

**FIRE TRAINING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 9:00AM**

**ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT POLK; CITY MANAGER DOUG LEWIS; MS. GABRIELLE BAIN; MR. TIM PILSON; MS. STEPHANIE CALVERT**

**ABSENT: MR. DALE KONING; MS. SANDY BROOKING; FIREFIGHTER STERLING FIELDS; MR. JOSEPH BRUNI; TRAINING CHIEF JASON HAYNES; MR. KERRY CARTER; FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL SERVIS**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Recommendations</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcome/Introductions	-Chairman Pilson went around the room and did introductions	
<u>Additions/Deletions to Agenda</u> -Mr. Tim Pilson asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda	-Chief Polk said he would like to add a No. 7, 8, and 9 under New Business. They were titled Covid-19, EMT, and Advisory Chair/Student Representative.	Agenda additions approved
<u>Agenda Item # 1. Old Business</u> -Chief Polk gave an update on all capital projects and needs at the Fire Training Center. -He started by talking about the classrooms and office portables. The A/C updating, roof work and painting of the portables has been completed. -Chief Polk then talked about the purchase of 22 sets of bunker gear for the students  -He then discussed the apparatus replacement. We purchased an Engine from Palm Harbor for \$80,000 that was paid by the SPC Foundation and a donor. We also received a donated Aerial Truck from Largo Fire.	-Mr. Pilson asked if we have old gear for the students to use for maze, extrication, and safety and survival training.  -Mr. Pilson asked what happened with the old yellow engine.	-Chief Polk replied yes we have old gear for the students and maritime trainings. However, we do not assign students new gear then give them old gear for special training. -Chief Polk responded it was returned to the county as they were the owners and we just leased the engine. We are also in the process of donating the old Aerial truck to Pinellas Park High School Firefighter Program. We have received a quote for lettering on both the new vehicles and will be

<p>-Chief Polk then talked about the status of the Rehab Shelter. The project is complete and the shelter is being used. With that project, we also receive three misting fans.</p> <p>-Next was talk about the front gate operating system. There were many issues with the front gate not functioning properly. The College has paid for the upgrade and replacement of the operating system.</p> <p>-Chief then discussed the WiFi cabling project. The College has run underground cabling to the far portable and apparatus bay allowing for Wifi campus wide and fixing the InformaCast System and the Fire Alarm Systems.</p>	<p>-Mr. Pilson asked if there was a way to lock the gate from inside the office.</p>	<p>reaching out to various sources for possible funding.</p> <p>-Chief Polk replied that use of the master key in the operating control box in the office will open and close the gate.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item # 2. Old Business</u></p> <p>-Chief Polk gave an update on the Firefighter Academy and the Fire/EMT Combined Program. Class 61 and 62 started in early August. Both are fire only classes. Due to the Covid closure, they were postponed from their original state dates. Class 61 started with 14 students and were supposed to start in March. Class 62 started with 25 students, and is a part-time class that was supposed to start in April. Class 63 will be a Fire/EMT Combined class and will start in January. We are in the process of conducting Physical Ability Tests and the application process. Chief Polk also mentioned Class 60 came</p>		

<p>back in July after 4 months of being closed and finished the fire academy and are now in the EMT portion of the combined program.</p>	<p>-Mr. Pilson asked if everyone passed Class 60.</p>	<p>-Ms. Calvert responded that one student failed the College final written exam twice and was dismissed from the program. We also had five fail the practical exam 3 were given retakes and passed, two had already used their retake on a previous chapter test and were dismissed from the program. -Chief Polk added they were rusty from the delay but overall performed well.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #3. Old Business</u> -Chief Polk gave an update on the Fire Academy Program Changes. The state has increased the minimum contact hours required to 492 hours. They added items like Cancer and Mental Health and Active Shooter.</p>	<p>-Mr. Pilson asked are there not firefighters that go in with law enforcement during those situations.</p>	<p>-Chief Polk responded yes they are a part of the SWAT medic team.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item # 4. Old Business</u> -Chief Polk then turned it over to Ms. Bain to give an update on in-service classes and training. Ms. Bain reported we have continued offering the online CEU classes; but since reopening, we are slowly scheduling face-to-face classes keeping in mind social distancing. We have scheduled a few classes for the fall semester and capped them at 10. We are still reviewing how to go about offering other classes that do not allow for social distancing like EVDT or Advanced Forcible Entry.</p>	<p>-Mr. Pilson said with EVDT there is only two of us in the truck and we can wear masks.</p>	<p>-Ms. Bain responded yes both student and instructor would have to wear a mask while in the truck driving. We will look at scheduling a class soon. We are working to meet the needs of our customers.</p>

