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President's Message **Dan Coffman**

As we embark on a New Year, I look forward to serving you as President of the California Fire Technology Directors' Association (CFTDA).

Through this newsletter, we hope to provide information on issues related to the professional development of the fire service, Association activities, and provide a forum for the exchange of information. We welcome your input.

2007 Executive Board

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In future additions, I plan to use this column to update you on my activities on behalf of this Association, and this newsletter to communicate its activities and other useful information.

In closing, I want to share a thought on Monsignor John Sammon, Fire Service Chaplain for 65 years, who recently passed. A thought applicable to all of us.

"It is not wealth, titles or personal accomplishments that truly define a man; it is the impact he has on the lives of others that serves as the testament to his greatness".

This is the legacy of **Monsignor John F. Sammon** and mission of the Teacher.

Your input, information, articles and photos would be greatly appreciated for future issues.

CFTDA MEETING - SAN DIEGO

Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 9 am – 4 pm, at the Firehouse World Expo, San Diego Convention Center: 111 W. Harbor Drive in San Diego. For travel & lodging info contact the "Firehouse World" website at: <http://www.publicsafetyevent.com/pub/fhw/index.po>

Meeting arraignments are being facilitated by **Terry Koeper** of Crafton Hills & **Marty Walsh** of Miramar.

Ed Kaplan of the NFA\FESHE will be our special guest.

STEAC Activities: The Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) is working on:

- Blueprint 20-20, the California T&E Strategic Plan.
- Policies and Procedures for Accredited Regional and Local Academies.
- Comparing the NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer with the California Fire Officer and Chief Officer "Career Development Guides" for currency and relevance to the National Model.
- Evaluating the Chief Officer Management courses for "off the shelf" instructional materials.
- Beta Testing the Fire Officer classes in an on-line and hybrid format.
- Cooperation and reciprocity with neighboring states.

California T&E Strategic Plan:

STEAC is putting the final touches on Blueprint 2020 (Draft 3.0), the California State Fire Service Training and Education Strategic Plan. A copy of the document can be found at: <http://www.cftda.org/>. **David Senior** and **Dan Coffman** represent you on STEAC.

REQUIRED: All SFM Instructors:

The 8 hour, "Ethical Leadership in the Classroom" class will be required for all SFM Instructors and those applying to become one July 1, 2007. Preferential registration will be afforded to currently registered SFT instructors. For the schedule of classes, contact the SFT website at: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/StateFireTraining.html>.

Com. College Chancellor's Public Safety Advisory Committee:

representing Fire, Law Enforcement and Corrections. The committee makes recommendations to the Chancellor's Office on Public Safety education and annually awards grants to projects that have statewide or regional impact in the public safety arena. The Emergency Management Workshop hosted by the CFTDA, Curriculum Development and current re-write of the Fire and Chief Officer CTS were funded by this committee. Quarterly meetings are held throughout the state where visitors are welcomed. **David Senior** and **Art Cota**, represent the CFTDA.

FESHE Conference: The 9th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) conference, June 2 - 4, 2007, will be held at National Fire Academy. California should be well represented. **Chief Ronny Coleman** will be the Keynote Speaker and a presentation on the California T&E Strategic Plan will be made. Info and the application can be obtained at:

http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/higher_ed/feshe_conf/06conf.shtm



FESHE Activities: The annual FESHE Working Committees meeting was held at the NFA on December 13 - 15, 2006. Reports on the FESHE Steering Committee, and Committees on Fire Science Curriculum, Fire Prevention Professional Development, EMS Management Curriculum and the Industrial Fire Safety Professional Development can be found on the FESHE website at: http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/higher_ed/index.shtm

Terry Koeper of Crafton Hills and **Ralph Del Ossa** of Long Beach continue to represent us on the FESHE Steering and Curriculum Committees throughout the year and **Tim Capehart** of Bakersfield is the President of the International Association of FESHE.

Hydraulic Adopted as a 6th Core Course: To be consistent with the National Model Associate of Sciences Degree Fire Science curriculum and, soon to be adopted, State Training and Education Standard, the CFTDA has adopted Hydraulics as one of the core class required for an Associate of Sciences Degree in Fire Technology. The CFTDA recommendation is being carried to the Community College Chancellor's Public Safety Advisory Committee by Representatives David Senior and Art Cota. Individual Community College Fire Technology Directors are encouraged to start now to make the changes in their curriculum.

Photos of CFTDA and Related Activities



▲ CPSLEP Leadership & Ethics. Dan Coffman & Terry Koeper of California, 2nd & 3rd from left, join other Public Safety educators from around the country, to attend the California Public Safety Leadership & Ethics Program, "Train the Trainer" Course at the National Fire Academy. Instructors were BC Dan Runningstad of the Orange Co. Fire Authority, far left & Monika Byrd, Director of Leadership Development Programs Center. June 2006.



◀ FESHE Dedicates National Fallen Firefighter Walk of Honor Node.

Speakers Pictured L-R: Hal Bruno, Ntl. Fallen Firefighter Memorial Chair, Ed Kaplan, FESHE Director, Faron Taylor, The Gettysburg Project, President Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Denis O' Neal Superintendent National Fire Academy & Chief Ronny Coleman, California State Fire Marshal Retired. June 2006.



◀ CFTDA Honors State Fire Training Staff: Dan Coffman & David Senior present CDF Director/SFM Ruben Grijalva, Asst. SFM Kate Dargan & SFT a Resolution for 30 Years of Service.

▲ Summit on the Future of Fire Service Training & Education, hosted by the California Fire Chief's Association, with all major stakeholders to provide input for Blueprint 20-20. Among the CFTDA Members attending: Dan Coffman, Dan Sullivan, Mark Romer, Phil Kelleher, Ronny Coleman & Steve Prziborowski, August 2006.

Building and Fire Code Adoption: The State Fire Marshal expects to be complete with adoption of the new Fire Codes by January 2008. Keep in mind, once adopted by the State, the model codes must be adopted, with amendments, within 180 days by local government. Also, the ICC Codes will require initial training for those charged with enforcing them.

CFTDA Membership: The 2007 Membership Form is below, please complete the form and attach your payment for membership. Also, please offer our invitation for membership to all of your Fire, Emergency Service and Public Safety faculty. The bigger the membership, the better the network and stronger we are. Steve Dixon of College of the Canyons is the Treasurer. He can be reached at: steve.dixon@canyons.edu



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