

California State Fire Directors Meeting

Sacramento, California

November 13, 2003

I. Call to Order

President Tracy Rickman called the meeting to order at 0910 hours.

II. Introductions

Neal Allbee	Sierra College
Tim Capehart	Bakersfield College
Art Cota	CSFM
Al Iannone	American River College
Diana McDonald	Legeos Medanos College
Tracy Rickman	Rio Hondo College
Mark Romer	Sierra College
David Senior	Allan Hancock College
John Sola	Modesto Junior College

III. Welcome

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Correspondence/Financial Report

VI. Diane Brady

Diane asked that we consider being proactive with the transition team and send them information on what the community colleges are doing within the Public Safety arena and how we need their support. Diane will send David Senior information on number of Fire Technology students taught each year.

VII. Wire One Technology

A. Video Conferencing. Cristin Pandeleos passes out information on how this can help in a training environment. Cristin will set up a demo for one of our next meeting.

VIII. Roundtable

Neal Allbee, Sierra College, a reorganization of the college has moved the We are going for a 400 million dollar bond issue for the college and some will go into the Fire program.

John Sola, Modesto Junior College, we will be graduating our academy in a few weeks. We are ordering 40 new SCBA's from SurviveAir. The college is really supporting the program.

Al Iannone, American River College, classes are doing well, no real travel budget. Al fills the Instructor Training classes on the week basis but not on the split classes. CSFM will not approve week long classes in the future.

Diana McDonald Los Madonos, we are impacted with students. An academy starts in January; we will be sponsoring a Wildland workshop in June.

Tim Capehart, Bakersfield College, Fire Tech program is still going good. The Olive Drive budget was only cut 20k last year, which was less than we expected. There is a large demand on all Fire tech classes. We are doing more academies.

David Senior, Allan Hancock College, has a need for breathing apparatus, the Fire Academy will be graduating their 100th academy on December 12th, everyone is invited. We are getting rid of two or three Crown fire engines in the 1958 vintage if you know of collectors that may want them. We do not want them parted out but restored.

Tracy Rickman, Rio Hondo, AMR has lost the contract for our area and we have new companies needing training. Wildland training is really taking off. The hand crew is doing well. The USFS has 500 open jobs that they have open and need these filled by nest fire season. We are 10th in the nation on graduates. Santa Ana is number but we as a whole do not do get our students to complete the degree. We need to do a better job of getting our students to complete their education. We will now be doing the CWH test, a psyc. Test. We are still filling the Biddle test. LA City is still looking for female firefighters. If you have any female firefighters that have successfully completed the academy send their names and phone numbers to Tracy and he will send them to LA City. We are very luck and have very nice equipment.

IX. State Report

Art Cota, CSFM, we are trying to reconcile about 100k of outstanding invoices. We need to pay strict attentions to our revenue streams. We have been sending out delinquent notices to try to close our books. We have open issues going back to 2000. This should be no surprise to anyone and we want to work with everyone to resolve these issues. The survey is an important thing we must get them turned in before January 1st. Training Symposium in April. This is a great opportunity. Sign up online. There are stipends that will pay for your attendance. Art went over the "California Fire Training and Education Strategic Plan. Art could use some student help in doing some research project work.

X. Old Business

A. Web site updating and cost was discussed, Tim Capehart will research moving the web site to the Bakersfield server. Look at the Bakersfield web site for Fire Technology. <http://www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/firetech>

XI. New Business

A. Elections - Tracy Rickman, Tim Capehart, David Senior, Steve Dixon

B. Dan Coffman endorsement. Discussion was raised

Actions Items:

Art Cota will check all email addresses and send an updated list to Tracy Rickman

Tim Capehart will check on using Bakersfield server for our web site and he will keep it updated. Tim will also contact Jeff Sedivic and find out who is running for SFM and DCDF and any documentation for them and send that to all the Directors via email.

Tracy Rickman will send out to all FT Directors a letter encouraging them to fill out and return the important survey to Art Cota.

Next meeting date: Feb 5th 2004