

# New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on **October 7, 2018 at 10:30 am** at **123 Maple Ave, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.**

## Minutes of the June 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenburger at 10:35 am at the Hampton Lakes Vol. Fire Co., at 74 Holly Blvd., Southamptn, NJ 08088. President Siedenburger led the pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters. He then identified the emergency exits.

**Acting Secretary Eugene Enfield** took the roll call

**Reading of the February 25, 2018 meeting** was accepted as written, with a motion Lou Roell., seconded by George Helflich... Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Eugene Enfield gave the following report:

CD Colombia Savings 1.5% due 10/25/2020		\$10,387.78
CD Colombia Savings 1.4% 12/10/19		5,230.75
Columbia 100 shares common stock #C0000029602 @ cost \$10.00		1,000.00
CD Wells Fargo 0.45% June 18, 2018 (7,260.63) closed Transfer to TD checking		0,000.00
TD Savings		2,007.43
TD Checking (\$7,541.68 + 7,260.63 + Dues \$125.00	\$14,927.31	
Disbursements:		
Check # 172 Joseph Wutkowski, Public Account, 990 & audit	400.00	
Check # 173 Void		
Check # 174 George Heflich spring meeting NVFC	770.87	
Check # 175 George Roell – Postage & stationary (150.00)	193.82	
Check # 176 Eugene Enfield, Treasurer Supplies & Postage	15.60	
E-check NJ State Treasury Address change	<u>26.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,406.29</u>
Check # 177 CD Deposit		<u>\$ 13,521.02</u>

Total Assets \$32,146.98

Treasure Enfield asks permission to shop around for a CD for good rate.

Motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills made by Rich Dries seconded by Lou Roell. Motion carried.

**Communication & Correspondence:** (1) IRS accepted application for 401C and we are now non-profit organization under 401 © 3... And on May 15, 2018 990 EZ was filed. (2) Columbia Financial, Inc. received our check for \$1,000.00 for stock in the bank. Stock is held by holding Company. (3) Letter asking NJ Fire Museum if it was possible to share a table inside convention hall during firemen's convention to have us and the NVFC reach out to all firemen. No responds from the Firemen's Museum. (3) letter from Pioneer Hose Vol. Fire Co. #1, Brick Twp. NJ to sponsor there golf outing on Sept. 28, 2018. (4) Message to have a link on our Web-Site dealing with **suicide and help with Counseling, however I lost the contact during my move to Edison, NJ.**

## Committee Reports:

George H. Heflich, Sr., 1<sup>st</sup> NJ Director of the National Volunteer Fire Council, Cell (201) 983-3517 Home (201) 863-3665 has following Report from the NVFC Spring Meeting April 19 thru April 21, 2018 at Alexandria, VA.:

George H. Heflich, Sr., 291 Lincoln Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 was placed on the following committees of the NVFC: Diversity & Inclusion; Legislative; and Recruitment & retention. The NVFC is looking forward of New Jersey Director George Heflich help and participation.

April 19-21, 2018, National Volunteer Fire Council Seminar, Crown Plaza Old Town Alexandria, 901 N Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
The following is report form the spring meeting:

The programs were for Firefighters, Forest Firefighting, E M S, Drugs, Suicide's, Cancer, and Active Shooters, also guidelines for helping to get grants for, equipment, record keeping of Equipment for funding is a must for any program, also a record of fires also no matter how small must have a data base.

North Carolina has the largest number of members in the Council, 50,000

There were 14 Directors or Chiefs from New England to Delaware the rest were from out west

Hometown Heroes Act pays 343,000 there are 398 cases pending 61 Heart Attack or Stroke, 29 from Sept. 11 Exposure, 144 actives from Injuries, Traumatic death act. The rest are pending because of Neglect, Late filing

Autopsy or Topology Reports are not necessary unless there is a question on filling out the forms

They had a seminar on running a meeting with Planning, Running, Effeteness, Ground Rules, I explained to him that I ran a meeting every year at our Convention and we hold comments to the last day and we get 20 to 25 firefighters ask Questions 20 % are good the rest they will not like your answer.

They are working on H.R.2, the Nutrition Act of 2018, it a bill to create a Fire Safe cigarette to have a reduced propensity that it will not burn when left unattended

Drug problem out in Kentucky, West Virginia and neighboring States out of control, week before seminar West Virginia had 27 Opium o On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Senate approved by unanimous consent HR 931 the firefighter Cancer registry Bill has to go back to the house for final passage, to improve research collection activities related to the monitoring of cancer among firefighters

Hand out to help reducing exposure to Cancer for Firefighters in the front r opioids or heroin deaths in 4 Hours. In those states there are no jobs, coal mines are closed, and all the older coal miners are beat up and rely on those drugs for pain, Fire Department responds to all those calls.

They said that when you revive these people with No can they usually wake up and want to fight

They started a Firefighters Cancer Alliance, 11 Reasons to stop Cancer the results of that study will be complete in August

280 Firefighters committed suicide last year both career and Volunteer, that they have a record of. Military personal that got of the service that saw combat and had issues that were never taken care of, Stress, Injuries, or Firefighters or Officers that made bad decisions.

The Firefighter that went around the country talking to individuals who said they wanted to commit suicide had to get Counseling for himself after 5 years. He then asked Answer me what would you do if your best friend or brother firefighter came up to you and said I want to kill myself. What would you do or say. I am trying to get guidelines on what to say or do if you are faced with that problem, there are card up front to call a help line.

