

NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee

September 24, 2020 @ 11:00
Northeast AZ Training Center
1840 W. Papermill Rd, Taylor

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Call to Order: Jon Wisner 11:03 am.
2. Introductions:
 - Current 2020-2021 Advisory Members attending:
 - NAVIT – Matt Weber, Carrie Jordan
 - NPC – Bill Solomon, Jon Wisner, Jennifer Bishop
 - Timber Mesa Fire and Medical – Darrin Cluff
3. Discussion of Spring 2020 Advisory Board meeting minutes: No meeting held.
4. New Business
 - Input from Advisory members
 - Hiring trends:
 - TMFMD's is looking to hire a third deputy chief, 12 applicants have applied for the position. TMFMD will be holding a Battalion Chief Promotional testing next week, 19 applicants have applied for the test.
 - J. Wisner announced that TSFMD is looking to hire a couple positions.
 - NAVIT would appreciate feedback in regards to hiring trends to help with their data collected. NAVIT specifically requested a list of names of former students and where they currently work for NAVIT placement data records.
 - Any changes in certifications:
 - NPC upgraded to a new accreditation in January, for adult classes.
 - State certification testing was in August.
 - Are needs being met:
 - TMFMD continues to hold high level classes, with question on whether or not NPC will accredit these classes. B. Solomon suggested TMFMD using a syllabus that follows NPC's curriculum and following its guidelines.
 - Improvements/suggestions for FRS program:
 - See needs being met.
 - There was a short discussion from NAVIT making sure students are accomplishing goals from the endurance testing.
 - Discussion on FRS Program:
 - Status of FRS program
 - Fall 2020 classes: NAVIT/FRS class was restricted to 12 students due to the impact from the COVID restrictions. NPC has opened multiple FRS online classes to help students establish credit.

- Spring 2021 classes: J. Wisner is moving forward to having 16 students in the adult class.
 - Fall 2021 classes: J. Wisner is moving forward to having 16 students in NAVIT.
- Goals for 2020/2021:
 - Changes to report writing for area needs
 - NPC will continue to work on updates for curriculum and to enhance all Moodle classes to help students as needed.
 - NAVIT FRS103 and FRS 105:
 - NAVIT mentioned the split has made a positive impact on grading.
 - New equipment for FRS was purchased:
 - Polaris Ranger was purchased for AJS/FRS needs such as moving heavy equipment, setting up cones on driving range, etc.
 - NATC is in the process of leveling out Conex boxes, with the installation of a roofing system, giving room to have a 40x40 training space out of the weather conditions.

5. NATC Update:

- Tiny home project is moving forward with a Master Plan and then implementation. J. Wisner will send a link of the Master Plan for those that are interested.

6. Roundtable:

- B. Solomon would like to see the endurance testing progress and be the standard.
- D. Cluff feels that NPC is meeting entry level needs but not satisfying advanced level needs. J. Wisner offered to hold a meeting in regards to the issue.
- J. Wisner mentioned NPC is offering shorter classes for the Fall semester of only 8 weeks instead of 16 weeks to help with credit hours.

Future Agenda Items: Overview on online course concerns, administration and officer skills classes.

-No items requested to be added to March, 2021 meeting

7. Next Meeting Date – September 24, 2020 – 11a at NATC **Will be determined at a later date.**

8. Adjournment: 12:09 p.m.