



# California Fire Technology Directors Association

## Meeting Minutes

November 7 and 8 2002 at State Fire Training Office in Sacramento

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November 7 2002

**In Attendance:**

Cheri Patterson	Diana McDonald
Phil Kelleher	Sandy Margullis
Rick Vogt	Art Cota
Al Miller	Robert Falb
Bob Pollard	Steve Dixon
Deanna Tinsley	Tim Capehart
Mike Jackson	Neal Allbee
Steve Prziborowski	Jim Connors
Frank Abbott	Al Iannone
David Senior	Larry Hall

**Welcome:**

Meeting called to order at 0900 hours. Chief Ebert welcomed everyone to the State Fire Training office and explained that due to a hiring freeze, materials processing will be longer. Lisa Powel from curriculum development is assisting with course processing.

**Introductions:** All members and guests introduced themselves.

**Previous Minutes:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved with changes: See modified minutes from the September meeting.

- Steve Dixon motioned for, David Senior seconded for minutes approved. Approved unanimous.

**Treasure report:** Account stands at \$1,465.85 with no outstanding bills. 2002 membership roster circulated and membership was encouraged. Dues are \$25.00 annually. The invoice form is available on the CFDTDA web site.

Shirts available, at cost: \$22.00 each.

**Correspondence:**

None Incoming.

Outgoing: Letter was sent to the Chancellors office in support of Fire Technology Degree templates. Letter was sent to Dave Ebert indicating CFTDA support for a requirement of a learners permit for Driver/Operator 1A.

Neal Allbee asked for clarification from Art Cota regarding learners permit vs. full license. The curriculum committee for the driver operator recommended a full license. The issue has not yet gone to State Board but it will be on the next agenda. Art will review minutes.

Discussion took place regarding the State curriculum utilizing a college curriculum format and Blooms Taxonomy for objectives. Neal Allbee to draft a letter and template. David Senior recommends a copy be sent to Chief Ebert.

Legal sub-committee formed:

In early 1980's there was an FTE Cap exception for public safety training. CFTDA would like to have legislation passes exempting all public safety training from the FTE cap.

Neal Albee, Robert Pollard, David Senior Eric Vogt and Tracy Rickman have been appointed to the committee.

Rick Vogt stated that Mike Warren representing CAL CHIEFS would also like to pursue this issue.

**Committee Reports:**

Neil Allbee will work with appropriate fire/police agencies to advance legislation to remove the FTE cap for Public Safety. Neal Spoke of making contact with key players. Internet communications will be made between now and February.

**Roundtable:**

Neal Allbee spoke of the increase in students at Sierra College and need for a full-time coordinator. Neal stated that his advisory committee needs resources to fund activities. He discussed 20% staff reduction proposal.

Time Capehart informed of measure G that passed and causes a one-time tax increase of 12.5% that will be going towards public safety remodels. He spoke of National Accreditation process being complicated.

Steve Dixon states that over 500 course sections were cut at his college, but it did not affect fire technology.

Robert Falb reports that he is conducting research for starting up a fire academy.

Dave Senior informed about statewide a EMS test letter of recommendation that has been sent. He spoke of expanded scope for EMS and the Industrial Technician degree program expanding internships. The Allan Hancock College Paramedic program is hoping to be up and running in 2003. Dave stated that there are new certification standards and that he would send the CD for state requirements to anyone that needed it.

Dianna McDonald spoke of 2 fire fighter academies a year at Los Medanos College.

Frank Abbott (State Chancellors Office) reminded all that applications to purchase instructional equipment is due in February. He spoke of the website for the chancellor's office and asked about the support from the Public Safety Advisory committee.

Charlie Klein spoke of meeting to discuss Vocational Programs and the position filled by Merlyn Newlin from Butte College.

Steve Prziborowski informed the group that Chabot College is over cap and have 2 FF1 and 2 EMT academies a year.

Michael Jackson spoke of the 12<sup>th</sup> graduating class in December and the upcoming academy in January. Yuba College is at cap. He noted the joint scenarios for police and fire academies as experimental and stated that the Assessment Questionnaire was being used to determine academic weakness.

