



**RFTC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 25, 2017
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Regional Fire Training Center

I. Roll-call:

- a. Members present: Burbank Paradise Fire Department- Captain Chris Bernardi, Ripon Fire Department- Chief Marty Cornilsen, RFTC Director- Ron Cripe, Fire Academy Coordinator- Captain Matthew Curless, Ceres Fire Department- Captain Jon Goulding, Stan. County Fire Warden- Eric Holly, Modesto Fire Department- Captain Andrew Hunter, Stan. Consolidated- Captain Tim Johnson, Escalon Fire Department- Chief Rick Mello, RFTC- Alycia Murguia, Salida Fire Department- Captain Joe Rizotto
- b. Members absent: Chief Steve Brush, Chief Erik Klevmyr, Sophal Prum, Chief Brian White

II. Approval of past Minutes

- a. All attendees approved the past minutes.

III. RFTC Report – EMS, FIRE, & FIRE ACADEMY

- a. RFTC currently has two EMT and three First Responder classes running for the fall 2017 semester.
- b. Paramedic Program:
 - The California State Chancellors Office has approved four of the six courses. The clinical portion is still under review.
 - A new Medical Director has been chosen.
 - We are hoping for a January or February start date for the first cohort, provided everything lines up with CoAEMSP and Mountain Valley EMS Agency.
 - Each program will run three semesters.
 - RFTC currently has contracts with Doctors', Emanuel, and Oak Valley. Students will be able to get their clinical time done at these locations.
 - RFTC is in the process of getting contracts with Memorial. As well as looking into the possibility of have contracts with Kaiser and hospitals in the San Joaquin County and Sonora areas.
 - RFTC has current contracts with AMR and Oak Valley Ambulance.
 - The program will accept up to 24 students per cohort.
 - The first cohort will be a fee-based program. After that, the program should be under the college unit bearing system, and eligible students will be able to use financial aid.
 - RFTC is in the process of creating a Para medicine AS degree.
- c. RFTC currently has two FSCI-301, FSCI-303, FSCI-305, FSCI306, and FSCI-332 running for the fall 2017 semester.
- d. The Fire Academy started with 27 students, but due to an injury and personal reasons, there is currently 23 students in the Academy.
 - All remaining 23 students are doing well, have advanced to the Advanced Fire Academy, and are in the certification portion of the semester.



- e. The old District Office Buildings has been available for training. A few departments have been able to take advantage of this.
 - Ron will inform the departments of any further availability of the old buildings.
- f. John Barindelli has offered a new piece of property that he purchased as a training opportunity for anyone who is interested. Unfortunately, the Academy will not be able to take part in this.
 - Contact Ron if you are interested and he will put you in touch with John B.

IV. RFTC Projects Reports:

- a. EMS Skills Lab
 - RFTC has turned room 106 into an EMS skills lab.
 - All the walls have been put up and we are in the process of painting.
 - The skills lab will be open to everyone January 1, 2018.
 - There are three ALS and three BLS rooms that are interchangeable.
 - Equipment will be available to those who want to utilize the lab for training.
 - The skills lab was set up for Medic, EMT, and First Responder training.
- b. Force Door Props
 - RFTC has purchased two new forcible entry doors. One through Bear Training Solution and one through Chuck Ferry.
 - RFTC already had one E-Force door.
 - RFTC is looking into purchasing one more door that will be installed in the Burn Tower for training.
 - Make arrangements with either Ron or Sophal to schedule a time to use these props so that we can ensure we have the needed supplies.
- c. Residential Container Prop
 - The container prop has been green lighted; it will be moved to the gravel area.
 - RFTC is currently waiting on a bid for the trench work that will have to be done.
 - There will be a sidewalk around the perimeter of the prop as well as a simulated driveway along with a car prop to work around.
- d. Storage Facility
 - RFTC will be building a two story, U shaped storage facility to store bulk supplies and equipment.
 - The facility will have a roof and a fence, as well as a workshop for the facilities tech.
 - RFTC is waiting on engineering plans to move forward with the project.
 - The approximate time for completion is about two years.
- e. Burn Tower
 - RFTC was able to receive a Strong Workforce to fund the Burn Tower upgrades.
 - Fireblast has replaced the old equipment, and the tower now has three burn rooms.
 - The first floor is a kitchen prop, the second floor is a living room prop, and the third floor is a bedroom prop.



