



California Fire Technology Directors Association

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2005

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I. Call To Order by President Tim Capehart at 9:15 am

In attendance: Neal Allbee, Jerry Austin, Tim Capehart, Dan Coffman, Art Cota, Steve Dixon, Russ Emory, Alex Gregg, Phil Kelleher, Terry Koeper, Al Miller, Gary Morgan, Jim Peterson, David Senior, John Sola, Karl Smith, Dennis Wiskus

Welcome by Deputy Chief Nick Dunn, Kern County Fire Department

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting held in San Diego on February 1, 2005. Unanimously approved.

III. Financial Report-

Steve Dixon reported that we have a balance \$1,976.89. We have several members that have not paid for more than a year. Steve will contact them one more time and then, if no reply, will be forced to take them off the members list and off the web site.

IV. Correspondence-

None

V Legislative (Committee Report)

None

VI. Roundtable-

Allan Hancock College – We are receiving another fire engine from the City of Santa Maria. We are auctioning off two of our last three Crown Fire Engines. We have been working with Cal Poly SLO to design an ambulance simulator for our EMS program. The simulator would be made out of an ambulance box that is put on a trailer and will have motion to simulate starting and stopping, turning corners and hitting bumps. This quarter a basic design was completed. Inside the simulator there would be cameras for instructional observation and speakers and microphones. We will use this in our EMS Academy. We have not received any scholarship applications for the Art Mendez Scholarship from any other fire academy. The dead line is 18th so go to the CFTDA web site and download an application and get it to me ASAP. The scholarship is for \$2500 for one student that is a veteran.

Oxnard College – Completed the survey about students being hired, nearly 40 % hired. Pat Easily, the Fire Academy Coordinator, is returning to CDF, Jim Peterson is interviewing for the position. The district is in bad financial state, laying off 200 classified and 17 instructors. CPAT is going very well and keeping us very busy. We are going to be hiring an EMT instructor in the Fall. We will be doing a Summer academy this year because we need the FTS.

College of the Canyons – We have a new dean that is not interested in Vocational Education, we are not being supported and it makes it difficult to do all we need to do. We were given a fire engine 18 months ago from LA City and hope to receive it by summer. It has taken a long time. We are working with the U.S. Forest Service to start sponsoring their courses. We have a 13% growth available to us that we are not meeting. We have been approved to teach classes online. We hope to start online classes soon.

Antelope Valley College – Approved for the Wildland Firefighting Degree program. We have a (SCEP) Student Career Experience Program where students are hired in a career tract position with USFS and as long as they stay in school and graduate they will be hired as a senior firefighter. This program is good for the students.

Modesto Junior College – Financially we are doing well. We received an engine from Modesto City. John is taking a Web CT class to start to get some classes online. We just graduated 27 academy students. Next semester we will be adding an extended academy format for our Volunteer Fire Department students.

Mt. Sac – Jerry Austin is the new FT Director. We are doing a ladder academy this summer. We have two graduating two academies, one full-time and one part-time academy this semester. We are looking to start a Bachelors degree in Fire Service Management through XXXX. I have proposed a training center at Mt. Sac and the concept has been approved and a site identified. Each academy does a fundraiser and the academies did a joint golf tournament fundraiser for an air fill station and we raised 12K of the 18k needed. This will be a portable unit.

Porterville College – we are completing a 10 week Wildland academy. We have scheduled a Driver Operator 1A and 1B this fall along with our academies. We lost our college president to Bakersfield, he was a strong supporter of our programs. We will miss him.

Dan Coffman, thanks to the Fire Directors for the support in my bid for State Fire Marshal. I will be getting married to a wonderful lady in July. Ray Shackelford is in China teaching and will be back at the end of June. I appreciate the meetings being on Friday so I can attend.

Riverside – we are seeing 6000 – 7000 students per year. We are trying to do our second Honor Guard Academy. The EMT course will be coming back to our facility. RCC is looking at a A.S. in **Phil will add info**. High School program. We graduate academy number 9. We had a student trying get test questions for entry level Fire Department tests representing himself as an RCC. We are not getting the academy applications this semester we normally do. Is that a trend?

Sierra College – We lost our president in January. Chief Wagner will be building an \$8 million training facility. We hope to be in by June 2007. We will also be building one in the Nevada City area for an additional \$3 Million. We are starting the EMT National Registry testing this month. We are teaching two academies a year and we are looking at how we can admit students into the academy other than first-come-first serve. Anyone that has academy entrance requirements please send them to me so I can see what is being required across the state. We need to hire someone to administer the Fire Technology. We are now getting some of our classes online. We now have three courses online.

Crafton Hills – 62nd Academy graduates next week. We are doing USFS classes. Aircraft Rescue Research Project where we are having people and companies from all over the world show what their products can do. Have we heard any thing about fees being raised? The last word we have heard is that the Governor has been shown the increase in fees has hurt Enrollment and he is holding off additional increases.

Bakersfield – Our programs are doing fine but the fee increases have hurt the training at the training center. The increases are reducing the amount of money available for training and we may be canceling classes if the college does not help the training budget.

VII. State Report- Art Cota **ART please fill in as needed.**

Online courses of CSFM

We just hired a new Office Services secretary Stacey xxxx. Rodney Slaughter was moved over temp. to work on the WMD grant.

There is a proposed reorganization CDF and SFM where SFT will be put back under SFM. We also have another.

SFT reorganization that will bring more staff help into SFT. This could may be accomplished in more than one phase.

Chief Grajalva has set up some priorities: State Fire Training, Bulk fire works disposal,

There is even talk about splitting SFM out of CDF.

CFSTES classes are on the rise and the FSTEP classes are on the decline.

SFT Instructor Code of Ethics and 8hour course in Ethics in the Classroom.

Curriculum Revisions and options to make it happen.

EMT instructor updates. SFT has many instructor update classes to discuss the National Registry processes

Fire Prevention has been creating a new certification series for Fire Safe..... Perhaps CFTDA should support.

Fire Investigation is being revised under a joint process with CCAI.

We are developing a matrix that show the current classes, when last revised and how many students take the class. This class will be used for setting priorities.

CDF sessions planning training committee has asked how can we train 1000 people a year for the next few years to meet the retirements expected. Art is suggesting regionalization of training.

Regional workshops for community colleges to develop Emergency Action Plans. Jerry Austin from Mt Sac will work on the program with Art. It will be help in San Diego.

Art was asked about the 10% absent rule and he will respond with a memo explain the SFT stance of missing class.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

- Steve Dixon stated he may be unable to continue as Treasurer and Karl Smith stated he would accept an appointment as Treasurer.

A motion was made to appoint Karl Smith to the position of Treasurer in the event that Steve Dixon can not continue in that capacity. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM-

Next Meeting: [September ?, 2005 in the Sacramento at State Fire Training](#) . See Website for details. Plan on attending.

- **Jerry Austin will work with Art Cota to develop the Emergency Action Plan Workshop.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

David E. Senior
Secretary CFTDA