

Minutes from TIESB Meeting
Friday, April 21, 2017
Host: TEEX / ESTI – Brayton Fire Field
08:00 – 12:00

I. Call to Order
TIESB Chairman Keith Russell called the meeting to order and welcomed the board members and guests.

II. Roll Call
Members present: Keith Russell, Robert Moore, Gordon Lohmeyer, Ray Cook, Mark Turvey, Brett Boren, David Cave, Steve Pepper, Dave Atkins, Brett Steed, Terry Boyett, Todd Johnson, Paul Hannemann, John Hollaway, Mark Garvin, and David Wade

Others Present: SFFMA 4th VP Richard Van Winkle, Chuck Richardson, Ernest “Bubba” Richardson

III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 2017

Motion to approve minutes with one change

A. Change of date

All approved

V. Action Item Review

October 2014 Meeting Status:

B. Confirm with DPS their requirements for second party registration stickers regarding content and placement. (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

C. Add committee duties to roster (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

January 2015 Meeting Status:

A. Membership Provide vehicle registration information letter to D Wade for distribution to CIMA members (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

B. Speak to lobbyist about getting an Attorney General opinion on limits of liability (Kevin Creamer/Chris Barron/Steve Pepper) **In Progress**

Sent information to new lobbyist for SFFMA, Blakemore & Associates, Casey Haney, and Chris Barron has spoken with him.

April 2015 Meeting Status:

A. Research option of adding a forum section to the TIESB use page (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

Kevin now has the ability to add to the website for the TIESB’s use **In Progress**

B. Check on new shirts (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

June 2015 Meeting Status:

1. Department Membership Review (David Cave) (90% complete) **In Progress**
2. Policy Document Review (all committees) **In Progress**
3. Link Individual membership benefits to the TIESB website (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

January 2016 Meeting Status:

1. Add information to TIESB website about “how to volunteer” for NFPA committees (Robert Moore/Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

October 2016 Meeting Status:

1. Update 2017 YTS forms with new wording. **In Progress**

January 2017 Meeting Status:

1. Build out database to track Response Training Coordinators (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**
2. Create certification correspondence for membership (Kevin Creamer/Gordon Lohmeyer) **In Progress**
3. Add FAQ documents (cert/general) to website (Kevin Creamer) **No Progress**
4. Review how second party emergency response companies fall under statute (Dave Cave/David Wade/Mark Turvey) **No Progress**

VI.

Communications

A. Committee Reports

1. Area 1 YTS Reports / Brett Steed / 0 reports
2. Area 2 YTS Reports / Mark Turvey / 10 reports (approved)
3. Area 3 YTS Reports / M. David Cave / 4 reports (approval see note)
Dixie Chemical Pasadena and RTFC – approval with additions to the 2 of the reports of the following:
Dixie Chemical to move to Area 2 and Valero - Three Rivers to Area 3
4. Area 4 YTS Reports / David Atkinson / 3 reports (approved)
5. Codes, Standards & Legislation / Gordon Lohmeyer provided an update on the NFPA 1403 process and how a NITMAM can be submitted to the NFPA Technical Meeting after the committee has voted during their second daft meeting. The NFPA Technical meeting will be held on June 4-7, 2017 in Boston and is open to all NFPA members.

Robert Moore gave a report on current legislative activities, stating this session will be challenging and TEEEX hopes to maintain the current level of funding in next FY budget. Encouraged Board to speak to their legislative friends about the Fire Service. Steve Pepper commented on proposed legislation regarding community warning systems that may affect industrial plant alarms. David Wade commented last known status he had was this proposal had stalled in committee. Todd Johnson commented TCC’s position is this would be a duplication of what is already in place and does not support the proposal. Gordon Lohmeyer said the NFPA 1081 committee is seeking Industrial members, as this group has the lowest

