



PO Box 746 – 14 Main Street  
Wellsboro, PA 16901

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



Organized 1952

## Minutes of the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Tioga 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 1915 hours, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Pray was done by Jeff Quick

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Bill Preston, Fire Chief of the Tioga Fire Department.

### READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Report by Matt Watkins.

### BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Three bills presented:

Jeff Quick for paying the post office box earlier in year and plaque for Robert McCarthy SR. \$99.50. Kevin Kulish for sending out thank you letters and coins to business that sponsored the TCFA class on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> \$26.71 plus \$1534.83= \$ 1561.54. Matt Watkins for paying for the PA Fireman's \$157.50. Gensis \$2900.00. Florida Fried Chicken \$800.00.

Motion to pay the bills made by Kevin Kulish (10) and seconded by Keith McLean (18).

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

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

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| A | TRUSTEE – Byron Wright                |
| P | FIRE COORD. – Gary Cooper             |
| P | 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

Letter from Benton Best regarding the TWO scholarships/Tuition Assistance Opportunities for emergency responders and/or EMS training.

Jeff Quick presented a schedule for the 2016 TCFA meetings. No departments volunteered to have a meeting so Jeff Quick made scheduled. DES will hold January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### GUESTS

None present

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Communication Committee:

Keith McLean (18), Lisa Rice (DES), Mike Bloom (6)

Nothing to report

**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).

Mailed out most of the Thank you letters and coins. Looking for Firefighter Leadership Class as next class. Would like to meet Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at DES prior to TCFA meeting.

**Training Committee:**

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

Formed in December's meeting

**ID Tags Committees:**

Jeremy Shieves (12); Benton Best (2); Bill Preston (7); Mike Bloom (6) and Jeff Quick (17)

Had their first meeting, discussed three phases: EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement (interoperability) Working on what classification makes a firefighter, EMS or law enforcement. Would like to keep this a simple.

**Department of  
Emergency Services**

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

MCM consultant that assisted with the move into the new 911 Center has been asked assist with a 5 year plan for radio equipment / updates and support. Chiefs should be getting a letter within the new few weeks about this. If there are questions please contact Dave C.

**Quality Assurance Coordinator - Lisa Rice 570-971-0622**

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

**EMA Coordinator - Benton Best 570-505-2151**

AFG Grant –coming out

Tioga County Partnership for Growth- Looking to form a Recruitment and Retention Group

Monday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 Mansfield Fire Station : After Action Review (AAR) Conference  
This will be a constructive meeting dealing with the tire fire that was in Mansfield.

Processes in place to replace foam if you use any, contact Benton.

Respond to Active Shooter Class at Towanda Fire Department, Jan 9-10, 2016 8:30 am -4:00 pm.

**Training – Ian Durreto 607-425-5657**

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

Gary Cooper

**Coordinator Report**

Was handed \$40.00 at a Honor Guard Service in Coudersport. He would like to have this marked to be spent for the honor guard.

Utilize the resources that are available.

## OLD BUSINESS

Tioga County LEPC is offering an Air Monitoring Grant Program- Ian had handout. Fairly large amount set aside from LEPC for FD's, if still available after FD's inquire then may be able to have them for Ambulance Associations

Tioga County LEPC meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 3 pm at DES and looking at restructuring. Benton was asked to add TCFA secretary Lee Strange to minutes from LEPC so that they can get sent out to TCFA.

## NEW BUSINESS

John Pagano from Penn DOT talked about High Tension Cable Median Barrier that will be on Rt. 15 this summer (2016) in Tioga County and are already in Lycoming County. Links below:

**Median Cable Guardrail for First Responders (Michigan DOT) -**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSi4XkSHiFM>**

**Cable Barrier Training for First Responders (Washington DOT) -**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTXYgdXp5VA>**

Ian Durretto: Finished the Firefighter 1 class in Osceola. Ian would like an After Action Review (AAR) to discuss pro's and con's of the class. Ian is meeting with Mike Hatrick also. Ian would like to have input from the last couple of FF1 classes. A Training Committee was formed: Jeremy Shieve (12), Ian Durretto (DES), Kevin Kulish (10), Dan Rumsey (14) and Jon Androus (2).

## GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dave Cohick offered the DES building to any committee that needs to meet and they have the capabilities to have multiple people call in on the conference call.

Officers for 2016 presented and taken from the floor from last month:

President : Jon Androus

1<sup>st</sup> Pres.: Duane Marbaker

2<sup>nd</sup> Pres.: Jeff Quick

Sec. : Lee Strange

Treasure: Ben Phelps

Fire Coordinator: Gary Cooper

Trustee: Jim Shepard

Open to floor elections were conducted:

President: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Gary Cooper (11) second by Bill Preston (7).

First President: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Gary Cooper (11) second by Bill Preston (7).

Second President: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Gary Cooper (11) second by Bill Preston (7).

Secretary: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Gary Cooper (11) second by Bill Preston (7).

Treasure: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Gary Cooper (11) second by Bill Preston (7).

Fire Coordinator: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Bill Preston (7) second by Duane Marbaker (7).

Trustee: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Bill Preston (7) second by Duane Marbaker (7).

Secretary cast a vote for all positions with President casting vote for Secretary.

Trustee to Audit the Book by the March meeting.

Bill Preston (7) thanked Jeff Quick for his years as TCFA president.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Preston (7), seconded by Jeff Quick (17) and carried. Meeting adjourned at 21:19 hour.

Next Meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the

Department of Emergency Services, 99 William Farrell Dr., Wellsboro, PA 16901

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Lee Strange- Secretary

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Jeffrey Quick - President