



California Fire Technology Directors Association

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2004

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Rio Hondo College
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Shasta College
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I. Call To Order by President Tracy Rickman at 9:20 am

In attendance: Neal Allbee, Steve Dixon, Russ Emory, Alex Gregg, Phil Kelleher, Al Iannone, Gary W. Morgan, Lee Parker, Tracy Rickman, David Senior, Karl Smith, John Sola
Guests: George Boodrookas – Modesto Junior College, Brian Rooney – Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was motioned by and seconded by to accept the minutes of the last meeting held in Norton AFB on May 14, 2004. Unanimously approved with corrections.

III. Financial Report-

Steve Dixon – We now have 24 of 51 members have paid their dues. Steve Dixon will send out invoices to delinquent members. We would like to have each member check with their bank for a free checking account. We presently pay \$12.00 per month just for the account. Present balance of \$1,672.86

IV. Correspondence-

- None

V. Legislative (Committee Report)

- None

VI. Roundtable

- Riverside Community College - The first honor guard academy is beginning. This a 40-hour course that is open to all Public Safety disciplines. The new academy class number 8 starts in a few days.
- Oxnard College – Lease is in place for the 51 acres to add to the training center. Received a new county engine from Ventura County. We now have three. We have Russ Emory as our third full-time instructor. CPAT is going well, very busy. LA City has come on board with the test and has inspected our site and approved it for their use. It cost the students \$150 to take the test. We may do a summer academy to help with the college FTE. We are seeing more veterans in the academy than we have in the past.

- Rio Hondo – We have some concerns about how many graduates are being hired and knowing where they are being hired. We have some major prerequisites and think it may be the time to require more. We are requiring the five core courses, college reading, English, math and EM T. Wildland Program is doing great, thanks to Karl Smith and David Senior for their support. If we all go to our training officers and get lists of new hires and where they took the academy we can then send that information to the correct Fire Technology Director.
- Antelope Valley College – We are linking an English 101 class and one of our Wildland courses. The crew is our again.
- College of the Canyons – We are waiting for the Fire Engine from LA City. Attended the FSHE conference. Attended the Public Safety Leadership courses Train-the-Trainer, what a great course. We will be teaching all the core courses online within the year. We are planning to implement “Distance Education Learning Program” where we take students all over the state to different academies to experience training and education at different colleges.
- Modesto Junior College – We are in the third week of the academy. We went from 36 students down to 27 in these first three weeks. We have a new engine from Modesto City. We are trying to put a fire mechanical aptitude course. I will share this with the members. We are looking at a part time academy and would like some input on instructors and schedules.
- Allan Hancock College - We will be going through the process of hiring a new college President. Our present president will be retiring in June of 2005. We will be putting the Art Mendez Scholarship application on the website. This is a scholarship for any Fire Academy student in the state that is a veteran. This must come with a letter of recommendation from the Academy Director. We received 40 new SCBA's this week that are low-pressure units strictly for training. We received a new engine from Santa Barbara City and Santa Barbara County. We are working on an agreement with the City of Santa Maria to allow them to automatically transfer ownership of their fire engines to the college as they are taken out of service. This would be an ongoing agreement that would need the City Counsel vote for this ongoing agreement. They presently have two nice engines they are ready to give us. This will give four fairly new engines and allow us to get rid of five we presently have. We started academies 102, 103, 104
- Sierra College – We started the semester with a 6% increase in students but after the \$26 enrollment fee we ended up with a 2% increase. We were allowed 5%. Our bond did not pass so we are regrouping. A new bond with a fire issue will be put forward. City of Roseville is a wonderful partner that is building a facility that we will be able pay back until we get a bond passed. We have been approached by LN Curtis to come to the academy and they will rent to the students the turn-outs for \$600 per students. We are looking to add a physical agility test prior to getting into the academy. We also do medicals but we need to do a little more medical screening. I do not have any way to pay people other than instructors, if anyone has job descriptions for Tac Officers,

Professional Experts etc., please send them to Neal. We are going to do a pre-paramedic academy.

- American River College – We have been asked by our chancellor to increase by 4% and Fire Technology is the only one that has increased. Curriculum committee work is what I spend most of my time updating. We are moving the Fire Academy to 19-20 units. Our fire academy is different than most because we are a totally sponsored academy. All our students have jobs when they start the academy and are totally sponsored with equipment. Parking in Sacramento is now photo regulated and you cannot simply move the vehicle a few feet, you must move it a block or so.

VII. State Report- Art Cota

- We have many changes in personnel in the office. We have a new State Fire Marshal Ruben. I will be meeting with the new Director of CDF and State Fire Marshal and they want to have a meeting where I will explain the FACTS of State Fire Training. I now have Curriculum Development back under my control. Fire Command 1C will be a requirement for Company Officer as of November 1, 2004. We are getting a list together of each class and all the information related to that class, ie Number of students, instructor qualifications etc. We are rewriting Fire Command 2E as an interim fix and are also looking at a permanent fix. We are also setting priorities for curriculum revisions for 2005. We have submitted several classes to ODP for approval to use homeland security monies given to each region to pay for these classes. Approval was given. Fees for CSFM will be going up. We do not know how much, but we do know it will come. We are now beginning to use Kinko's to print and deliver student manuals. This is in its infancy and will be developing and improving as we go. We continue to be having issues with instructors. Recently an instructor was not doing all the testing required in the course and still passing the students without meeting the course requirements. This was not a college instructor but we want to make sure all of our instructors are meeting the standard of instruction. We are implementing the three-year certification for instructors. If an instructor doesn't teach the course in three years he will be dropped off of the certified instructor list for that course. EMT program has some major changes in the near future. We, California, are going to the National Registry in January 2006. State EMSA says we can no longer certify pre-service students. This is a big deal and will mean a lot of changes.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- Jones & Bartlett Publishers, represented by Brian Rooney, was in attendance to present the Fundamentals of Fire Fighting program they developed with the NFPA and IAFC. In addition to the text, Brian presented the accompanying student and instructor resources including custom web sites and their online FireLearn course. For questions or review copies, please contact Brian Rooney at (800) 832-0034 ext. 8154 or brooney@jbpub.com.

ACTION ITEM-

Next Meeting: Friday, November 12, 2004 in the Sacramento area. See Website for details, plan on attending.

Respectfully Submitted by,

David E. Senior
Secretary CFTDA