

# Grayson County Association of Fire Chiefs Minutes

<b>Members Present/ Members Absent:</b>		
<b>Sorry Chiefs.... I will have to complete the attendance later by email.....</b>		

Call to Order and Roll Call as detailed above at 1901:

Invocation/ Introductions: Jeremy Hawthorne from Lone Star Ambulance Service introduced himself and advised members his company was glad to be in the area and they planned to do transfers only, no 911 calls.

<b>Minutes</b>	Members approved the January minutes as presented
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**Agenda topics:**

**OLD BUSINESS: ALARM PAGES**

BENNY MCKEE

Damon is currently loading alarm pages on website in a read only format without personal phone numbers.	
Recommendations/Actions	None

**OLD BUSINESS: BURN BAN STATUS**

ROB CROW

R. Crow reported the County Commissioners were looking at welding situations during the burn ban. A request was made to require a water source while welding. Vote was 0-4 against. Members discussed how many fires were caused by welding. During the investigation of fires, if welding is the cause or suspected cause, chiefs should send an email to R. Crowe, and the data could be presented to the court for their consideration.	
R. Crow also reported on the request to burn from Peter Shultz from Austin College AC that was being considered. The request had been withdrawn after the concerns of the associated had been shared with the instructor. P. Shultz had taken the burning ban rules to his students instead and they discussed that.	
Recommendations/Actions	None

**OLD BUSINESS: COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

ROB CROW

R. Crow referred to the attempt to change the way test pages were done, the email sent to members was referenced. That request is still being considered.	
Recommendations/Actions	Members should continue original test process until notified of a change.

**OLD BUSINESS: TAG MACHINE**

JEFF JONES

J. Jones reported SFD is making new tags and has received the old engraver as of tonight.	
Recommendations/Actions	None

**Agenda topics: Reports**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

JW BAIN

JW Bain reported as of January 31, 2009 the association had \$2296.02 in checking account with one out standing check to the Secretary of State for \$ 9.00. There is one bill that will be paid at the meeting to Pottsboro F.D. for \$ 160.00. Thirteen departments have paid their dues for 2009.	
Recommendations/Actions	The report approved by members

**AFG**

D. GLENN

D. Glenn reported no news, and assumes the Regional proposal is still being considered. Members asked if they wanted to pursue the grant for next year, knowing departments needed to provide the data.	
Recommendations/Actions	Members agreed to pursue the grant for next year.

**MCI TRAILER**

J. JONES

J. Jones reported the trailer is out in the parking lot for viewing. An inventory of items in the trailer was reported including \$4000 in supplies. Lettering will cost \$550 and we still need a generator, pop up tents, cones, vests, stenciling the backboards.	
Recommendations/Actions	Members recommend J. Jones send a list of what we have and what we need and members should respond that you can or cannot participate.

**Agenda topics: New Business**

**COUNTY BURN BAN DISCUSSION**

JACKIE CRISP, PCT 3

J. Crisp discussed the need to educate the citizens regarding burn ban. There was much discussion regarding the legal ramifications of illegal burning. The chiefs reported they agreed the citizens need more education and would give the status of the burn ban when contacted.	
Recommendations/Actions	No change to current process

**911 MAPPING**

PEGGY SHELLY, TCOG

A report regarding a county wide grid system was presented with a request for group consensus of grid size. SFD has already requested small grid, ¼ mile grid which will give them a couple of city blocks per square. Members discussed the same need for their towns. TCOG estimated it will take a month or two to get the numbers applied to the map and they will contact Rob when done so members can bring flash drives and such to make copies. Numbering system will be used, no letters.

Recommendations/Actions	Members recommended the ¼ mile grid countywide.
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**ALARM CALLS**

R. CROW

R. Crow referenced the email sent out January 26 and asked if members wanted to discuss. After much discussion, regarding the alarm process, members were asked to not have their departments call and offer to help. When help was needed, the requesting department would call for next alarm, and not request specific departments. In same discussion, the need for limiting radio traffic was emphasized. Specifically, regarding each apparatus calling when in route, members agreed to leave it up to each department, whether they call in each truck or not. If trucks leave at the same time, departments will make an effort to make a single call and report all trucks in one call, both there and back to minimize traffic on the county channel as much as possible.

Recommendations/Actions	As above in discussion.
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**BYLAW REVIEW**

R. CROW

R. Crow asked for members to participate in a bylaw review committee. Members from Whitewright and Pottsboro agreed to serve along with current and past president.

Recommendations/Actions	None
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**Agenda topics: Other Business and Announcements**

S. Somers presented an attachment explaining the State’s request for FD's to report fire responses to: [www.tamu.edu/ticc](http://www.tamu.edu/ticc) in addition to TXFIRS/NFIRS for reimbursement.

Donnie Glenn asked members to consider a county wide evacuation signal. Members agreed to 3 blasts of the air horn would be the signal after minimal discussion.

LifeStar reported on an upcoming outreach education on 2/19.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at	2029
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Respectively submitted:

Rob Crowe  
 President, Grayson County Association of Fire Chiefs