

FRS Advisory Meeting  
August 7, 2006

Attending: Scott Burt, Stuart Bishop, Steve Hardy, Clay Wood, Matt Weber, Patrick Austin, Ed Lindquist, Dave Kirk, Randy Chevalier, Bill Solomon, Peggy Belknap

FRS ADVISORY LEADERSHIP

Stuart asked if there were any volunteers to take over as Chairman of this committee. No volunteers. Stuart will continue as Chairman. We all appreciate the great job that Stuart does!

FALL SEMESTER

Scott had the group look at pages 23 & 24 of the NPC Catalog to see the FRS Classes on the fall schedule.

Ed would like to start a FRS 104 FF I & II class in Show Low by the end of October. It will probably be held on Mondays and Wednesdays with an occasional Saturday & Sunday class. Scott recommends doing it only one of those days to prevent student burn-out. Ed would like to run this class like an academy. The students will wear some type of uniform, probably matching tee shirts. They will also be given requirements to follow and hopefully this will allow for more professionalism. There will also be a required amount of ride time on the engines. He already has 5 students from Show Low that are interested in this class.

FIREFIGHTER 1 & 2 UPDATES

The Instructor/Evaluator Refresher will be held in Show Low on September 12 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Register for the class online. There is a class limit of 22 students.

The Instructor 1 test will be held on Sunday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at State Fire School.

If you have a 96 Edition and are actively teaching, the State will give you IFSAC credentials. You need to do the proper paperwork and apply for it.

NAVIT

Matt is excited to begin a new school year. Fourteen students came to the PAC test. Any students that didn't come will be tested at a later date. Matt sent out a letter informing all schools that the 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year NAVIT students will all be coming to Taylor.

Patrick asked when their class rosters will be ready. Matt will work on getting those ASAP. Patrick & Bill will need to work closely with Matt on their class sequence.

Bill is looking into a program called Skills USA and is very interested in our students participating. All the different Tech classes will have competitions to demonstrate their skills. In Fire Science it is very similar to a Fire Muster. It is a lot of work and a great time for all.

## INDUSTRY

Steve Hardy said that APS is very interested in helping with the Training Center with money, materials, etc.

Steve's concern in his job is that he doesn't have enough time to teach everything he needs to in order for his students to become state certified. He has 4 weeks with each group. (Fire, Haz Mat, Medical & Confined Space each get 1 week.)

The Industrial Class at State Fire School has been cancelled due to lack of an instructor. Everyone feels like it is a very important part of State Fire School and very beneficial training. There are several in this group that would be willing to help as instructors in the future.

## STRUCTURAL FIRE SUPPRESSION

Clay said that at the Arizona Chief's Association Meetings last week Mesa Fire was there to show how to make their own video productions. NPC has a technical dept that would have the capabilities to make similar training clips. NAVIT has also discussed helping with this. Clips such as these can be so beneficial to our training programs. To see last weeks News clip on the 2 firefighters in trouble at the Motel 6 Fire go to [KPHO.com](http://KPHO.com). Clay says the training field will be open someday!

Ed said it would be nice if the college would help provide resources for a FRS library i.e. videos, books, CDs, to be used by the fire departments, students, training officers, etc. Peggy says that NPC does have a system for this. Trudy occasionally asks what resources are needed as she has extra funds in her budget. If a list was made up of desired items (prioritized) then Peggy could work on that.

Clay reported that the question came up at the Arizona Chief's meeting that shouldn't firefighters be required to re-cert just as EMTS, Paramedics, etc? There is a big push to make a re-cert a requirement.

Peggy reported that some scholarship money has been given to her division. The staff will meet and decide what will happen to that money.

Stuart is concerned that there should be refreshers that are required to help reinforce safety and caution among the Firefighters. There are too many things

that occur at the stations that can be harmful or even deadly. Scott says these things are discussed at every meeting but then forgotten.

#### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

Randy reported there is an excellent library available through IAFF to get any training materials needed. They are very good to work with.

#### NPC ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Peggy reported that Ralph Orr began his job as President of NPC on July 1, 2006. He is very high energy and a breath of fresh air. He is ethical and has a good reputation among those who have associated with him. He has been voted as the new chairman of NATC. She is looking forward to working with him.

The new Dean of Career & Technical Education is Dr. Mike Spangler. He and Peggy are currently working on a new grant.

Doug Ressler resigned for a new assignment. His position has not yet been filled.

Donna Farkas has resigned as the EMS Director. A Ms. Brown is the Interim Director.

Stuart wondered if President Orr might come to our next meeting. Peggy said that with his busy schedule he would normally delegate that to Scott to handle but she will invite him. She said he does want to get out in the community and meet people.

There will be a Chief's meeting on September 22 in Linden.

#### WILDLAND TRAINING

Ed said that his class went really well. He had 15 students in the class, 12 were registered. He had 3 crews of 5. They put in 12 hour days on Saturday and Sunday. It was very hard work but the guys like it because it was done in 1 week-end instead of 2.

Last meeting it was discussed to have a wildland section at the college. Tom Beddow is retiring soon. He has been asked if he would consider developing it.

#### NATC

A new Board was put in place last week. That board consists of Ralph Orr, President, John Cole, Woody Eldridge, Ben Owens, and Dave Tenney.

There have been many construction issues.

1. Tower has been here since December but is still sitting on the Tarmac.
2. The foundation for the Burn Tower was supposed to be poured last December, but was poured in June.

3. Foundation bows in the middle.
4. The bolts are in the wrong place.
5. The top of the foundation is now being cut off and the rest salvaged.

The 20 acre site is now fence and 11 acres of asphalt is down. Clay hopes we will be using the tower by next December. (Well, it doesn't hurt to hope!)

Scott is teaching a Drivers Training class on August 23 & 24 and would like to use the track.

Stuart asked if there will be training rooms, auditoriums, etc, within the next few years. Clay said that it has always been the desire of NATC to have those kinds of facilities. NAVIT can play a big role in that. They want to have classrooms for the NAVIT classes. NPC definitely wants to have better facilities for their classes. Clay says it's his hope to have this a reality in the next year or two.

A strategic plan needs to be in place. We should always be looking into the future.

#### FACULTY UPDATES

Scott reported that 100 firefighters have died in training accidents. We have to keep our skills up and stay current on our training. The people we train can only be as good as their trainer. Scott wants to put in a new course this year to train every NPC Instructor. It would be a 16-32 hour class and will cover NFPA 1403. He would like a committee to be formed to help set this up. "volunteers" for this committee are: Scott, Dave Kirk, Clay Wood, and Bill Solomon. Stuart would like to see the issue addressed of the criminal liability that comes when these accidents occur.

We need to update our list of all instructors and their current credentials.

#### ROUNDTABLE

Ed has concerns about the Evaluator class. What is the enrollment? Scott says 22 and he can modify it if needed.

Clay would like to see more Leadership training classes.

Stuart says that next meeting we need to re-evaluate what the purpose of this advisory committee is and what we are trying to accomplish.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at Eva's in Snowflake. Dutch treat. Matt will make the reservations.