<p><u>Agenda Item #5. Old Business</u></p> <p>- Chief Polk gave an update from the state on applicable subjects. The IFSTA 7<sup>th</sup> edition textbook is now out and we are looking at switching January 2021.</p> <p>-Chief then talked about the new Performance Objectives they are in effect as of July 1, 2020. Any class starting after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be tested under the new PO's.</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-None</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #6. New Business</u></p> <p>-Chief Polk talked about grant funding, through this grant we have purchased two forcible entry props, hydraulic tools, 40 helmets, ventilation power saw, 2 roof vent props, smoke machine, 3 portable radios, 2 TICs, AED, Immersion table, bunker gear dryer, 2 window props. All of this was about \$75,000. He also mention the college has cut our budget about 15% so this grant is a big help.</p>	<p>-Mr. Pilson asked if we went with battery operated or gas powered hydraulic tools.</p>	<p>-Chief Polk responded that after doing some checking we decided to stick with the gasoline powered hydraulics tools for compatibility with existing equipment.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #7. New Business</u></p> <p>-Chief Polk spoke about Covid-19 policy changes. The academy is following college policies, everyone is required to wear a mask at all times while inside a building, student are required to wipe down/disinfect tables and common areas, all portables have a labeled entrance and exit door, students cannot leave campus for lunch or breaks, and bathrooms are limited to 6 people at a time. We are no longer screening with temperature checks. Everyone is now required to do the online Symptom Checker before arriving on</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-None</p>

<p>campus. We have also been provided with new A/V equipment to allow for instructors to teach students that may be in another room. This will allow us to further social distance.</p>		
<p><u>Agenda Item #8. New Business</u>          -Chief Polk told the committee about updates to the EMT portion of the Fire/EMT Combined program. The EMT program has decided to extend their program from the original 12 weeks to 16 weeks.          -Chief Polk also updated the committee that the EMT program wants to pull out of the joint orientation that we've been doing and hold their own separate orientation.</p>	<p>-Mr. Lewis asked if the people running EMT ever asked the students what they wanted.           -Mr. Pilson asked what the EMT schedule would be if they went full time.           -Mr. Pilson asked if there was any reason why they wanted their own orientation.           -Mr. Lewis then asked if they ever did the shift friendly paramedic program.</p>	<p>-Chief Polk responded that they not only have not asked the students but they haven't communicated with us either.           -Ms. Calvert responded they used to run it full-time and it was Monday through Friday for 12 weeks.          -Chief Polk replied we have a meeting with the Dean scheduled to discuss the orientation.          -Chief Polk responded yes they did and then they did away with it.          -Ms. Calvert added they still have shift friendly but it's no longer a PSAV program it is now a credit program.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #9. New Business</u>          -Chief Polk then talked about the advisory board chair position and student position. We will be looking at a student from either class 61 or 62 to join the advisory board, as we need a new student every year.          -He then went on to talk about the Chair position. Saying we need a new chair every year, we will send out an email to all voting members to determine the next chair. If no one wants the position, we will let Mr. Pilson continue.</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-Mr. Pilson responded if no one wants the position I'll continue doing it.</p>

	-Mr. Lewis asked how are we doing on diversity in the academy.	-Chief Polk responded that we are seeing diversity in our classes but it is not listed on the application and is not used in the student selection process.
	-Mr. Lewis asked if St. Pete is sending their cadets here.	-Chief Polk responded yes
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