

FIRE TRAINING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: APRIL 25, 2013 9AM

**ATTENDANCE: TRAINING CHIEF JOSEPH V. BRUNI; FIRE CHIEF DOUG LEWIS; FIRE CHIEF DAYTON SALTSMAN; DISTRICT; FIRE CHIEF ROBERT POLK; MR. JAMES TERRY; TRAINING CHIEF GUY KEIRN; TRAINING CHIEF TIM PILSON
 ABSENT: FIREFIGHTER STERLING FIELDS; MR. MIKE COOKSEY; FIREFIGHTER RENEE NIEMAN; DISTRICT CHIEF MIKE ZAMPARELLI**

Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Welcome/Introductions	-Chief Terry informed the committee that DC Mike Zamparelli had retired from SPC and asked to be taken off the advisory board	
<u>Additions/Deletions to Agenda</u> -Chief Terry asked if anyone had any old business they would like to discuss or any additions or deletions to the agenda.	-Chief Terry added Agenda #5 Pearson Vue Testing to the agenda	-None
<u>Agenda Item # 1. New Business</u> -Chief Terry started by informing the committee of the enrollment for the last few fire academies. He said enrollment was up with an average of 24 students per class from all walks of life. He mentioned a student in the last class with a degree from Harvard changing careers later in life.	-None	None
<u>Agenda Item # 2. Update on Inservice Training</u> -Chief Terry gave an update on the new online CEU courses offered for those renewing Inspector/Instructor Certificates. -He also mentioned that there have been more and more training taking place at the training center by fire departments	-None	-None

<p>-Chief Terry then informed the group on the progress of the Firefighter Internship Program</p>	<p>-He asked for any suggestions on how to tweak the program for the future and also informed the members of the ride-alongs beginning in May. -Chief Keirn asked if everything was in place and ready to go for preceptors working with the internship program and Chief Terry said it should be</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #3.Fire Academy & EMT Program</u> -Chief Terry gave board an overview of the bridge program in the works for students transitioning from EMT to the fire academy. He said it is a very slow process and that SPC was approached by the state asking if they would like to be the first to offer this kind of program. -Chief Terry advised the board he was part of a committee at the state fire college and has so far attended two meetings. In the meetings such things as a PAT entrance exam for fire academies has been discussed feedback was expected from centers by July 1.</p>	<p>-Chief Bruni asked about a projected start date and Chief Terry said it is a work in progress with no real changes to either program, just hope to make the transition from EMT to the fire academy seamless. -Chief Lewis then asked why we are not able to award college credits for the fire academy when the law enforcement program has been doing it for years. -Chief Terry stated that was a tremendous task and that each course/subject has to be looked at as its own course. -Chief Polk asked if it was possible to provide individual certificates for safety & survival training in the fire academy and Chief Bruni mentioned these are the types of certificates he looks for when hiring.</p>	<p>- Chief Terry then asked if issuing certificates for safety & survival was something we wanted to pursue. -The board agreed it was good idea.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item # 4.Update on Restroom/Workout facilities</u> -Chief Terry stated a new portable has been brought in to the training center to house more bathroom facilities and also a workout room. The existing facilities will be used for the women once the portable is complete.</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #5.Pearson Vue Testing</u> - Chief Terry informed the committee that the Florida</p>	<p>- Chief Polk made the suggestion that the test be scheduled for the class on one particular day at a</p>	<p>-None</p>

<p>State Fire College is considering having the company Pearson Vue administer the written portion of the minimum standards state exam. One reason is because Pearson Vue will be able to track results better and provide that breakdown to the training centers. There will be an additional fee for the exam.</p>	<p>certain time so they may take it together.</p>	
<p><u>Additions to Agenda</u> -Chief Terry announced he is leaving St. Petersburg College effective October 1, 2013.</p>	<p>-Chief Lewis asked if they had a replacement in mind and Chief Terry said they will open the position up soon.</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p>Adjournment 10:30A</p>		