



## **New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts**

### **June 9, 2012 Quarterly Meeting**

The NJSAFD June 9, 2012 Quarterly Meeting was held at the Shark River Hills Fire Co., 200 Brighton Ave. in Neptune, NJ.

#### **Attendance:**

See attached sign-in sheet

#### **Time:**

09:30 hours

**President William Donahue called the meeting to order.**

- Flag Salute
- Minute of silence for our troops in battle & those departed

#### **Roll call of Officers:**

**President – William Donahue - Present**  
**Vice President – Roger Potts - Absent**  
**Secretary – Artie Hayducka - Present**  
**Treasurer – William Kleiber - Present**

The roll call of officers found all in attendance with the exception of Vice President Roger Potts.

*A motion was made to suspend the regular order of business for a brief presentation given by Peter Hall of Net Link (an IT company) with regards to the Website Compliance for NJ Assembly Bill No. 3908 P.L.2011, c.167. It was moved, second, and carried that we suspend the regular order of business to hear the presentation.*

## Regular Order of Business

### Treasurers Report:

<b>Money Market Account Balance</b>	<b>\$28,676.39</b>
Checking Account Balance (3/1/12)	\$25,000.00

Income:	
Patches Sold	\$25.00
Dues	\$30,000.00

Bills submitted for this period:

Ck#1316 - Artie Hayducka	\$340.22
Ck#1317 - Porzio	\$4,120.00
Ck#1318 - NJ Inst.	\$650.00
Ck#1319 - Bill K.	\$600.00
Ck#1329 - Christine Zapicchi	\$192.00

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<b>Total Paid Bills</b>	<b>\$5,902.22</b>
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<b>Checking Account Balance (5/31/12)</b>	<b>\$49,122.78</b>
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<b>Total Worth as of 9/16/11</b>	<b>\$77,799.17</b>
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*A motion was made to receive the financial report as stated. It was moved, second, and carried that the report be approved.*

### Secretary Report:

#### **Financial breakdown:**

Copies of the Meeting Minutes	\$116.40
Postage Stamps	\$90.00
Domain Services	\$150.00

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<b>Total amount due to Artie Hayducka at this time</b>	<b>\$356.40</b>
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*A motion was made to receive the Secretary's report as stated. It was moved, second, and carried that the report be approved.*

*A motion was made to accept the NJSAFD minutes which were sent out & posted on the web site for all to view. A total of 195 meeting copies were mailed out. It was moved, second, and carried that the minutes be approved.*

## Legislative Report:

To; The NJ State Exempt Firemen's Association

Subject; 2012 Legislative report.

The following bills pertaining to Firefighters have been enacted.

P.L.2011, c.6. A1570

Requires New Jersey institutions of higher education to disseminate fire safety information about their facilities to students, parents or guardians, and employees.

P.L.2011, c.56. A2032

Permits certain members of Junior Firemen's Auxiliaries to perform non-hazardous support duties at fire sites.

P.L.2011, c.70. S1730

Requires certain public officers and employees to reside in State.

P.L.2011, c.153. S1141

Permits Boards of fire commissioners to amend fire district budget after adoption to insert special items of revenue.

P.L.2011, c.167. A3908

Requires State, regional, and local authorities, boards, and commissions to establish an Internet website and post information related to each entity's mission, finances, meetings, and employees.

P.L.2011, c.192. S2411

Permits appointment of certain EMT's laid off for reasons of economy to vacant paid positions.

A3800 Reduces amount of fire duty required in order to receive exempt fireman certificate. 2010-2011 has died and has been re-introduced in 2012-2013. It would reduce to 60% to 50%. This bill also states the recipient would be entitled a burial benefit from the State Firemen's Association. This bill excerpts the rules of the State Firemen's Association.

Senator Bob Smith from Piscataway has recently contacted the Institute asking for our support in the adoption of S 1554. This is the first time that a legislator has come forward asking the Institutes assistance in having a bill passed. The shortened version of the bill is as follows; this bill would prohibit the sale, lease, distribution, and manufacture of products containing decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE), a flame retardant chemical. DecaBDE, a type of polybrominated diphenylether (PBDE), is a major component of commercial formulations used as a flame retardant in plastics for television cabinets, consumer electronics, shipping pallets, and wire insulation, and as back coatings for draperies and upholstery. Recently, a number of states have enacted or are considering legislation to ban or restrict the sale, manufacture, and use of products containing certain PBDEs, including decaBDE, and support the use of less toxic non-brominated flame retardant alternatives.

