

NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee

May 8, 2018 1:00p.m.

NATC, Taylor Arizona

Minutes of the Meeting

Call to Order: Stuart Bishop at 1:02 p.m.

Attendance: Stuart Bishop, Jon Wisner, Bill Solomon, Carrie Jordan (NAVIT), Brian Plumley (Timber Mesa FMD), Clay Wood (Timber Mesa FMD), Spence Udall (SRP), Ed Lindquist (Citizen), by telephone Peggy Belknap (NPC)

Approval of Fall 2017 Advisory Board meeting minutes: Motion to approve by C. Wood, second by B. Plumley; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Received input from the various advisory members:

- Spence stated that SRP is pleased with how the activities at NATC are progressing and would like to participate with some of the live fire trainings.
- Clay Wood suggested that the FRS 104 class be adjusted to a 6-9 pm with additional weekends added to include the same number hours of instruction. There was discussion and it was suggested that this could be accomplished on the instructor level, if the changes were reviewed and approved.
- Timber Mesa also discussed allowing the FRS 141 class being taught off-site at a TMSD facility. The justification for the change is due to the class being primarily attended by only TMSD personnel. It would remain open to other students, there would be assurances that attendees were not subject to call outs, and issues pertaining to on-duty pay would be addressed. It was determined that the class could be developed as a Hybrid course.
- Bill Solomon discussed how NAVIT will be going to a two semester format for the FRS 104 class. He believes this will enhance the learning of the students.
- Ed Lindquist stated that we need to insure the classes are compliance based and make appropriate changes to the course syllabuses to cover the 48 contact hours requirements. He also requested FRS-139 be cancelled for Fall 2018, due to a conflict with his schedule.
- Carrie Jordan discussed the issues with the abundance of students in the NAVIT program. There is simply not enough funding to allow for two instructors or a second afternoon class. There is currently 16 students identified with 7 on standby. Peggy commented the potential of having two 12 student classes would be optimal, if a funding source was identified.
- Stuart Bishop introduced Jon Wisner as the new Director of Public Safety Education for NPC and his replacement.

Discussion on the FRS Program

- Full NAVIT program, FRS 104 classes have been full, 5 Moodle classes with 163 hours of student time.
- Spring Classes will be attending the completer ceremony tomorrow.
- Goals for 2018/2019: Train the Trainer class, update the program to focus on the use of the Flash Chamber, Fire Behavior Room, Fire Tower, mitigating the issues being addressed by our partners, tightening up the requirements lead instructors and formalizing standards.
- New Equipment will be purchased: through the Carl Perkins Grant: trash can and Christmas tree props. Improvements to the PPE, nozzles.

NATC UPDATE

Stuart Bishop stated with the recent changes at NPC; Mark Vest is the incoming College President and will no longer be on the NATC Board. Peggy Belknap will be the new Chairperson. Jason Foutz resigned and will be replaced by David Huish.

- The June 12-13 Tactical Hose Management training is filling up.
- The Fire Tower inspection has been approved.
- NATC Master Plan is being developed.
- Certificates of Proficiency are being reviewed for FRS programs.

ROUND TABLE

- Bill Solomon commented on how the mask fit-testing machine is up and running.
- We need red-tags for placing appliances/hoses out of service. SRP volunteered to supply the red tags.
- Turn-out gear for FRS need to be repaired or replaced.
- NAVIT gear is in good shape but aging as well.
- SRP has some air-packs available if anyone is interested in them.
- SRP suggested we purchase some folding chairs for the dirty classroom. It was suggested 20-25 chairs be purchased.
- Carrie Jordan indicated she needs to be notified as soon as possible if there are any changes made to the 2019/2020 classes.
- Students in NAVIT need to take the State certification test, they need to be aware of this prior to enrollment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items requested to be added to September, 2018 meeting.

Next Meeting will be held September 26, 2018 – 1pm at NATC

Adjournment: 2:35 p.m.