

# **NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee**

September 10, 2014 1:00p.m.

NATC, Taylor Arizona

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Stuart Bishop at 1:07 p.m.

**Attendance:** Stuart Bishop, Danneel Elkins, Tony Cantarella, Bill Solomon, Peggy Belknap, Steve Hardy, Clay Wood and Lisa Aragon.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

The current advisory member list was reviewed with representative from APS, Heber-Overgaard Fire, NAVIT, NPC and Timber Mesa Fire and Medical in attendance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Advisory Committee nominated Tony Cantarella to serve as the 2014-2015 Chair.

The new FRS program is now reflected in the NPC catalog. New program mirrors the paramedicine degree program for general education requirements.

Fall 2014 classes are up and running. FRS 104 has 12 students enrolled, Ropes I, II and III have 13 students, NAVIT has 19 students and FRS 139 is scheduled to run in October.

A suggestion was made to make posters listing classes being offered by the semester to display in the fire houses, we hope a visual aid will increase enrollment.

A suggestion was also made to implement video conferencing into FRS program. Video conferencing would benefit students with travel during lecture still allowing face to face contact.

Committee discussed the need for turn-outs for FRS 104 students. NAVIT provides turn-outs for their students, however students in the evening course are not always provided turnouts by their sponsoring agency. Turn-outs up to standard are required for the LIVE BURN the end of the semester but gently used gear can be used through the semester. Options were discussed on how to obtain new and gently used gear.

### **NATC UPDATE**

The new “dirty classroom” construction is on target to be completed the end of September!

The NATC continues to be busy, for access to calendar please visit [nadc.info](http://nadc.info)

## **ROUNDTABLE**

NAVIT is pleased with the new program and has only received positive feedback.

Heber-Overgaard Fire is pleased with the facility and how it's being ran.

APS is moving to monthly training instead of quarterly and will be checking the calendar for usage. The new props obtained by NPC have helped tremendously with training!

Timber Mesa Fire and Medical is in the process of testing for new hires and most candidates have been through the NPC program!

NPC is pleased with the NATC facility and FRS Program and would like to see the committee members provided feedback as to what each individual agency would like to obtain out of the FRS program.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Turnouts/Equipment

Video Conferencing: Adobe Connect and FUSE

**Next Meeting will be held February 11, 2015.**

**Adjournment: 2:18 p.m.**

## **NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee 2014-2015 Members**

APS – Steve Hardy

Heber-Overgaard Fire – Wade Allen, Tony Cantarella

NAVIT – Matt Weber, Lisa Aragon

NPC - Stuart Bishop, Bill Solomon, Peggy Belknap

Pinetop Fire – Richard Wallace

SRP- Ed Lindquist, Mark Bennett

Timber Mesa Fire & Medical – Clay Wood

Jacob Brock