



California Fire Technology Directors Association

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2004

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I. Call To Order by President Rickman at 9:05 am

In attendance: Neal Allbee, Mark Anderson, Art Cota, Michael Daoust, Steve Dixon, Russ Emory, Phil Kelleher, Terry Koeper, George Melendrez, Al Miller, Gary W. Morgan, Jim Petersen, Tracy Rickman, David Senior, Eddie Smith, Karl Smith, John Sola, Dan Sullivan, Jan Swinton, Brett Van Wey, Rick Vogt,

Guests: Mark Anderson, Quynh Gonzalez, Warren Roberts, Jill Schaefer

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting held at Palomar on February 5, 2004. Unanimously approved.

III. Financial Report-

Steve Dixon – There are only 21 of the 51 members that have paid dues. We are now on a calendar year schedule, please pay dues as soon as possible. If you have any questions about your dues status contact Steve Dixon.
Balance of \$1,690.86

IV. Correspondence-

❖ None

Va. Legislative (Committee Report)

❖ None

VI. Roundtable-

East LA College.

- High School Academy with LA City is going very well.

Porterville College

- Wildland academy is going very well.
- EMT is being moved under the Fire Technology program from the nursing program.

Sierra College

- We are growing and our academy is full. We are looking at prerequisites or an application process from the academy.
- The Bond we were hoping for was defeated.
- The Fire Technology instructor is still open and no movement on the college to hire. The college did agree to hire a part-time coordinator.

Antelope Valley

- None

College of the Canyons

- We are continuing to grow. We received a grant for Terrorism Response of \$500,000. We are looking at mobile terrorism simulator to take this training on the road to our local training sites.
- LA City gave us a fire engine a year ago that we haven't gotten yet. I am still looking forward to receiving it.

Rio Hondo

- Our bond passed of \$245 million.
- We have a new Director of Public Safety Joe Santoro.
- \$7.6 million Homeland Security Grant is in the works.
- We are looking at adding driver training into the Fire Academy. We have the resources and may add class "B" training into the academy.
- We have a Oxnard College
- \$356 million bond was passed and still waiting to break ground on some of our training facility.
- Hiring one new faculty member, we now have three.
- In-service training is continuing
- Graduating Academy 19 tomorrow
- CPAT test is growing fast; we will be doing the CPAT for LA City. We suggest strongly that EVERYONE goes through the orientation for the CPAT to ensure the best chance to pass the test.

Glendale Community College

- Hired 10 new associate faculty and a new Fire Technology Director, Tony Bagan.
- We are starting an EMT pilot program through Glendale FD.

Palomar Collage

- Graduated 25th full-time academy. In the fall the academy will be going from 15 to 18 units. We are adding the CDF 67 hour training into the academy.
- We will be hiring our first full-time faculty position this year.
- We have been working with the local high school to begin a two-year fire program (ROP) that will transfer 13 units into the FT program.
- We are working on RS1 accreditation.

Allan Hancock College

- We are adding an "English Composition" class as part of our Fire Academy. This is a transferable three-unit course. The English department will teach the composition class inline with the academy so all writing assignments will be academy homework assignments.
- We presently have 11 courses online
- We are receiving three new fire engines and getting rid of our old Crowns. We also received two new ambulances. We keep a fleet of five engines and four ambulances.

Riverside College

- \$350 million bond passed
- Public Safety Honor Guard Academy
- Investigation 2A and 2B went well but was a logistical nightmare.
- Adding 2 units to the fire academy to bring it up to 19 units.

- Our Provost has been reassigned so we are without representation at the administrator level.

Modesto

- Just graduated our 17th fire academy and expanded the academy to 12 weeks.
- Purchased 40 new SCBAs.
- We are also looking at developing a part-time academy.
- We will be getting two engines from Modesto FD very soon.
- Working on RS1 certification

Columbia College

- We only have one full-time faculty with about 300 students
- We offer two fire academies per year, one each semester
- We have a fire station on campus that is manned by academy graduates. There is a county engine assigned to the station and the students work with county
- “Wildland Urban Interface” degree program is being developed.

Crafton Hills

- 60th academy graduated
- The college dropped RS1 from the academy.
- We have pre-requisites for the academy
- We were donated a fire engine
- \$245 million bond issue passed
- Degree programs are all full with no room to grow
- We are starting the Leadership program and planning on teaching two courses each semester.
- Ground breaking for our training facility will be on the 28th of May.
- We will be doing an aircraft class in November with vendors showing their equipment

VII. State Report- Art Cota

- We are down to three employees in State Fire training and everyone is working very hard.
- Ray Snodgrass is the Acting State Fire Marshal, we do not know when the Governor will appoint the new State Fire Marshal.
- Lisa Powell will be coming to work in State Fire Training.
- Fire Command 1C has been completed and the first pilot course completes today, this is a class that will give students the knowledge to be able to function more effectively on an interface fire. Train-the-Trainer will be taught and Division Group Supervisor is a minimum requirement to teach this course.
- We are looking at a degree program in Fire Service Leadership. If anyone would like to be part of the development team contact Art.
- Homeland Security monies may be available for CSFM courses.
- We are changing the invoice system
- We are looking at a contract with Kinkos to have them reproduce manuals locally.
- EMSA has made a determination that CSFM cannot issue EMT certs to pre-service students. This will be given to the lawyers for comments. We will be doing business as usual until a final determination is made.
- Take a look at goserve.ca.gov for Homeland Security issues and opportunities.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- Eddie Smith was honored as a retired charter member. Rick Vogt was honored as Past President.
- Phil Kellerher made a motion that Eddie and Rick have a lifetime honorary membership in the association. The motion carried unanimously.
- Quynh Gonzale and Jill Schaefer from Delmar Learning came with product information and their new Essentials textbooks. Delmar gave out books to members and catered a very good lunch. Quynh demonstrated the resource CD to show the capabilities of their computer support..
- Terry Koeper reported on the upcoming FESHE conference. The fema.gov website has the curriculum that has been approved.
- Warren Roberts presented GIS and GPS for the Fire Service ideas. This was great information on the possibilities of GSI and the need for it in our curriculum. Warren can be reached through Tracy Rickman.
- The Art Mendez Scholarship for Fire Academy students that are veterans was discussed. Mr. Mendez will initially be giving two \$2,500 scholarships per year and upon his passing the number per year will rise to four. Mr. Mendez is working with David Senior to set up the scholarships. One of the scholarships will be given to a Allan Hancock College student and the other ones will be open to any fire academy student in the state that is a vet. Mr. Mendez is a very generous man and, as a vet, wants to help veterans get into the Fire Service. If you have any questions or have input contact David Senior,

ACTION ITEM-

Next Meeting: September 17th in Modesto. See Website for details. Plan on attending this Friday meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by,

David E. Senior
Secretary CFTDA