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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



Organized 1952

Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Westfield Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Jeff Quick at 1909 hours, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Duane Burdick innovation

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief of the Westfield Fire Department. Jeff stated that Westfield Day's were upcoming and it was the FD 125th Anniversary. Hand outs for event and activities were on table.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

No presented

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

P	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
A	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Robert B. McCarthy

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

The Art of Reading Smoke class is being held at Warrior Run FD Aug. 15
Wellsboro Ambulance Membership Drive
Carson Consumer Letter- Jeff Quick read and Jim Shepard will look into this.

GUESTS:

Deval Safety and Supplies: Mark Rabent 716-874-9060 ext. 3152 was present and gave catalogs and review the sales and services they can provide. They are out of Buffalo, NY.

Steuben County Corning Area Assist Fire Coordinator: Evan Brown: spoke about the Technical Rescue Teams that were available to Tioga County just across the State Line and with manpower being limited. South Corning Fire Chief Fran Mayer and Asst. Chief Adam Nehring were present to talk about their water rescue team and certifications. Again, same as Evan address: you call well come. They all emphasized that if a Technical Rescue was called you were only going to get personnel that were trained and allowed by Fire Chief and no just the first personnel that arrives to the FD.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Communication – Lisa Rice not present on vacation

Commissioner Mark Hamilton: Read a letter from Lisa Rice and the Simulcast will be up and running.

Mark talked about the 911 Bill called House Bill 911 that was passed and signed by the Governor. This Bill increased the \$1.00 fee to landline to \$1.60. Please look up House Bill 911 for more information.

Mark stated that the **Mansfield University Scholarship** that was discussed in the January Meeting was restructured. This scholarship is for any degree now and member of a department that was a member of the TCFA is eligible.

Mark also stated that if the Commissioners could get a list of the top 5 needs that the TCFA would like that will help them in attempting to assist with our needs.

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.

Training Institution: still waiting for DOH;

LTS will be the Testing Site- Practical

SSMH will be the Testing Site- Written

FF1 class; ProBoard will be paid by LEPC if the student passes.

**Coordinators
Report**

Cooper request that each department make an effort to give back accurate date for the Simulcast Testing on July 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

Tioga and Potter County Merging: Committee attended the Potter County Chief Meeting with the idea to join the TCFA was favorable

Read the Bylaw changes and adopted roll call of vote done; all in favor. Need to find or come up with an application to join the TCFA and get physical letter to each of the Potter County Departments.

Guest Speaker Class: Letter was drafted to give to the Commissioner and looking to have Genesis 36 LCL Roger Ennis come on Oct. 24th. Committee will be meeting to get advertising and arrangement made.

Mutual Aid Agreement: Committee to look at and update: Copper, Kulish, Quick, O'Conner

NEW BUSINESS

PA Firemen's Subscription is due. 30 copies for \$5.25. Motion made to continue to pay by Andrew O'Conner and seconded by Kevin Kulish, hand vote was done with none opposed

Goodyear Hose Company bought a Polaris Ranger and would like to name is 10-28; it's with the standard to call 28

Crary Hose would like to change the Telesqurt from 5-9 to 5-19 since getting the Aerial.

Elkland had purchased a 2,500 gallon tanker and would like the radio destination of 3-15.

Gary Copper made motion to accept all the unit designation and Jim Shepard seconded the motion. A hand vote was done; none opposed.

**GOOD OF THE
ASSOCIATION**

Minitor 5 if not under warranty will not repair it; Motorola that is.

ADJOURNMENT

9:09 pm; There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Andrew O'Conner (9), seconded by Kevin Kulish (10) and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2050 hour.

Next Meeting is September 8th at Mansfield Fire Department

Lee Strange – Secretary

Jon Androus -1st Vice President

TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (red is changes)

Ar. 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.