



# California Fire Technology Directors Association

Meeting Minutes

*April 4, 2003*

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Shasta College  
Yuba City College

## I. Call To Order by President Rickman at 9:10 am

**In attendance:** Jim Allen, Tim Capehart, Gary W. Morgan, Jim Petersen, Tracy Rickman, David Senior, Dr. Ray Shackelford,

## II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*It was motioned by Gary Morgan and seconded by Tim Capehart to accept the minutes of the last meeting held in Sacramento on February 20, 2003. Unanimously approved with corrections.*

## III. Financial Report-

Steve Dixon emailed Tracy Rickman with the Treasures Report. Current balance of \$1050.86

*It was motioned by Ray Shackelford and seconded by Gary Morgan to accept the treasures' report. Unanimously approved*

## IV. Correspondence-

- ❖ Neal Allbee sent an email expressing the need to have representation at the State Board of Fire Services. Tracy Rickman and Ray Shackelford will try to attend the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in Sacramento.

## V. Committee Report-

- ❖ Training education Strategic Plan. This was a grant from the Chancellor's Office Public Safety Education Advisory Committee. See attachments for attendees and accomplishments.

## VI. Roundtable-

Gary Morgan, Oxnard College. Gary gave an overview of his programs and the facility. Our next September meeting will be at the training center. Oxnard has four-degree programs; Fire Technology Pre-Service, Fire Technology In-Service, Fire Technology Administrative Fire Services, Fire Prevention Technology Pre-Service. Gary handed out flyers for each degree. The new Oxnard training facility was discussed.

CPAT testing is going very good but is an expensive and equipment intensive.

Tim Capehart from Bakersfield College. We are not experiencing any cuts because the entire staff is part-time college employees and the programs are continuing to make money for the college. Our VTEA monies were taken away and used in other areas of the college. The philosophy was to use the money to develop new programs not to maintain existing ones. This year the funds were returned and the monies used to purchase the necessary equipment and software for local processing of Fire Marshal courses.

David Senior from Allan Hancock College. The college continues to bow under the pressure of the Governor's budget. Our number of students per class will remain at 20 but that has become a hard, not a soft, number. We will be reducing the number of part-time instructors in order to keep all full-time instructors. Release time is being evaluated as in many cases reduced without reduction in responsibilities. We should be starting our Paramedic program in the spring of 2004. We once again are trying to do more with less.

Tracy Rickman of Rio Hondo College. Rio Hondo Fire technology program received a \$9,000 mini grant for the recruitment and training of wildland firefighters for the 2003 Fire Season. Rio Hondo will be offering all level I CSFM classes before 1 September 2003. We would like to produce a video for CFTDA. Send a patch, some pictures and or a video to Tracy Rickman

#### VII. State Reports- David Senior

- ❖ The Public Safety Training Symposium was a great success. Those attending were very pleased with the classes they attended.
- ❖ The Chancellor's Office announced that the Workforce Development Instructional Equipment Grants have been cancelled. The five million dollars was slashed from the budget that was to provide the much-needed equipment for vocational programs.
- ❖ The Governor has told all the advisory committees that they can only meet once a year whether they are funded meetings or not. This adversely affects both the STEAC and the SBFS meetings. Art informed me that SBFS was going to meet on April 24<sup>th</sup> and STEAC would meet soon afterward. Both committees are exceptions to this new rule.

#### VIII. Old Business

- ❖ Art Cota will be giving Tracy Rickman the instructors list to publish on our website to give all of us access to the latest data.
- ❖ Tracy Rickman received a bill from the web company. We were under the understanding that we are paid until July of 2004. Tracy Rickman will talk to Rick Vogt and the company to find out our status.

#### IX. New Business

- ❖ The CFTDA feel it is important to tie ALL our courses to NFPA standards. If each college would take one or two of the core courses and reference NFPA standards it would be completed very quickly. If we do this with all our courses it would make it much easier to evaluate our courses with courses from out of the state. It will also give Cal Chiefs the ability to tie education and training given at the community colleges to NFPA.

- ❖ Ray Shackelford is still working with Carl Smith and the committee to develop the Wildland Management degree program from Cal State L.A. Ray will keep us informed of their progress.
- ❖ Phil Kelleher of Riverside CC was notified that his contract would not be renewed in the fall. As you may know there is a BIG shakeup going on at RCC and Phil was caught in the mushroom cloud. If anyone knows of a position Phil could apply for please to send him an email at [pkdofireman@earthlink.net](mailto:pkdofireman@earthlink.net)

**ACTION ITEM- President Rickman will write a letter to the Cal Chiefs president asking for representation on the Cal Chiefs Education Committee**

**ACTION ITEM- David Senior will include Strategic Plan documents with the minutes.**

**ACTION ITEM- President Rickman will contact Art Cota about alternative funding sources to pay travel for the CFTDA meetings.**

**ACTION ITEM- Art Cota will be giving President Rickman the instructors list to publish on the website.**

***Next Meeting: September 19<sup>h</sup> in Oxnard. See Website for details. Plan on attending!***

Respectfully Submitted by,

David E. Senior  
Secretary CFTDA