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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



Organized 1952

Minutes of the January 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Hosted by the DES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President John Andrus at 1918 hours, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Pray was done by Harry Colegrove (9)

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Dave Cohick Director of the Tioga County DES.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report by Matt Watkins. Ending balance for 2015 was \$10,140.34

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Two bills were handed in:

Lee Strange \$19.60
Keven Kulish \$15.74 Total: \$35.34

Motion to pay the bills made by Kevin Kulish (10) and seconded by Shawn Carey (4).

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

PRESIDENT – Jon Andrus	TRUSTEE – Byron Wright
1 st VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker	FIRE COORD. – Gary Cooper
2 nd VICE PRES. – Jeffrey Quick	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Louis Bloom
SECRETARY – Lee Strange	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Bill Preston
TREASURER – Ben Phelps	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Buster Philips
TRUSTEE – Kevin Kulish	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Keven Kulish
TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard	E DEP. FIRE COORD 5-10 – R. McCarthy

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

Christmas card from Matt Baker's Office
Invite to the Tioga Fire and EMS banquet Jan. 16.

GUESTS

Derek Lindquist with MES: Sales and Service. He covers 13 counties, deals with Hurst, been around Tioga County for his whole life, Lives in Blossburg, PA. (see attached MES)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Committee:

Keith McLean (18), Lisa Rice (DES), Mike Bloom (6), Harry Colegrove (9), Ben Phelps (1), Brett Skelton (16) and Jeremy Clark (5)

Looking for new members, need to work on Mayday and MICU procedures
Harry Colegrove (9), Ben Phelps (1), Brett Skelton (16) and Jeremy Clark (5) agreed to join this group.

TCFA Education: One-Two Seminar Class

Kevin Kulish (10), Lee Strange (8), Jeff Quick (17), Keith McLean (18), Ian Druetto (6), Roger Bunn, Ryan Rumsey (14), Gary Cooper (11) and Ben Phelps (1).

No meeting was held do to the fact that most of the committee was at the ID Tag meeting. Will meet prior to next month meeting.

Training Committee:

Jeremy Shieve (12), Ian Durretto (DES), Kevin Kulish (10), Dan Rumsey (14) and Jon Andrus (2).

Will meet prior to next meeting

ID Tags Committees:

Gary Cooper (11), Matt Watkins (17), Jeremy Shieves (12); Benton Best (2); Bill Preston (7); Mike Bloom (6) and Jeff Quick (17)

Cooper is the CHAIR of this group. They discussed that these ID tags will not be used for accountability but for identification. ID and security incidents especially for large scale ones. Discussed different categories: refreshments, EMT, EMR, Ext. FF, Int. FF, Rescue, etc.. Law enforcement will be doing their own cards.

Outside agencies such as CISM team, American Red Cross, etc..

Cost- discussed somewhere in the \$800 -\$3000 range.

Their next meeting will be Feb. 9th at 7 pm at the DES Building.

This also could play a roll with PEMA for insurance purposes, this way helps with insurance if something should happen to personnel on scene, especially the larger scale incidents.

**Department of
Emergency Services**

Director of Emergency Services – Dave Cohick 570-971-5045

MCM consultant meeting with organization about surveys that were filled out. Tioga County Commissioners agreed to contract with Swift Reach on a notification system to replace an older outdate Reverse 911 notification system. The old system was build around landlines that could notify an area within a incident of any special information that should be known to them about the incident. (example: keeping doors and windows closed due to gas release). This new system will work with Cell Phones, landlines, and emails doing the same thing. Should be able to have county messages put out, special road closures message, etc... If you have questions please feel free to contact Dave. This will take time to build the data base. Benton Best worked with this system in Maryland.

More Cell phone towers up in Potter County. Cell Phone Companies in past had to be able to answer 95% of all 911 calls, which in the state of PA did happen due to the larger cities. This now has been changed to 95% in and area which greatly affects this area.

Quality Assurance Coordinator - Lisa Rice 570-971-0622

Please update the 911 Center after elections for the 2016 year.

Please make sure that you have updated the texting dispatch phone numbers as to several calls of people getting text dispatching that are not with FD or EMS.

Tour of 911 Center after meeting.

EMA Coordinator - Benton Best 570-505-2151

Looking at getting face to face time with all the FD and EMS.

American Red Cross- Steve Leuber: they are used for more than just when a total lost. They help people get their driver's license, Social Security Card back, Birth Certificates, etc.. Water damage, clothing even if just for a short time.

Active Shooter: County Plan; taken pages off Maryland Book for guidance to assist with setting up guidance for schools, FD, EMS, Law, etc with training, planning, etc.. Would like to form a committee within the county to include all agencies involved.

Free Fire Truck- Dave Cohick receive a phone call then paperwork on a free fire truck that needs to stay in PA, preferred rural PA. See attached.

Training – Ian Durretto 607-425-5657

Announced Classes and see TCPA (Tioga County Training App) and attachment

Coordinator Report

Gary Cooper

Active End of Year:

Bill P. and Buster P. both were at Mark's Brother Mansfield
Gary C. and L. Bloom both were at Westfield.

After Action Review incident: there will be a finalized report

Robert McCarthy: had a Cerebral Bleed, Stroke Symptoms, Currently at Broad Acres. Had a Stoma which has been removed, speaking fairly well, does have short term memory issues, mentally excellent spirits. Physical Therapy: working on getting his house ready for him to return home to. He is unable to perform the duties of Deputy Fire Coordinator at this time. Gary Cooper has met with the Executive Committee prior to this meeting on appointing Keven Kulish as Duty Coordinator 5.

Gary Cooper also made a motion to make Robert McCarthy Honorary Deputy Coordinator 5-10, with Duane Marbaker seconding the motion. Roll Call Cote was done. At this time Robert McCarthy is DC 5-10.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Active Shooter: Benton best would like to have 2 representatives to the Active Shooter Committee. Keith McLean (18) and Ben Phelps (1).

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Clarifying that all the Potter Counties FD and EMS were able to join the TCFA and make sure that the letter of dues, offices and contact information where sent to them.

CD matured on 12-8-15 and was automatically rolled into another 15 month at 0.20%
Tioga Lodge gave the TCFA \$50.00 towards the One Day Class
Coudersport VFD already sent there \$40.00 yearly dues for 2016

Jen Rumsey with H&R Block : If having your taxes done at H&R Block, the TCFA get register with H&R Block your will get \$20 off your preparation and the TCFA will get \$20 from H&R Block. See Attached paperwork. Lee and Ben will be getting with Jen to set this up.

John Barnes, brought up about the results from the FF1 class. How come it takes so longer to get results or certificates back? Ian will be getting with Mike Hatrick on this subject. This also will be discussed under the Training Committee.

Officers, Emergency Contact and Dues were sent out today 1-12 -2016 so be looking for them.

ADJOURNMENT

There no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Duane Marbaker (7), seconded by Lee Strange (8) and carried. Meeting adjourned at 21:19 hour.

Next Meeting is March 8th at 7 pm at the Nelson FD

Lee Strange- Secretary

Jon Andrus - President