



MJC / Regional Fire Training Center

RFTC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes



May 16, 2018
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Regional Fire Training Center

I. Roll-call:

- a. Members present: RFTC Director- Ron Cripe, Fire Academy Coordinator- Captain Matthew Curless, Stan. County Deputy Fire Warden- Eric Holly, Keyes/OES/Deputy Fire Warden- Chief Erik Klevmyr, Stan. Consolidated- Captain Tim Johnson, Escalon Fire Department- Fire Chief Rick Mello, RFTC Admin. Specialist- Alycia Murguia,
- b. Members absent: Chief Steve Brush, Chief Mike Lillie, Neil Gamez, Sophal Prum, Captain Mike Shockey, Division Chief Brian White

II. Approval of past Minutes

- a. R. Mello motioned to approve minutes.
- b. Committee approved.

III. RFTC Report – STAFFING

- a. The current Facilities Technician, Sophal Prum has been hired by Cal Fire.
 - S. Prum's estimated start date with Cal Fire is June 4, 2018.
 - The RFTC will recruit for the open position and hopes to fill by mid-August.
- b. The RFTC has opened up a new full-time EMS faculty position.
 - The position posting will close on June 22, 2018.
 - This new position will most likely be assigned to the new paramedic program, once the program is ready to start.
 - The RFTC always has an adjunct pool open for applicants for both EMS and FSCI.
 - You can reach this application at <https://yosemite.peopleadmin.com/>

IV. RFTC Report – EMS

- a. The paramedic application has been sent to Mountain Valley.
 - Once Mountain Valley has reviewed and approved, the application will be sent forward to CoAEMSP for official approval and accreditation.
 - Paramedic courses will be starting the fall 2018 semester. The first two classes will be EMS-311- Paramedic Theory 1 and EMS-312-Paramedic Lab 1.
 - During the clinical portion of the program students will still be required to meet once a week.
 - The Paramedic Program does have prerequisites, but the RFTC is also looking into running a four to six week refresher course for the accepted students prior to the start of their cohort.
- b. There are two First Responder courses being offered during the 2018 summer semester.
 - Both are eight week course.
- c. The RFTC is still in the process of creating a contract with Riggs Ambulance for CPR with AHA.

V. RFTC Report – FIRE, & FIRE ACADEMY

- a. The spring 2018 Fire Academy Completion Ceremony went well.
 - 23 students successfully completed the program.
- b. The fall 2018 Fire Academy application period is now open. The application period will be closing on June 21, 2018.



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- Currently there are ten applicants. Four of which are completely qualified and six are pending completion of prerequisites.
- c. One FSCI-301 course is being offered during the 2018 summer semester.
- d. During the fall 2018 semester the RFTC will be offering FSCI-301, 303, 305, 306, and 332.
- e. Three FSCI-301 courses will be offered, morning, afternoon, and evening options.
- f. FSCI-332 is being offered as a modified hybrid course by A. Kellogg.
 - A. Kellogg will be present in class three times during the semester, the rest of the course will be online.
 - Students will be able to come in during their scheduled class time during their week to study and ask questions. Director Cripe will be available during those times for the students.
 - The official FSCI-332 hybrid course will be approved and available starting summer 2019.
- g. If you have any ideas or would like to help develop a hybrid course please contact the RFTC.
- h. At the end of 2018, the current FF1 process will go away and be replaced by the new process.
 - If your department has any fire fighters that qualify for the old FF1 certification, be sure to have them send in the red scantrons by December 31, 2018. If the deadline is missed they will be required to start the process over again under the new guidelines.
 - The new guidelines consist of three written test: FF (60 questions), Haz Mat (30 questions), and wildland (30 questions).
 - A change has been submitted to lower the amount of questions to 50-25-25.
 - After completion of the written tests, 18 skills tests are required.
 - 12 specified skills and 6 random skills to be tested one on one with a qualified proctor.
 - a. There are 67 possible skills that can be given. SFM is responsible for choosing which skills will be tested on.
 - The RFTC will be implementing the new guidelines for the fall 2018 Fire Academy.
 - Under the new guidelines proctors will have to be certified and registered instructors, as well as go through a training.
 - The RFTC is working on bringing the Ethics and Proctoring trainings here.
 - Starting fall 2018, any new instructors who are hired to help with Fire Academy, will be required to have their Instructor 1 certification.
 - The RFTC has a bank of laptops that will be used to give the written tests for the FF1 certification.
- i. E. Klevmyr gave an update on the new hiring and retention grant.
 - The grant was submitted. The results should be announce by June.
 - The grant will enable the hire of a marketing person, turnouts for new firefighters, and FF1 training.
 - The grant will help in recruiting volunteers.
 - All new recruits will be put through a FF1 academy.
 - All involved departments will train together.