That same problem is with the Police at the 200-club luncheon. Wayne Blanchard President of the State Troopers Fraternal Association spoke on that problem, I spoke to him later and he forwarded to me a place and phone # of a facility in N J to call, I will ask the Chief if he can put it on line with the minutes

Active shooting, they are getting trained how to use Tounkites and when the police take you in when hopefully its safe to work with them and the police they find most victims are bleeding out

Deacon at the scene is easy if its nice weather, not freezing and have to know where the run off is going Chief in Massachusetts had to put a holding tank in to catch the run off because there are all septic tanks in the area so they have to pump out the holding tank and take it to a sewerage plant an hour away, also where they are located the firefighter who came in their cars may be a problem, is the F D responsible, they were also talking about the seats and interior of the cab be made that they can hose that down also, How many times can the gear be cleaned, they came up with a figure of 10 times.

George H. Heflich, Sr.  
Director State of New Jersey

**Special Guest:** (1) Ocean County Executive Committeeman Joseph T. Hankins; mentioned he would like support for Vice President of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association at convention in Sept. Joe mentioned a problem with the NJ Forest Service with trees they planted in the early 1930's and now should be cut down so people in the tower and see any wild firers, bur Pineland Commission are fighting not to cut the trees.

New Jersey Firemen's Association – (a) New Applications for 2018 are in place for relief to members. It spells out what NEED is and what can be used and what cannot be used for relief. Effective July 1, 2018 the death benefit goes up to \$11,750.00. In January 1, 2019 Home Care will increase from \$600 to \$700 per month.

**NVFC Dispatch: Fire Police Fairness Act introduced and reported by Richard Dries:** The Legislation clarifying that Fire Police is Public Safety Officers. May 15, 2018 Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) & Patrick Toomey (R-PA) introduced **S. 2871, the Fire Police Fairness Act** & is identical to **H.R. 3918**. The Act establishes "fire police officer" as a new category of public safety officer, defined as an individual who, is serving in accordance with State or local law as an officially recognized or designated member of a legally organized public safety agency... and provides scene security or directs traffic in response to any fire drill, fire call, or other fire, rescue, or police emergency. <https://www.nvfc.org/legislation-introduced-clarifying-that-fire-police-are-public-safety-officers/>

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## Committee Reports:

**Firemen's Home** – report that this Alzheimer Unit will be added to the home as a Capital Investment for a long term care unit...

**NJ Fire & Emergency Medical Service Institute**- Charles Siedenbug reported that he will try again about asking for our \$200.00 dues money paid for annual dues to be refunded. The NJVFC & NJSVFA allowed the Institute to reorganize by June 2018, which did not happen.

**NJ Exempt Firemen's** –August 11, 2018 Convention at Phillipsburg, NJ

**Web-Site** –Hired new Web-Master and Site is up and running June 1, 2018 @ [www.njsvfa.org](http://www.njsvfa.org)

**Commissioner to New Jersey State Fire Safety**- Charles Siedenbug reported the following:

1. Acting director Louis Kilmer reported on **new Fire code. 2015 edition** has been adopted and will start being enforced by July 1, 2018. Money has been set aside for training.
  - A. 10 year sealed battery smoke alarms and pictographs on propane tanks
  - b. Changes to Subchapter 2 and 4 went into effect upon adoption of new code.
  - c. New fireworks regulations based on NFPA 1124. Type 2 permits will be required for storage of over 125 Lbs.

**New Jersey Fire Museum** – No report and no answer about sharing table at convention.

**Legislative Committee:** Out of 98 Bills pertaining to firemanic only four had action. (1) **A1675** authorizing prescribed burning in certain circumstances. Passed house needs 2<sup>nd</sup> heading (2) **A3671 & S5** Transfers management of PFRS to Board of Trustees of PFRS is at Governor to sign. (3) **S1492:** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading “**Assistance to Firefighters Families Act**”. (4) **S376:** Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties.

## Deferred Business:

- (1) Eugene Enfield purchased 15 Emblem with our logo for Pocket in 2001 at the cost of \$245.00 Eugene found some but no President or Directors.
- (2) Charles Siedenbug to call President Frank Gunson, 3<sup>rd</sup> president of NJSFA to have a table inside convention Hall during the Firemen Convention in Sept. 13 thru 15, 2018.,for our organization. Nothing is available. We tried to ask NJ Firemen's Museum to share a table with us.
- (3) Web-Site –Web-Site up and running. June 1, 2018 will final change to @ [www.njsvfa.org](http://www.njsvfa.org)
- (4) The June meeting will be the last Sunday in June and will be hosted by Hampton Lakes Vol. Fire Co., 74 Holly Blvd., Southampton, NJ 08088.
- (5) NVFC Fall Meeting Sept. 19 to Sept 21, 2018 at Bismarck, North Dakota.
- (6) October meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 hosted by South Plainfield, 123 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**New Business:** (1) Motion to grant link on our Web-Site dealing with **suicide and help with Counseling at cost of handling the additional time & effect to maintain the additional web-site link. By Eugene Enfield, seconded by Lou Roell. Motioned carried.**  
(2) Eugene Enfield made a motion to have Business Cards made up for all the officers and Directors with our LOGO on them, motion second by Rich Dries. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare – George Roell not feeling well.

**Adjournment:** motion made by Lou Roell, seconded by Rich Dries to adjourns at 11:45 am. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

*Eugene Enfield, Sr., Acting Secretary*