

FIRE TRAINING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: APRIL 18, 2012 9AM

ATTENDANCE: TRAINING CHIEF JOSEPH V. BRUNI; FIRE CHIEF DOUG LEWIS; FIRE CHIEF DAYTON SALTSMAN; DISTRICT CHIEF MICHAEL ZAMPARELLI; FIREFIGHTER RENEE NIEMAN; EMS PROGRAM DIRECTOR NERINA STEPANOVSKY; MR. GARY GRAHAM; MR. JAMES TERRY; MR. PHILLIP A. BAILEY;
ABSENT: TRAINING CHIEF GUY KEIRN; FIREFIGHTER STERLING FIELDS; MR. MIKE COOKSEY; TRAINING CHIEF TIM PILSON;

Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Welcome/Introductions		
<u>Agenda Item #1 Old Business</u> -Chief Terry asked if anyone had any old business they would like to discuss or any additions or deletions to the agenda.	-No one had anything to the agenda.	-None
<u>Agenda Item # 2. New Business</u> -Chief Terry started by informing the committee of the enrollment for the last few fire academies. He said enrollment is not at it's highest but is optimistic about the Fall academy starting in September 2012. -Chief Terry also informed the committee that now the Department of Education will only fund for 398 hours of minimum standards and not 450 but SPC will still continue with the 450 hours as it always has.	-Chief Bruni asked if this trend for enrollment is happening at other fire academies around the state. Chief Terry said it was and understand a local one even had to cancel a class due to low enrollment. -Chief Zamparelli then asked if students are tracked after they complete the fire academy and also in degree seeking programs such as Fire Science. -Mr. Graham said that students finishing degree seeking programs are tracked by the state although they are not able to track those that leave the state.	None
<u>Agenda Item # 3. Update on Inservice Training</u> -Mr. Bailey gave everyone a handout on upcoming courses happening through the inservice program. He then discussed how he would be sitting in on the Pump Apparatus and Fire Service	-Mr. Bailey pointed out that enrollment for some of the inservice courses may be low due to the fact that departments are reimbursing for fewer than before due to budget constraints.	-None

<p>Hydraulics courses in case the main instructor had to miss a class for any reason.</p>		
<p><u>Agenda Item #4. Report on KIDDE Contract</u> -Chief Terry covered the KIDDE contract for the burn building and said it was a 3 year contract that was in place as of right now.</p>	<p>-Chief Terry said it was up for renewal and explained the option of partnering with Manatee Technical Institute on their service contract which would cut down on cost since the technician would service SPC's when Manatee's is done and not have to make two trips. _Chief Terry said the cost of a new contract with KIDDE Fire Trainers without partnering with Manatee Technical Institute would be \$18,200. If SPC decides to partner with Manatee, the cost would then be \$15,300 each year for 1-3 years. -Chief Saltsman thinks the idea of a contract is helpful in knowing costs ahead of time and not being charged different amounts throughout the years for various repairs that may arise. -Chief Bruni asked how often problems arise with the burn building and Chief Zamparelli answered it is about three times a year on average including their maintenance visit twice a year.</p>	<p>-Motion filed to continue the 3 year KIDDE contract and partner with Manatee Technical Institute. All of the committee members were in favor.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item # 5.Report on Student Library/Computer Lab</u> -Chief Terry stated the library for students was operational and located in the in-service portable. He also informed everyone the SPC Interior Designer is involved and will be helping with things like furniture, window coverings, etc.</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #6. Report on Progress combining EMT with fire academy</u></p>	<p>-Ms. Stepanovsky discussed in detail the start dates for each</p>	<p>-None</p>

<p>-Nerina Stepanovsky addressed the committee next and gave a presentation for the proposal for the EMT, paramedic, Firefighter track.</p>	<p>EMS program and how they would coincide with the start of fire academies. She mentioned how this could potentially be difficult to merge since the fire academy is a vocational program and EMT/paramedic are credit programs but they are working with Chief Terry to see if this is a possibility.</p> <p>-Chief Terry then asked if Ms. Stepanovsky would attend a fire academy orientation and give students information on SPC's EMS programs in hopes to boost enrollment. He also said he would like to come and meet with the EMS students about the fire academy.</p>	
<p><u>Agenda Item #7. Firefighter Suicide Course</u> -Chief Terry told the group about a course he and Eileen LaHaie were working on about suicide in the Fire Service through The Center for Public Safety Innovation with SPC.</p>	<p>-Chief Terry said there are about and average of 17 firefighter suicides a year nationwide and would like to provide a course like the one offered for law enforcement but tapered to the fire service. He mentioned they would be applying for a grant to try to get it off and running and it would hopefully be able to disseminate over 6 regions for both volunteer and career fire departments.</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #8. Firefighter Refresher Inservice Program</u> -Chief Terry explained the need for the Inservice Firefighter Refresher courses and why it came about.</p>	<p>-Chief Terry explained to the group that a student cannot be completed twice in the same program. If a student had completed the fire academy but had to come though again because of a lapse with their certification or failing the state test twice, they would be placed into the two courses that parallel the fire academy. He also mentioned that this does not happen frequently.</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p>-Gary Graham announced the</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-None</p>

next Advisory Board Appreciation Breakfast and Dinner will be on September 6 and the appreciation lunch will be on September 7 at The EpiCenter. Committees may also hold their Fall meetings afterward in one of the conference rooms .		
Adjournment 10:32A		