There a many groups and organizations behind the passage of this bill both Volunteer and Career. At the regular meeting of the Institute this past week all the present organizations gave support of this.

## **Old Business**

Out of 195 districts; 100 have paid their dues. There are 95 remaining districts that have not paid dues.

## **New Business**

They contract for the Wildwood Convention is set. The NJSAFD September 16, 2011, Quarterly Meeting was held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood. We need a list of dignitaries that will be in attendance.

The following people will be attending The Fire & EMS Institute Dinner on June 20, 2012 at The Pines in Edison, NJ: Nick Lombardi, Robert Burns, Artie Hayducka, Joseph Lenarski and George Lenhardt.

## **Good and Welfare**

There was some discussion with regards to a variety of recent law suits with some Fire Districts. Various cases including sexual harassment law suits, discrimination cases, and hostile work environment issues were discussed. Any known informalities taking place need to be addressed and resolved before the problems escalate.

## **Nominating Committee Report:**

With the nomination to re-elect all officers for the year 2013 going unopposed *it was moved, second, and carried that the officers be re-elected.*

The individuals and the positions are:

President:	Mr. William Donahue
Vice President:	Mr. Roger Potts
Secretary:	Mr. Arthur Hayducka
Treasurer:	Mr. William Kleiber
Trustees (3):	Mr. Robert Kane Dist. 6, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County – North
	Mr. Nick Lombardi Dist. 1, Piscataway, Middlesex County – North
	Mr. George Lenhardt Dist. 8, Hamilton, Mercer County – South

This concludes the report and actions of the Nominating Committee.

To; the New Jersey Volunteer Firemen's Association June 3, 2012;

From; Carl S. Christensen, Representative to the NVFC.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Board of Directors met in Alexandria, VA, from April 27-29, 2012. Representatives from 42 states attended the semi-annual meeting to conduct NVFC business and discuss issues and initiatives supporting the volunteer fire and emergency medical services.

I again thank you for the privilege and honor to represent New Jersey. Highlights from the meeting include the following:

The board voted to approve a strategic plan that will guide the organization's direction through 2015.

The board voted to advocate the establishment of state and/or regional traffic incident management organizations where appropriate throughout the United States.

Committees met on a variety of topics, including recruitment and retention, volunteer advocacy, legislation, and health and safety. I am serving on the Advocacy Committee and the Wireless Committee. Since the last meeting there have been 5 hits concerning Career Firefighters not being able to volunteer. The most severe has been the city of Grand Rapids actually writing into the labor agreement prohibiting their career from volunteering. HIOSH is asking for feedback on their portables that are being used in the service. Motorola is working on the noise problem that has been affecting portable radios.

The NVFC's EMS/Rescue Section met to discuss issues specifically relating to EMS. In addition, the Section adopted a strategic plan to guide its efforts.

Guest speakers addressed a variety of topics. A shared emphasis among the speakers and during the meeting as a whole was the importance of the entire fire service community working together towards common goals.

U.S. Fire Administrator Ernest Mitchell Jr. was the keynote speaker at the Chairman's Lunch. Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator for Protection and National Preparedness, FEMA, focused on the Assistance to Firefighter Grant and Homeland Security Grant programs and took questions from the board regarding the grant process.

Paul Jodoin, Traffic Incident Management Program Manager, Emergency Transportation Operations Team, Department of Transportation, emphasized the importance of traffic incident management training. He stressed that this is a safety issue, not a mitigation issue. "Responders are getting killed on the highway," he said. "Firefighters are getting killed, police officers are getting killed... We're all vulnerable out there."

Chief Al H. Gillespie, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), emphasized the importance of the NVFC and IAFC working together and highlighted some of the current partnerships. He also reviewed some of the new volunteer-focused programs and trainings available through the IAFC web site. Cynthia Cox, IAFC Program Manager, Volunteer Workforce Solutions, provided information on the Volunteer Workforce Solutions program, which helps departments explore new and innovative ways to recruit and retain volunteers.

