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# TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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## Minutes of the Sept 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Hosted by Valley Ambulance Association – Osceola

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Jeffrey Quick at 1908 hours, followed by prayer by Duane Burdick and pledge to the flag.

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Robert Gee, Valley Ambulance Chief. Food provided after meeting.

Jeffrey Quick appointed Lee Strange to fill in as secretary for the night in the excused absent of Dan Rice.

### READING OF MINUTES

Jeffrey Quick read the minutes from the July meeting. They were not emailed. Minutes were approved as written.

The Jeffrey Quick read the Treasurer's Report as follows: None provided for the meeting

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Account	Beg. Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
General Fund Checking				
Insured Money Fund				
Carson's Investment		--	--	
CD – Northwest Savings Bank		--	--	

### BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None

Payable to:	Description	Amount Due
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

P	PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Quick
P	1 <sup>st</sup> VICE PRES. – Jon Androus
P	2 <sup>nd</sup> VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker
E	SECRETARY – Dan Rice
A	TREASURER –Cale Mead
P	TRUSTEE - Lee Strange
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

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

## COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

Emily E. Krafjack: President of C.O.G.E.N.T. Gas and Environment in Northern Tier Inc. Emily discussed about training that their company offer about the gas well environment. They have training for all levels from the beginner firefighter to the most experience, to EMS and fire police. All are encourage to attend the upcoming class on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Mansfield Fire Station. This class is free. Hand out for this class attached to email.

Jim Wieskoff spoke about recruitment and retention. Spoke about 10 minutes on the decline if FF and EMS across PA. Would like the TCFA support in going to the local school districts in attempt to get the EMR into the school which may lead to recruitment of more members.

Commissioner Roger Bunn:

\*Echo Jim W. and encourage the support to get the EMR into schools.

\*Mansfield University scholarship and that they have just received their first application.

Please encourage your members to apply for this scholarship; there are requirements and the more that receive this scholarship them more funding they will keep in this scholarship program.

\*Eductor- The county is will to assist FD's in the purchasing of an Eductor that cost \$3100.00. Each FD will have to pay \$500.00 and the county will pay the rest. The deadline for the Letter to Commitment is October 30<sup>th</sup>. These devices do not replace dry hydrants. Refer to the attached letter.

Discussion from Lisa Rice: if FD's would get a list of where their dry hydrants are located, 911 would make a layer on the CAD's system. This would assist mutual aid departments in setting up fill sites.

Lisa Rice- Communication

Reprogramming began Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. All venders are on schedule so far. Current dispatches for all departments are being done on Simo cast and their local tower during the switch over. Response channel will be changed over completely next week. Current set up is every other tower has old response and the same with the new response channel. Call Lisa Rice if there is any problems or concerns at 570-971-0622.

Dispatch frequency 155.8425 no pl

Response frequency 154.7175 pl 110.9 for both transmit and receive

Kevin Kulish spoke about the process of changing over and that he feels that the TCFA really need to get a communication committee to be looking at the future of radios and not just prodedures. Digital, county grants and that the days of \$500-\$600 portable radios are going to be a thing of the past when digital come. Also mentioned that neighboring counties are already using digital as well as agencies here within Tioga County.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to finalize the Communication Manual.

### TRAINING:

Ian Durretto – Presented a list of current training classes coming up, also you can find a list of these on County's website as well.

North Central Task Force Homeland Security Grant Program has purchased 4 Foam Trailers. One will be located in Tioga County and be here by the en sod September. They are looking for a FD that will be the hoist site for this trailer. Please see the attached handout for the requirements.

EMT/EMR testing at Penn College. Four dates and time frames have been set aside for EMT/EMR testing. The dates are 10/28, 10/30, and 11/1. Please get with Ian with questions.

Discussion on why this testing could not be here within Tioga County. Several frustrated with sending students to these classes and then the run around for testing. Discuss on how this is not helping with the whole recruitment & retention of the few individuals we do get to take these classes.

Would like to see a committee formed to try to come up with a plan to get this established. State Representative Matt Baker mention talking directly to the President of Mansfield University Mr. Francis Hendericks.

## **COORDINATORS REPORT**

Reminder that coordinators can request certain apparatus/departments as they may be aware of the manpower availability.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lawrenceville Fire Department as has several resent MVA's that were initially called to 911 and report as no injuries and turned over to PSP. PSP arrives on scene and request FD for traffic control, leaking fluids, lane blocked, wires down, etc. A letter was sent to Lisa Rice asking for Dept's to be dispatched and or more questions be asked by dispatchers prior to transferring the called to PSP. Lisa response was to bring this up at the TCFA meeting. Discussion was help and if this was to be done then it needed to be done for all departments in TC and not every department wants this. This was brought up in past meeting and turn down as well.

Lawrenceville FD is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation on Sept 19-20<sup>th</sup>. Parade and fire matics schedule for Saturday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached flyers.

### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Tioga Fire Department will be having a 9-11 Memorial Service on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Be at Tioga FD at 6 pm.

State Representative Matt Baker

Reminded all that the State Fire Grant open September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please apply.

Lisa Rice- Mark Northup (BIG DOG) will be retiring. His last day will be Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 8-4 shift. Encourage all agencies for a nice send off.

Nominating Committee is Bill Preston

Next meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> in Germania

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jon Andrus Second by John Barnes meeting adjourned @ 2103.

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Lee Strange – Fill in Secretary for the night

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Jeffrey Quick – President