- number participating. Robert Moore said he will advise if any other committees are looking for members and recommends industry to be more involved.
6. Board Membership / Presentation to Terry Boyett who was a member of this board from 1988-2017, who is retiring and stepping down. John Hollaway was approved by the Board to be the TIESB liaison to the SFFMA EMS Committee, pending approval of SFFMA President. Chairman Keith Russell will send SFFMA President a letter of recommendation for this appointment. It was noted the following: Slot 11 – currently assigned to Rodney Kovalick (retired from Exxon) and Slot 12 – currently held by James Purcell may be coming open due to him having health issues and not working in Industry anymore. Robert Moore said that we will wait until next meeting to give James a chance to contact the Board regarding his status.
 7. TEEX Advisory Board / Gordon Lohmeyer gave a report of the following: SCBA building will be completed by the 2017 Annual Schools. In the near future, ESTI will be breaking ground for a Hazmat Dome Simulator building. ESTI Senior staff just met with TEEX HQ regarding the 5 year expansion plan, including the Waste Water Treatment facility, which will be upsized to help the field grow to allow more burn props. This will be a large investment in a short amount of time. He explained the curriculum standard changes regarding the certification between levels. And finally the TEEX hiring freeze that is in effect for this FY 2017 is stressful as some programs are running short on full time staff. Some allowances are being made to hire.
 8. Texas Chemical Council / David Atkinson will fill the role of the TIESB liaison to the Texas Chemical Council.
 9. EMS / John Hollaway provided discussion regarding increased hours for EMS National Standards Curriculum, which causes a hardship on Industry.
 10. Industrial Certification / Gordon Lohmeyer provided an update on the Industrial Volunteer Certification pathway for individual members.
 11. Organizational Members / Discussed declining member companies in the TIESB and recognized the need to improve the marketing. Kevin Creamer will update the list of member companies on the website.
 12. Texas Forest Service & State Incident Management Team / Paul Hannemann / Advised the Board TFS is under the same restrictions and conditions in the Legislature, as well as the hiring freeze that TEEX is under. TFS was able to get waivers for hiring firefighters on the hiring freeze, however, all Administration folds were affected as well. TFS is also watching legislation affecting the Texas Fire Service and providing information as needed regarding it. TFS just completed the O-305 IMT training for Houston Port Security District in Deer Park with 36 attendees, including CIMA Technicians.
 13. Industrial Fire School / Steve Pepper told the Board of a new non certified advanced bulk storage course, curriculum is being finalized with TEEX staff, it will be piloted in June and will burn the new project 47, which is a large atmospheric storage tank. The course is broken up into parts for hands on for firefighters and observers. Chairman Keith Russell asked for members to go back to their companies to do their part in promoting for this year's fire school.
 14. Vehicle Registration / Kevin Creamer said UV Resistant stickers are being shipped at this time, to include 2018.

- 15. TIESB Marketing / David Wade / will have flyers at the SFFMA booth in June and he will have flyers at the Hot Zone conference in October.
- B. Executive Director's Report / Kevin Creamer / Chris Barron made an announcement of a service from "AT&T Text to Donate Campaign" to provide relief funds to support Volunteer Firefighters of Texas. The State Convention will be held in San Marcos. David Wade said the Legislative Day at the Capitol went really well with a large turnout, including TIESB member Mark Turvey. Also, Joe Reynolds (Chevon Phillips) attended whose brother was recognized as one of the LODD names on the Memorial wall.
- C. Industrial Coordinator's Report / Kevin Creamer / The next TIESB meeting scheduled for Friday, June 9, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Host Hotel in San Marcos, Texas during the SFFMA State Convention. Chairman Keith Russell asked for Kevin to send an email to all members of the Board to see how many will be able to attend this schedule time.

VII. Old Business

- A. Slot 11 – currently assigned to Rodney Kovalick (retired from Exxon)
- B. Slot 12 – currently assigned to James Purcell (having health issues and does not work with Industry anymore)
- C. Kevin Creamer to check with facilities who did not report NIMS 100, 200 and 700 on YTS to let them know it is required for next year
- D. Mark Turvey and Terry Boyett have documents to be archived. Kevin Creamer will house these documents at the SFFMA office.
- E. Slot 19 / it was clarified that Ray Cook will fill.
- F. Slot 3 / it was clarified that Pete Greco will fill.
- G. LODD Benefits for Industrial Responders / Mark Turvey updated the Board on efforts to obtain proposed legislation to include industrial responders for state LODD benefits. Mark stated the deadline had passed to enter new proposed legislation. Discussion will continue for the next legislative session in 2019.
- H. David Atkinson, assigned to Texas Chemical Council as board liaison, will work with Gordon Lohmeyer and Steve Pepper to consider possible communication plan regarding our board's effort surrounding the volunteer certification process.

VIII. New Business

- A. Chairman Keith Russell asked John Hollaway to report a summary of the Industrial Ambulance criteria.
- B. Further discussion of the decline of membership.
- C. Kevin Creamer will provide a list of members on the website for the Board's access. This will help Board members identify non-members to recruit.
- D. Chairman Keith Russell discussed the self-certification program in terms of where we have been, where we are going, and our opportunities. He stated the best platform for these discussions is Industrial Annual School.
- E. David Wade will investigate the possibility to have a TIESB booth during Industrial week vendor show.
- F. Add a link on the SFFMA certification committee categories page for the TIESB certifications.

IX. Announcements

- A. Ex-Officio Members were introduced at the beginning of the meeting

- B. Review of new Action Items / Kevin Creamer
 - 1. Add number of participating facilities to next TIESB meeting agenda – Kevin Creamer
 - 2. Add facility roster to TIESB use page on website – Kevin Creamer
 - 3. Letter from Keith Russell to SFFMA Exec Board to name John Hollaway to be the TIESB liaison to the EMS board – Keith Russell
 - 4. Create a participating membership requirements report – John Hollaway
- C. Round table discussion
 - 1. M. Dave Cave sent a TIESB member folder to Corpus Christi non-member facilities.

Motions were made and the meeting was adjourned.