Ken Willette, Division Manager, Public Fire Protection, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), discussed the partnership between the NVFC and NFPA, changes being made to the NFPA code development and review process, the Electric Vehicle Safety Training program, and "Sparky's Wish List," a new initiative that helps fire departments get funding for life-saving fire safety educational materials.

Bruce Johnson, Director of Fire Service Activities, Government Relations, International Code Council (ICC), provided an overview of several ICC initiatives, including the Sound the Alarm program partnership with the NVFC. He also noted that May is Building Safety Month, and the focus of Week 3 (May 21-27) is fire safety and awareness.

Two informative roundtable panel discussions were presented to the board.

The first roundtable focused on the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB). Hope Janke from the Department of Justice, Ron Siarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and NVFC Vermont Director Bob Kilpeck, who serves as the LAST team leader in Vermont, provided information about the PSOB process and how LAST teams can help departments and families file a claim. NVFC Maryland Director Lee Sachs facilitated the discussion.

The second roundtable provided information on how emergency response organizations can best use social media as a tool for public safety. Panelists included Bill Delaney, Program Manager, Community Safety Education and Social Media, Office of the Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue, Greg Licamele, Fairfax County Public Affairs, and facilitator Joy Swain, Support to DHS First Responders Group, Science and Technology Directorate. Additional resources provided by the panel for further assistance on the subject were [www.FirstResponder.gov](http://www.FirstResponder.gov), the [DHS First Responder Communities of Practice](#), and [www.SM4EM.org](http://www.SM4EM.org).

The NVFC held its annual awards banquet to honor the recipients of the 2012 awards.

NVFC Director Ken Knipper (KY) received the E. James Monihan Director Award.

Chief Lawrence Plumer of Wisconsin received the NVFC Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by Rosenbauer America.

James Conomea of Clay County (FL) Fire Rescue received the Fire Prevention Award, sponsored by First Alert.

The Cherryville (NC) Fire Department was named the Junior Firefighter Program of the Year.

Katherine Brierley of the Coventry (CT) Volunteer Fire Association was named Junior Firefighter of the Year.

The 2012 spring meeting was sponsored by ESIP, Motorola Solutions, Treatment Solutions, First Alert, Rosenbauer America, Tyco International, NFPA, Virginia State Firefighter's Association, Maryland State Firemen's Association, California Casualty, Provident, VFIS and The Pennsylvania Fireman. Their sponsorship makes it possible by covering many of the expenses. The NVFC Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from 49 state fire service associations. The group meets in person twice a year. The next NVFC board meeting will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska, from September 5-8. Learn more about the NVFC at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

***The NJSAFD September 14, 2012, Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ.***

*A motion was made to Adjourn the June 9, 2012 NJSAFD quarterly meeting. It was moved, second and carried that that the motion be approved.*

***Meeting Adjourned.***



Date: 6/9/12

Name	County	Township	District #
NICK LOMBARDO	MIDDLESEX	PISCATAWAY	1
ARTIE HAYDUCHA	"	"	"
Frank Mantuscollo	MONMOUTH	NEPTUNE	1
John Fritz	"	"	"
Joe Shafton	"	"	"
TOM WARD	MONMOUTH	HOWELL	DIST # 2
GEORGE LENHART	MERCER	HAMILTON	# 8
John Newbon	MERCER	HAMILTON	4
JOSEPH M. LENANSKY	MERCER	HOPWELL	1
CLIFF JORDAN	OCEAN	JACKSON	3
CARL S. CHRISTENSEN	MIDD.	WOODBRIDGE	9
Robert Burns	MIDDLESEX	PISCATAWAY	2
Richard Horton	BURLINGTON	RIVERSIDE	701
EMERSON LUCAS	"	"	701
SCOTT NELSON	MONMOUTH	OCEAN TWP	37-1
DAVE HIERS	MONMOUTH	OCEAN TWP	37-1
GEORGE PATTEN	MONMOUTH	HOWELL	2
DOUG HOWLATT	"	"	"
GARY WEISS	MONMOUTH	MANALAPAN	1
ROBERT KELLY	MONMOUTH	HOWELL TWP	4
William Donahoe	MONMOUTH	HOWELL	5
ROBERT DONAHUE	"	"	"
EDNA DONAHUE	"	"	"
CHARLES DAVISON	"	"	"
John Borden	MONMOUTH	Marl Dist 1	1