Bob Pollard informed the group about the South Bay Regional Consortium and the 7 community colleges included. Santa Clara, San Jose (Main Campus), San Mateo, Gilroy, Hollister and Fremont were mentioned as vocational ed based and working with NCTI for paramedic program. He spoke of the Public Safety Instructors Conference at the Newark Hilton in March and encouraged Fire Instructors to go to the Instructors Symposium. The website for sign-ups is [www.safetytraining.cc.ca.us](http://www.safetytraining.cc.ca.us). Stipend are available for fire personnel: 50 people @ \$500 each.

Al Miller spoke of the re-accreditation coming up and has offered 1 academy a year for the last 5 years.

Sherry Lawson spoke of the 7 level that has been run since September and expressed needs and interest.

Rick Vogt spoke of his administration making budget decisions and the cuts. He stated that Riverside was over FTE cap. Rick informed the group of the increase in county fire services including Fire, Paramedic and EMT. He also spoke of a study on desert region project that targeted special populations that would be ongoing for the next 6 months.

Larry Hall inquired about re-accreditation and he spoke of young minorities having a 40% washout in Compton College Academy. He let the group know that Compton is looking for stronger candidates to reduce failure rates.

Art Cota spoke of Chief Hall and Mr. Sassler trying to get students' jobs and the outstanding commitment Compton has towards students.

### **State Reports:**

#### **State Fire Training:**

Art spoke on re-accreditation and the application process. It includes a completed application and site visit. He informed us that as long as the college is listed it is accredited. He spoke of the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee meeting, the new curriculum for

Driver Op 1A and B, mission to reduce overall FF fatalities by 25% by year 2006. Fire Command 1C curriculum development is underway.

**Community College Chancellors Office Report:**

Frank Abbott informed the group of the FEMA Grant and its' focus on the disadvantaged population. He also spoke of the Taylor grants being available on a regional basis.

**Old Business:**

CFTDA Shirts:

Shirts are \$22.00 and are available to anyone who would like one.

**Web Site:**

Web site has been very useful and will be updated with more information on training shortly. E-mailing the entire member list is available from the website. Motion approved to pay \$750 to add a discussion page on the web site.

**By-Laws:**

The proposed bylaw revisions were discussed. Neal Allbee motioned for modified and amended Bi-Laws. Seconded by Tim Capehart. Motion carried.

**Ad-hoc:**

Art Cota discussed manual cost per student and possibility of rolling cost of registration fee. He suggested \$67.50 per student. CFTDA will present its recommendation at the February meeting in at Rio Hondo.

**New Business:**

Presentation from Ronny Coleman FETN:

Ronny Coleman introduced himself as a rep from Fire Emergency Training Network in Texas. He stated his experience as an instructor since 1964 and wanted to know about the needs of the training programs. He asked how distance education was used in each of the training programs and inquired about FF1 and Fire Tech needs. He spoke of the CD Rom and cross-referencing progress for Building Design & Construction.

Dave Senior said that the CD's were convenient for instructors' and presentation.

Rick Vogt stated that the core course objectives are consistent throughout California. He also informed Ronny that the 5 core classes would be helpful and simplify the utilization of training on tapes.

Tim Capehart added that the distance learning would simplify and use less space on computers.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 16:45.

November 8, 2002

DAY 2

Presentations by Dr. Shackelford and USFS regarding the proposed CSULA 4-year degree in Wildland Fire Management. Discussion on approved electives.

USFS is looking for education for GS13 and above they are working with CSULA.

Discussion items:

- Guidelines for instructors
- Need feeder courses in Community Colleges
- 450 students currently in a program at CSULA
- Meeting will be set to determine electives in December.

Regular meeting resumes;

Nomination for 2003 CFTDA Officers:

Steve Dixon nominated as Treasurer. Shackelford 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Neal Albee is nominated for Secretary and declines. Tracy Rickman is nominated by Cheri Patterson. Phil Kelleher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Carl Smith nominated for Vice President and declines. Rick Vogt nominated Mike Jackson and Ray Shackelford 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Rick Vogt nominated for by Steve Dixon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Shackelford. Unanimous.

Dates for future meetings:

Feb 20 & 21 2002 Rio Hondo College

April 3 & 4 at Santa Maria. David Senior will host.

Two day meetings will be scheduled as needed, however, if the agenda only warrants one day, members will be notified within three weeks to cut down on travel and lodging expense.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.