



California Fire Technology Directors Association

February 5th, 2004 Meeting

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Thursday February 5th, 2004 9:00am Palomar College

Attendance: Tracy E Rickman Rio Hondo, Jerry Austin- Mt. Sac, Phil Kelleher-Riverside, Alex Gregg-Riverside, Brett Van Wey, Tim Capehart-Bakersfield, Gary Morgan-Oxnard, Jim Petersen-Oxnard. Guests- *Jones & Bartlett (Flew in From Boston)*

No Treasurer Report

Minutes From Last Meeting: Phil Kelleher motions to accept and Gary seconded.

Roundtable-

Palomar College

Brett states that Palomar College is seeking its first full-time faculty member in the Fire Technology program. Palomar is also starting a high school fire program as soon as the new high school opens. Palomar College has over 33,000 students and Brett is very busy with the fire academy and campus classes. Brett also stated that Palomar College received an \$800,000 grant.

Oxnard College

Gary and Jim discuss the new building and the environmental impact study. Oxnard has 719 students in the Spring 2004 semester. Oxnard has many students that are from "out of state". Gary says that classes are full and things are very busy at Oxnard College.

Bakersfield College

Tim discusses the website and all agree that we will transfer our website from website 2000 to Bakersfield College. Tim will handle this for the Directors. Tim states that the website cost will go from 900.00/year to 240/year. *Phil Moves*

website transfer and Gary seconded, passes unanimously.

Tim states that the Bakersfield City Academy has been cancelled. Christian from wire one technology has been speaking with Tim about video conferencing. Tim suggests we continue to seek this technology for training purposes and for possibly conducting meetings via video conferencing.

Mt. San Antonio College

Retired Battalion Chief Jerry Austin has taken the helm at Mt. Sac and the Fire Director's welcomed him to our group. Jerry states that he is currently working on level II courses and would appreciate any assistance in curriculum development. Jerry says that all his classes are full. Jerry also discusses a Bachelor degree program that he will be implementing through Southern Illinois University very soon. Lastly, while Jerry is upgrading his curriculum, he will be letting Santa Ana College in his district to complete State Fire Marshal courses. Jerry is also looking into a new fire training facility on campus.

Rio Hondo College

Tracy gives the following bullet points pertaining to the Rio Hondo Fire Technology program:

- Wild land Program is strong. The Rio Roadrunners will have 50 people hired and working on our TYPE II hand crew.
- Fire Academy had 89 people apply and we took 44 in Class 61.
- 3 Females (past cadets in 2003) are in LAFD towers and are number 2, 3 and 19 in seniority.
- (Late Word) LAFD has frozen the remaining towers for 2004.
- Tracy is updating Fire Academy and EMT program curriculum.
- EMT classes are full plus!

Art Cota couldn't make this meeting but did call in and made the following comments:

- There will be monies for terrorism courses in the near future.
- ICS will probably be modify to include WMD scenarios
- Hand-Off courses to Colleges for Delivery will happen soon.

Other Information

Phil Kelleher noted that the leadership and Ethics courses are full. He also noted that Riverside College would begin and have there own Honor Guard Academy.

During Lunch, Jones and Barlett gave us a presentation about their new firefighting handbook that will compete with Essentials and the Delmar Firefighter handbook. Brian Rooney was the lead speaker and everyone should be receiving a copy of this new textbook very soon. If not, please let Tracy know by 15 March 2004.

Lastly, Brett took us on a tour of his training facility. He has a newer tower and a very clean training ground. The Director's thanked Brett for hosting this meeting.

Next Meeting: Crafton Hills College (Terry Keeper)
May 14th 2004- 0900
One-Day only, please plan on attending

Respectfully submitted by,

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