- There will be a few people who will be trained during the initial training.
 - Only certified personnel will be able to operate the burn rooms.
 - If you would like someone from your agency to be trained, contact Ron and he will set up the training.
- There is to be no water on or around the tower until further notice.
 - The electrical equipment of the new burn prop still needs to be sealed off.
- There is to be no OSB in or around the tower. Plywood is ok.

f. FTES – ISAs

- RFTC is in the process of completing an in service agreement.
 - RFTC will capture the departments training and issue college credits.
 - Departments will be compensated for training hours.
 - RFTC is currently in negotiations with the college to determine how many FTE's we will be able to offer.
 - Department Training Officer will be the Instructor of Record for the classes.
 - Electronic training logs will be captured.
 - Hours cannot be used for both ISA's and the JAC system.
 - Ron will meet with the Fire Chiefs and Training Officers as more information becomes available.

g. RFTC Curriculum

- Spring 2018 Line up
- Core Fire Science Courses 1 to 6
- Review of Prereqs & Coreqs
 - a. FSCI-301 will be either a prereq or a coreq to all or most of the FSCI and FTECH courses.
 - b. EMT prereq will stay the same.
 - c. Academy prereq will stay the same.
 - d. RS1 prereq will still be LARRO.
 - e. Apparatus prereq will be Driver Op 1A and 1B
- CTE Program Review
- Instructor Meetings
- Curriculum updates
 - RFTC is in the process of converting all FSCI classes into FTCH classes.
 - a. The course names will stay the same, but course number may change.
 - Retired SFM courses will be eliminated.
 - All current courses are being updated.
 - New courses being added.
 - a. We have entered into a MOU with Turlock to provide the emergency services classes that they need, either in Turlock or at the RFTC.
 - i. RFTC would like to expand this to include any departments that would be interested.



- New Course desires
 - If there are any courses that your department requires that we do not currently offer contact Ron.

V. Items:

- a. Parking Issues
 - The college is currently researching various options to fix the parking problem.
- b. Partnerships
 - MFD/Stan. Co.
 - RFTC is in the process of signing a one year extension with MFD and the County Warden.
 - a. The current contract is being reevaluated and updated.
 - San Joaquin
 - RFTC would like to explore the possibility of a collective usage agreement with other departments and county agencies that may be interested in taking advantage of the RFTC training facilities and courses.
- c. RFTC Policies and Procedure
 - Operations Manual
 - The Operations Manual will be updated to include site operators and will be a living document.
 - Site Operators
 - The Fireblast training will be in November.
 - a. If you are not part of the training, this first time around, but need training, contact Ron.
 - Uniform policy
 - Instructor PPE will be provided by the RFTC.
 - a. We will be putting together a cache of PPE for instructor usage.
 - A new dress code while teaching in the classroom will be implemented for all RFTC instructors, professional experts, and skills. It will consist of either an RFTC t-shirt or polo shirt. RFTC will be providing these.
- d. Site Planning
 - Indianapolis
 - Ron along with a few others will be attending a container building/ usage class.
 - After the completion of the Burn Tower upgrades, acquiring a class A burn prop is the next goal.
 - Vent prop
 - RFTC may be placing a ventilation prop on top of the residential prop after it's moved.
 - Vehicle Prop
 - RFTC has a \$70,000 Bullex bid for a vehicle prop. We are looking into other options as well.
 - Bus Prop
 - RFTC currently have two busses that can be used for training.

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- Other ideas – Interest

- If you have any ideas for needed training or props please contact Ron.

- a. A Fire Command Module and officer development training were recommended during the meeting.

- e. Committees needed

- Small committees are needed- If you did not sign up after the meeting but are interested in participating in one of the committees let us know.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

Ron will send out proposed dates for the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Alycia Murguia