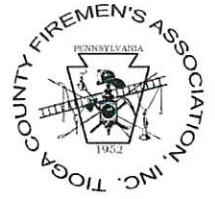




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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



Organized 1952

Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Wellsboro Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by 1st Vice President Jon Androus at 1905 hours, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Duane Burdick innovation

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Lonnie Campbell, Fire Chief of the Wellsboro Fire Department.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$857.50 Deposit
\$5,479.79 Balance as of April 3rd

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

No presented

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE IS LISTED BY: *Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)*

E	PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Quick
P	1 st VICE PRES. – Jon Androus
P	2 nd VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker
P	SECRETARY – Lee Strange
P	TREASURER – Matt Watkins
P	TRUSTEE – Kevin Kulish
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

E	TRUSTEE – Byron Wright
P	FIRE COORD. – Gary Cooper
A	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Louis Bloom
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Bill Preston
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Buster Philips
E	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Robert B. McCarthy

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – Lisa Rice

IAR

Lisa Rice spoke with County Commissioners on the IAR, the county will be paying 50% this year. An email was sent out by Lisa and 13 departments responded that they used it, 2 departments waiting to hear from yet and 3 departments that wanted to discontinue the IAR service. The cost for each department that wanted to continue to with IAR needs to pay \$780.00.

New Comm. Center

Go live date is sent to go June 3rd.

Thank you to all the departments for going over their Box Alarms, as this will be an ongoing process and could be adding as it grows (pole fire criteria, etc.)

Build it timer for COMMAND; new system has a built in timer for command once it is establish.

CAD – send out messages; Disp by email with a lot more information verse 160 character in the text message.

Closing out incidents: Comm. Center information (CAD sheet) will now be emailed and it is up to the department to give that information; these sheet can be really detailed information.

CAD systems- can have building plans, point of interest, maps, etc. if you would like them to have

Lonnie Campbell (Dept 1) concern next year with IAR if the county does not pick this system up, will the departments get notified so the information will get passed from the county to IAR for those departments that wanted to continue on their own.

Training – Ian Durretto –

Ran through the local training opportunities.

See the county website or smart phone app for upcoming classes. List provided at meeting as well.

Structure Burn as part of FF1 class, there are a couple of spots still open.

Ground Ladder Refresher- 20 students limit

Dept. 11 – Triage Con ed

Dept. 1 High Voltage Demo at Annex

Looking for Dept. to hoist FF1 class; would like this by June 1st

Galeton is doing FF1 challenge at Smethport sometime in September

Matt Hatrick-

-Answered questions about Programs and Challenges to clear up any misperceptions

-Listed all the classes that have been held in Tioga in 2014 & 2015

- 5th Modular for challenging of the FF2; 24 hours class

- CAFC – State test site but can't run classes there

-Bucks is National Certification; State System – does not require national certification

- any questions on this contact Matt H.

Kevin Kulish (16) county study guide- IFSTA put 2 books out if you are going to buy a book buy the book without First Aid and CPR.

-Retesting FF1- 1 year time to take

Andrew O'Connor (9)- CAFC to get with Bucks and as long as ok with CAFC then OK to have class per Matt.

- Buck's works through NFPA for Rescue Technician
- National Certification is coming for all
- 5 years NFPA changes

Buck's will no longer be doing EMS classes starting Jan. 2016

Gary Copper (11) EMS test site- Percing View up and running End of June

- Training intuition waiting to hear for approval of DOH per Ian

New EMT class is \$800/ student plus testing and \$975/student if county had to do this

You Tube- WTAE News – Western PA – 3 videos out about the State Fire Commissioner

Instructors Love coming up this way for classes

**Coordinators
Report**

None

Dave Cohick

-Live with new Comm Center; Both Comm Center will be working for a bit after the new one opening
-Will be testing towers starting tomorrow
-Training is ongoing- 911 lines transfer is already
-Simocast off line since last year; redesigned new system with Brico which will go in new center
-Cell phone # available if people would like it, Please Notify if having Radio issues
-No Change of new frequency.

Andrew O'Connors (9) has a dead zone in Liberty Area and will get with Dave C. after the meeting.

Denny Colegrove

Last Fall Foam trailer in Tioga County; training will be on Monday- housed at Dept. 1
330 gallons of AFFF; training with vender and North Central Task Force then will be more local.

OLD BUSINESS

Tioga and Potter County Merging: Committee will meet Thursday at the Potter County Chief Meeting.

Read the admendment old and new; see attached; Kevin Kulish made motion and Bill Preston second

Guest Speaker: Kevin Kulish report: Met April 30th at Dept. 8th, Ian & Kevin had names/groups of instructors; 3 days class Operating with Limited Manpower, Rich one day class/lecture \$2,600-\$3,000/ day, Recommendation \$4,000 or less.

Gary Copper (11) made motion and Andrew OConner (9) second for 1 day class; Roll Call of votes which was approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Requesting money from Commissioner, numbers if years of not receiving any funds for training.

**GOOD OF THE
ASSOCIATION**

Background Check :

July 1, 2015 for new members

July 1, 2016 for previous members

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Preston (7), seconded by Kevin Kulish (10) and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2050 hour.

Lee Strange – Secretary

Jon Androus -1st Vice President

TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (red is changes)

Article 1 Title and Mission Statement

Section I. This organization shall be known as the TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

Section II. The purpose of this organization is the rendering of mutual aid, promotion of safety and training of all member organizations and the establishment of communications, standards, guidelines and procedures to better promote relationships among fire, rescue, ambulance, and emergency services organizations serving Tioga County.

Article 2 Membership

Section I. A. This association shall include the fire departments, rescue and ambulance organizations providing service for any part of Tioga County. Fire Brigades in order to be eligible for membership must be located within the contracted fire protection boundaries of member fire departments.

This association shall include the fire departments, rescue and ambulance organizations providing service for any part of Tioga and Potter Counties being dispatched by Tioga County 9-1-1. Fire Brigades in order to be eligible for membership must be located within the contracted fire protection boundaries of member fire departments.

Article 8 Application for Membership

Section I. Any fire department, ambulance service and or rescue squad or fire brigade supplying services to any part of Tioga County may be entitled to membership in this association, having paid the annual dues fee set by the membership and having furnished evidence that they can meet the standards of this association. The application fee shall be returned in full if the application is rejected from membership. The application for membership must be presented at a regular meeting and shall be voted upon in the next regular meeting. An application must receive a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of members present at voting.

Any fire department, ambulance service and or rescue squad or fire brigade supplying services to any part of Tioga or Potter Counties being protected by Tioga County 9-1-1 may be entitled to membership in this association, having paid the annual dues fee set by the membership and having furnished evidence that they can meet the standards of this association. The application fee shall be returned in full if the application is rejected from membership. The application for membership must be presented at a regular meeting and shall be voted upon in the next regular meeting. An application must receive a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of members present at voting.