

**Minutes of the General Meeting held
At Hamilton Fire Company
December 10, 2005**

The December 10, 2005 meeting called to order at Hamilton Fire Company, Hamilton Township New Jersey at 9:30am by President Gary Keyser followed by a salute to the flag.

Present were:

Gary Keyser (President)	Hanover District #3
Bill Kleiber (Treasurer)	Franklin District #2
Frank Zielinski (Secretary)	Hamilton District #4
Jake Genovay (Legislative)	Hamilton District #4
Harry Carter (Vice-President)	Howell District #2
Richard Ettenger	Chesterfield #1
Bill Donahue	Howell District 5
Don Donahue	Howell District #5
Charles Davidson	Howell District #5
Lucy Desiderio	Howell District #5
Dave Zarish	Franklin District #2
Roger Potts	South Brunswick District #2
George Patten	Howell District #2
Doug Howlett	Howell District 2
Frank Biddle III	Howell District 2
John D. Flockhart	Spring Lake Hgts. District #1
Carl S. Christensen	Iselin District #9
John M. Dulo	Florence District #1
Warren Stout	Gloucester District #4
Bernie Orfe Sr.	Riverside District #1
Emerson Lucas	Riverside District #1
George Lenhardt	Hamilton District #8
Brent Schutts	Hamilton District #9
John Newbon Sr.	Hamilton District #4
Nick Lombardi	Piscataway District #1
Paul Visoskas	Piscataway District #4
George Schmatz	Manalapan District #1
Gary Weiss	Manalapan District #1
Brett Bernosky	VFIS
Joe Giorgie	VFIS
Richard Braslow	Association Attorney

Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2005 approved by the members as received.

Correspondence:

Letter received from New Jersey Conference of Mayors advising their Annual Conference and Exposition at the Trump Taj Mahal April 19-21, 2006.

Received a listing from DCA as requested at our September meeting but missing zip codes. Accordingly the list states that there are 192 Fire Districts within the State.

Thank you letter and Meeting Survey from the Wildwood Convention Center. Will fill out survey and return to their organization

Received New Jersey Fire Chiefs newsletter, Five Trumpet Journal.

Received Legislative calendar from Jake Genovay.

Received Fire Commissioners reorganization from FD #1, Howell Twp.

Received minutes from the NJ Fire & Emergency Medical Services Institute.

Received Treasurers Report.

Received From VFIS their Education and Training Resource Catalog. Contact them and they will send you a copy out.

Received copy of Fire District EMS – Draft Legislation. Roger potts talks on this later in the meeting.

Received thank you along with membership decal for the president of our organization from the Mayors President Doug Palmer. We have to inform them that our new President Is Gary Keyser. Secretary to handle.

Information notice received from Attorney Generals Office of “NOTICE OF PROPOSAL” on N.J.A.C. 13:45C, Licensee Duty to Cooperate and Comply with Board Orders, Uniform Regulations.

Received letters fro Mr. Potts and President Keyser informing the organization that Mr. Potts has been removed as our delegate to NJ Fire Safety Commission.

Resolution received from Parsippany Troy Hill Township Fire District #6 making September 11 a day of remembrance of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. Posted on website for District to copy and use if they so require.

Bills:

Motion to accept the bills and pay \$459.09 approved by a voice vote.

Treasures Report on website.

Legislative Report

Phone number for NJ Legislative Services (Bill room) 1-800-792-8630 and request a copy of any bill. They will mail copy of bill to you.

Jake Genovay reports the following:

Nothing moving due to the transition of Government. Rehashed some of the outstanding bills from 2005 and general discussion followed. Emergency lights for volunteers, District election date changes and possible bill to cover fire people who contract cancer and their insurance will not cover their entire medical. The bill would pickup the difference above their insurance. This reported by Roger Potts. This would be called the “Make Whole Bill and naturally conditions would be attached. No Bill number assigned at this time.

New Business:

President Keyser, Roger Potts and Carl Christen all talk on the subject of our liaison to the NJ State Fire Commission. Seem the Governor through one of his associates wanted Roger out and Carl in. Our President stepped in and advised the Governor and Assemblyman Wisniewski of the Fire Districts amazement of this happening. We would like to nominate our own representative to the Organization per their guidelines. Roger Potts turned a letter into the organization as to the complete story on what occurred. President Keyser and explained what he did to try to correct the situation and Carl Christensen explained how he was involved. General discussion followed and President Keyser will address the situation with the Governors Transition Team. Motion made by George Lenhardt second by Jake Genovay that a letter be sent to the Transition Team that our representative is Mr. Roger Potts.

Brent Bernosky and Joe Georgie of VFIS presented the organization with their VFIS catalog called the Education Training Resources Catalog. It is available to any insured VFIS Fire District and a nominal charge for non-insured VFIS Districts. Contact them for the catalog. Highlighted certain areas within the Catalog and of major importance was the page where they talked about all kind of sexual harassment and why you should have a program in place. Thanked us for the time to make this presentation.

President Keyser presented a copy of the Draft circulating called Fire District EMMS-Draft Legislation. This will be e-mailed by Gary to our website for posting and used for general knowledge. Nothing final at this date.

President Keyser talked about a legal hearing going on down in Mt. Laurel Fire District as to the Salaries and Benefits for Fire Commissioners. Seems someone complained about an ex-Commissioner receiving payments he was not entitled to by not reporting them to the local government properly. Copy of 40A14-88 forwarded to them stating the law. General discussion followed and included Fire Commissioners opting into PERS (State Pension) if they earn more than \$1,500.00 per year. Advise you talk to your attorney on this one before entering the pension fund as well as the Department of Pensions.

Motion made and second that a letter be sent to the Transition Team that we back Larry Petrillo to remain in his position with Fire Safety. The honorable Dr. Carter to draft the letter and mail after executive approves it.

Meeting start time, until further notice, in Wildwood during September, has been changed to 9:00am to accommodate a little more time if needed at the Convention.

Anyone aware of any defensive driving course for paid employees like the State Police use to have. Please advise the organization if you know of anything.

Next meeting Enterprise Fire Company, 569 Klockner Rd., Hamilton Township NJ March 11, 2006.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 A.M. Motion passed by voice vote.