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VI. RFTC Projects Reports:

- a. Burn Tower – Burn rooms / Interior lighting / Anchor bolts
 - The burn tower is working well and burns hot.
 - The tower is a prop to train firefighters how to properly operate during a fire.
 - The tower is not to be used to see how hot the fire can become.
 - The RFTC is in the process of scheduling another training for the burn room operation.
 - The interior light repair has been scheduled for July 14-31. The tower will not be available during this time.
 - The RFTC will have an engineering study done so that anchor bolts can be installed in key locations in the tower for rescue training.
- b. Residential Container Prop
 - D. Nichols will be at the RFTC at the beginning of June to dig the trenches in preparation to pour the foundation for the prop.
- c. Storage Facility
 - The engineering report is in.
 - R. Cripe is working on a time frame for the facility to be set up.
- d. Fence line
 - The oleanders have been taken out.
 - The RFTC is looking into the best course of action for the next step to secure the facility.
 - One possibility is installing razor wire.

VII. Items:

- a. Parking concerns
 - The District has no money to fix the parking problem at this time.
 - The District brought up the idea of having students park inside the gate, R. Cripe will be creating a presentation to show the liability issues of having students park inside the training facilities.
 - The RFTC idea is to create parking spots along the south wall.
 - Lighting would have to be installed and students would still have to walk around to the main entrance into the RFTC.
- b. Curriculum
 - Course reviews / switch to FTECH
 - This is a lengthy process. The course review for the program is in progress.
 - The RFTC is about half way through the process of switching FSCI course over to FTECH courses.
 - Several Fire Officer courses have been retired, new courses are being built.
- c. Partnerships
 - FTES
 - R. Cripe is working on the ISA language for all agencies.
 - The deadline is June 2018
 - MFD & Stan. Co. / So. San Joaquin
 - The RFTC is waiting on an extension agreement for the 18/19 year.
 - R. Cripe will be reaching out to both agencies in order to have the extension in place by July 1, 2018.



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- a. If an approved extension is not in place by July 1, 2018, no training outside of Modesto Junior College classes will be allowed, due to liability issues.
- Satellite Funding Applications
 - The application period opens on May 17, 2018.
 - Application can be found on the RFTC website.
 - The RFTC will have \$45,000.00 each year, for three years to distribute to eligible agencies.
- d. RFTC Policies and Procedure
 - Operations Manual
 - Still in work.
 - Site Operators
 - A new training session will be scheduled with Fireblast.
 - The RFTC goal is to have 20 training operators.
 - Uniform policy
 - R. Cripe is working on an RFP with vendors for a new uniform policy for students, faculty, and staff.
 - The RFTC is considering possible changes to the emblem.
 - a. Any suggestions or ideas should be directed to R. Cripe.
- e. Site Planning
 - Indianapolis / Container prop(s)
 - R. Cripe just returned from the container prop training in Indianapolis.
 - Placerville, El Dorado County, R. Cripe, and J. Cummings were all present for this training.
 - They experienced live burns and were able to learn what would be needed in order to implement these burns into the RFTC Container Prop and the proper design and usage of the prop.
 - A permit would be required and obtained to burn as needed.
 - Vent prop - Vehicle Prop - Bus Prop
 - The vent prop will end up being incorporated into the new props.
 - R. Cripe has obtained a quote of \$70,000.00 for a vehicle prop.
 - PG&E will be building and donating a new Christmas Tree prop for the RFTC.
 - The RFTC is looking into a Nov-Dec. time frame for a county wide training with bus prop.
 - Other ideas - Interest

VIII. Open Discussion:

- a. What do you need???
 - The RFTC is looking into additional Rescue Tech courses.
 - P. Cole would like to set up a schedule to come at least once a year.
 - The next time CSTI is at the RFTC conducting training, we will have five seats available.
 - Nozzles Forward will be coming again.
 - Dates and times to be determined.
- b. What changes / new courses / trainings do you want to see offered???



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- Courses that were suggested:
 - Driver Operator
 - County wide wildland
 - Fire line EMT and Paramedic Training
 - Large Area Search (Lillie and Seaton)

IX. Next Meeting Dates:

August 22, 2018 1:30 – 3:00 pm, RFTC Conference Room or room 105.

November 28, 2018 1:30 – 3:00 pm, RFTC Conference Room or room 105.