

Tioga County Fireman's Association, Inc.

14 Main St., PO BOX 746, Wellsboro, PA 16901

January 13th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Host: Wellsboro Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

The January meeting of the Tioga County Fireman's Association was called to order at 1901 by President Alex Kulish. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and invocation given by Gary Bisel. The welcome address was given by Chief Josh McCarthy.

READING OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 12/9/2025

Minutes from the previous TCFA meeting, held at Blossburg Fire Department on December 9th, 2025, were read by Secretary Rob Satterly. The minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers' report was read by Treasurer TJ Riley at 1906.

- Moore's Body Shop Inquired about a Golf Sponsorship
- Truck-Lite made a donation for the Searchable vs. Survivable Class
- \$7,590.90 is the balance in the training account
- TJ Riley made a motion to pay \$126 for the TCFA's PO Box (seconded by Galen Martin, Unanimously Approved)

OFFICER ROLL CALL

President: Alex Kulish - Present

1st Vice President: Austin Cooper - Excused

2nd Vice President: John Barnes - Present

Treasurer: TJ Riley - Present

Secretary: Rob Satterly - Present

Trustee: Josh McCarthy - Present

Trustee: Sam Warren - Present

Trustee: John Andrus - Present

Fire Coordinator 1: Brian Davenport - Present

Fire Coordinator 2: Bill Goltz - Present

Fire Coordinator 3: Lee Strange - Present

Fire Coordinator 4: Galen Martin - Present

Fire Coordinator 5: Doyle Swetlan - Present

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card was provided by Brandon, Katie, Maeve, and Esther McMullen for the donation given by the TCFA after their house fire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Per Lisa Rice, if box alarms are not received, oh well, she will no longer be chasing down departments to get their box alarms.
- Lisa Rice is still finishing up some box alarms that she has gotten recently.
- The TCFA page is updated on the Tioga County website with updated minutes, meeting schedules, officers, and communication manuals.
- Lisa Rice requests all departments to send her their update officers list
- Per Bret Mathers, Students can register for classes straight through Campus Marketplace. Make sure students register! If they are not registered, they WILL NOT be allowed to take the class.
- Bret Mathers clarified that the minimum class size is 10 students with registration closing 7 days prior to the start of class.
- Intro to Officership Class still needs 5 more students
- HazMat Refreshers are scheduled
- Bret Mathers is working with NPRC for In-Person ConEd courses
- Please let Bret Mathers know if you'd like to have a class at your station and what course you'd like to host.
- ALL CLASSES POSTED ON THE TIOGA COUNTY TRAINING CALENDAR

❖ EXECUTIVE

- The Executive Committee approved Fire Coordinator 1 Brain Davenport's list of deputy fire coordinators 2-5.

❖ FORESTRY COMMITTEE

❖ STANDARDS COMMITTEE

❖ COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

❖ TRAINING COMMITTEE

- Per Chief Goltz, the training facility will be ready for May's class. Building coming next week (Jan. 20ish) weather pending.

❖ FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

❖ FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT

- New Fire Coordinator Roster
- Per FC1, a By-State Chiefs Meeting will be held at the Tuscarora Fire Department on January 16th at 1900 hours.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mitch Grover, owner of Papa's Patties, attended the TCFA meeting to promote and ask for help for an event he is hosting at the Tioga County Fairgrounds on June 6th, 2026. They are building a large custom grill for the event and will use live fire – he is seeking fire and EMS personnel on scene all day. Chief McCarthy volunteered Wellsboro FD to stand-by for the event.

The event will be from 1100-2200 and more information can be found on his website: feastfestpa.com. Mitch also stated he'd be willing to provide a donation to stand-by crews.

*MEETING WAS RECESSED FOR DINNER AT 1922
MEETING WAS RESUMED AT 1936*

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

President Kulish inquired with the Knoxville Fire Department to ensure that everything was good between themselves and Deerfield Twp regarding their contract. Reported by Chief Bloom everything is good.

The Elkland Fire Department took delivery of a 2025 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker. They are asking to change their Tanker Designation from Tanker 3-15 to 3-5. TJ Riley made the motion to accept the new Tanker Designation, John Barnes seconded, unanimously approved.

Chief 1 inquired on the status of Department 50 (drone) as they have not been responding to calls. It was mentioned that the TCFA provided a monetary value to Dept 50 and their scratch rate is increasing. President Kulish will check in with Dept 50.

Department 51 is seeking Drone Pilots, they have one currently and would like to have at least two on their roster. Anyone interested in becoming a drone pilot, please reach out to a Dept 51 member.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

New Committee Rosters were finalized and are as follows:

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Doyle Swetland, John Barnes, Brian Davenport, Bret Mathers, Sam Warren

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Josh McCarthy, Lee Strange, Andrew O'Connors, Todd Bourdette, John Pagano

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Bret Mathers, Tyler Andrus, Jim Shepard, Rob Satterly, Bill Goltz, Kevin Kulish

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Kevin Kulish, Rob Satterly, TJ Riley, Jim Shepard, Alex Kulish

President Kulish opened to the floor potential goals for 2026 –

Bill Goltz stated he'd like to see more hometown instructors within the county; Lisa Rice stated that the individuals that went through the Educational Methodology course are still working on getting their hours in to be able to teach.

President Alex Kulish brought up wanting to set up a scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior going to college/trade school/fire service. He has a scoring template already that he thinks would work well with some minor changes. The scholarship would be open to NTSD, STSD, and Northern Potter seniors. A motion was made by Brian Davenport to create a \$250 Scholarship awarded by the TCFA for HS Seniors that are currently members of a TCFA Department, seconded by Lee Strange, Unanimously approved. Funding was brought into question, specifically where is the TCFA getting the money for said scholarship; Andrew O'Connors made a motion to form a scholarship committee, seconded by Galen Martin. The following individuals were placed on the Scholarship Committee: Lacey Miles, Andrew O'Connors, Galen Martin, Alex Kulish, and Brian Davenport.

President Alex Kulish thanked whomever put up the TCFA meeting reminder on Facebook, regardless of the comments from outside people.

BRIAN DAVENPORT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY BRET MATHERS, @ 1958

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 10TH AT MANSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
ROB SATTERLY, SECRETARY, TCFA**