

NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee

February 11, 2015 @ 1:00 pm
Northeast AZ Training Center - Taylor

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
 - Current 2014-2015 Advisory Members
 - APS – Steve Hardy
 - Heber-Overgaard Fire – Wade Allen, Tony Cantarella
 - Jacob Brock
 - NAVIT – Matt Weber, Lisa Aragon
 - NPC - Stuart Bishop, Peggy Belknap, Bill Solomon
 - Pinetop Fire – Richard Wallace
 - Timber Mesa Fire and Medical – Bryan Savage, Clay Wood
3. New Business
 - Discussion on FRS Program – Stuart Bishop
 - Status of FRS program
 - Spring 2015 classes
 - NAVIT 1 year program for Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
 - Goals for 2015-16
 - Discussion of two year FRS schedule (Fall 2015-Spring 2017)
 - Wildland degree (Tony Cantarella)
4. NATC Update – Stuart Bishop
5. Roundtable
6. Future Agenda Items
7. Next Meeting Date – September 9, 2015
8. Adjournment

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NATC, Taylor Arizona

Minutes of the Meeting

Call to Order: Stuart Bishop at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance: Stuart Bishop, Danneel Elkins, Bill Solomon, Peggy Belknap, Steve Hardy, Lisa Aragon, Mark Bennett, Richard Wallace and Ed Lindquist.

NEW BUSINESS

NPC has received its FEMA Certificate of National Recognition!

Discussion of NAVIT was held, new program is going well. Firefighter I & II and HAZMAT will be taught next year in separate semesters for NAVIT. Co-requisite wording will be removed from FRS104 curriculum information, allowing student to register for both classes in separate semesters. A parent/student signature will be added to the NPC/NAVIT Fire Academy 1 year program information sheet that is presented at the NAVIT orientation meetings held in the summer.

Discussion was held on the two year FRS schedule. Committee reviewed current courses offered and courses offered in the upcoming semesters. All departments have been provided 2 year program schedule numerous times and it is the responsibility of the department to provide employees with information on NPC classes being offered.

NPC is looking at Text Books for FRS 104. Committee did not have a preference on what text book is used.

A brief discussion was held on developing a Wildland Degree. Committee members do not see a need for NPC to have a degree program as BLM and other agencies currently offer the courses that would be needed.

Committee would like to see more weekend trainings/seminars. Stuart Bishop reported that the NAFCA training team is in the process of developing trainings that potentially could be held at NATC.

NATC UPDATE

The new “dirty classroom” is complete! Classroom facility has received new exterior paint and landscaping.

NPC received ladder truck donation in 2014 and has budgeted money for a new “used truck”. New props and simulators are a tremendous help with training.

The NATC continues to be busy, for access to calendar please visit www.natc.info

ROUNDTABLE

NAVIT is pleased with the new program and is currently in the recruiting process for Fall of 2015.

Ed Lindquist reported that SRP has a new operations manager that is pro ERT. SPR has used equipment that they are willing to donate to facility.

Pinetop Fire will not be sponsoring FRS 104 students; however NPC will not require sponsorship beginning Fall 2015.

Stuart Bishop reported that on March 10, 2015 there will be a "Train the Trainer" at NATC with classroom instruction and live burn demonstration. Also the Fall 2015 schedule is due in March, please notify us if you would like to instruct a course.

Next Meeting will be held September 23, 2015.

Adjournment: 2:28 p.m.