

NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee

April 28, 2021 @ 11:00 am
Northeast AZ Training Center
1840 W. Papermill Rd, Taylor

Minutes of the Meeting

<https://npcedu.zoom.us/j/8284849210>

1. Call to Order: Jon Wisner at 11:01 a.m.
2. Introductions
 - Current 2021 Advisory Members
 - APS – Brent Young
 - Heber-Overgaard Fire – Dee McCluskey
 - NAVIT – Carrie Jordan
 - NPC – Peggy Belknap, Jeremy Raisor, Jon Wisner, Bill Solomon
 - SRP- Spence Udall
 - Timber Mesa Fire and Medical – Clay Wood
3. Discussion of Fall 2020 Advisory Board meeting minutes: Minutes from September 24, 2020.
4. New Business
 - Input from Advisory members:
 - Hiring trends
 - TMFMD hired fifteen employees within the year, along with two new replacements last week. Recent NPC Fire Science graduates are some of the new hires. TMFMD is looking to hire three more personnel after July.
 - HOFMD has students interested in the Fire Science program. D. McClusky is hopeful to have the interested parties register for the course.
 - Any changes in certifications:
 - No discussion at this time.
 - Are needs being met:
 - In the near future, TMFMD would like to see NATC conduct an academy for fire. J. Wisner is concerned with having another academy due to not enough space. J. Wisner commented the Tiny Homes could home a fire student from outside the area that may need a room.
 - NAVIT would like to see records of student's certifications at the end of each semester for employment verification. B. Solomon has been working on meeting this requirement need.
 - Improvements/suggestions for FRS program:
 - J. Wisner mentioned working with NATC's CCL program providing In-House training by utilizing adjunct instructors from PFMD and SJFMD.
 - TMFMD is working on In-House - Strategies and Tactics training. C. Wood mentioned TMFMD is looking into starting an In-House - Engineering and Report Writing training. C. Wood would like to see NPC's curriculum in

concerns of meeting the minimum requirements per each training program. J. Wisner commented the contracts for In-House training are in progress.

- Discussion on FRS Program:
 - Status of FRS program
 - Fall 2021 classes: Jon is moving forward to having 16 students in both the NAVIT and adult class.
 - Spring 2022 classes: See Fall 2021
 - Fall 2022 classes: See Fall 2021
 - Goals for 2020/2021 progress:
 - In-person training
 - Goals for 2021/2022 progress:
 - COVID restrictions to be lifted to get back to normal scheduling.
 - NAVIT FRS103 and FRS105:
 - NAVIT mentioned the split has made a positive impact on grading.
 - New equipment for FRS:
 - Polaris Ranger was purchased for AJS/FRS needs such as moving heavy equipment, setting up cones on driving range, etc.
 - Replacement to be made on cylinders
 - Suggestions for updated and/or improved equipment was:
 - Replacement on turnouts and an upgraded washer for turnouts.
 - Confined Space Training props.
 - Master Plan Discussion – Phase 1:
 - J. Wisner presented to the committee a computerized imaged layout of the Simulator Building, and Tiny Homes.

5. NATC Update – Jon Wisner

- IGA's need approved from partners at next NATC Monthly Board Meeting for AJS.
- Master Plan, Phase 1 project, is moving forward.
- Peggy Belknap, Dean of CTE, will be retiring from Northland Pioneer College. Jeremy Raisor will become the new Dean of CTE starting July 1, 2021.

6. Roundtable:

- P. Belknap wanted to thank the advisory board members, especially C. Wood, for all his years of service and dedication to the college. It has been her pleasure to be able to work with members on the board. P. Belknap recommends partners to stay engaged with feedback and advice to help with training needs of officers and firefighters so they will become a great asset to their communities. P. Belknap

wants partners to continue reaching out with any needs or concerns of their own to help with areas of improvement at NATC.

- C. Wood thanked P. Belknap for her years of dedication and support to the board and welcomed J. Raisor. He looks forward to NATC's continuation on improvements, and is excited to work with partners on the advisory committee.
- C. Jordan welcomed J. Raisor and congratulated P. Belknap on her upcoming retirement. C. Jordan thanked B. Solomon for his dedication to NAVIT students, especially during this year of the COVID restrictions.
- B. Solomon mentioned the morning class is back to normal scheduled hours. B. Solomon is working on sending rosters to the state to get student certifications. B. Solomon wants to get with C. Wood regarding changing time for testing. Online classes are coming to a completion for SP21. B. Solomon appreciates what NATC partners do for the center.
- B. Young thanked NATC partners for everything they do for the Fire Science.
- J. Wisner mentioned NATC completed Train the Trainor for live fire evolutions. B. Solomon has worked hard to put together a more thorough check list for conducting the training. J. Wisner and J. Sinclair are working on making the checklist online fillable for easier access to partners. Jon mentioned C. Wood worked on a PQW for fire agencies to have for their firefighters and instructors to make sure they are meeting guidelines on procedures to follow during training times at NATC. The Live Burn Checklist will be found in NATC's SOG's after approval from the board.
- D. McClusky thanked P. Belknap for her impact to the board and welcomed J. Raisor.

-Future Agenda Items

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

7. Next Meeting Date – September 23, 2021 – 1100 at NATC; Pending

8. Adjournment: 11:46 a.m.