRE PREVENTION: V.P. Silvia reported that a meeting was held on Tuesday which included a presentation by the Hackensack Juvenile Counselor. A fundraiser is being planned by the Fort Lee Fire Department for October 7 at the Shannon Rose Pub in Clifton. A beer distributor will be needed. Educators are being urged to undertake more cases while referrals from L.E.A.'s. and Fire Departments are encouraged in order to maintain funding.

N.J. STATE FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION: V.P. Silvia reported that a meeting was held in Sayreville. All are urged to attend the poster contest awards ceremony in Springfield. An unconfirmed report was circulated that the D.C.A. is composing a proposal to discontinue legislation regarding residential sprinklers. Association officers have requested a meeting with the Commissioner of the D.C.A. and Gov. Christie.

COMMITTEES:

Posters- Mr. Silverman is considering attending the state level awards luncheon.

Scholarship- Progress was reported by Closter.

Annual Dinner- Mr. Silverman reported that tickets will cost \$40.

Assoc. Website- Pres. Simpson expressed his gratitude to Mr. John Pascale for his work with the website.

Merchandise- Various items are still available.

Fire Safety Trailer- Pres. Simpson reported that a new fire safety trailer has been ordered as \$40, 000 has been allotted by The County. Its arrival is expected by year's end.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Simpson reported that residential sprinklers are a serious concern for the fire service, it appears as though The State is not supporting this cause. It is important that we stand up to our adversaries in the State as they are not being held accountable for their disregard for life safety. Eleven states have currently declined residential sprinkler legislation while a residential sprinkler system costs an average of \$2 per square foot. Mr. Simpson congratulated Mr. Jack Mc Grath Sr. upon his retirement as Fire Official of the Borough of Elmwood Park.

VICE-PRESIDENT : Mr. Silvia discussed and explained recent D.F.S. bulletins and announced an upcoming seminar where a J.I.F. representative will make a presentation on Fire Code Officials and liability. Changes to Subchapter 4 are expected.

MEMBERSHIP: A representative from Associated Fire Protection was in attendance and expressed an interest in further involvement with the Association.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS: None reported.

NEW BUISNESS: A motion by Mr. Silvia, 2nd. by Mr. Cammone was accepted to forward \$ 500 toward the Juvenile Fire Prevention Fundraiser. The Bergen County Fire Academy will host a fire expo on October 2 The Do No harm course is required for all first responders by 2011 and can be taken on line at N.J. Learn. A cease and desist order has been issued to parties attempting to test residential smoke alarms and fire alarm systems and conduct impromptu inspections. any such attempts shall be reported to the Division.

FIREMEN'S HOME: Mr. McGrath extended an invitation for all to attend the Bergen County Picnic at the Boonton Home this Sunday, families are welcome as well.

GOOD and WELFARE : Mr. Silvia thanked all who offered condolences upon his Mother's passing.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Mr. Blackwell,
2nd. by Mr. Connelly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sec'y, B.C.F.P.P.A.