

**FIRE TRAINING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE: JANUARY 27, 2011 9AM**

**ATTENDANCE: FIRE CHIEF DAYTON SALTSMAN; OPERATIONS CHIEF JAMES WIMBERLY; TRAINING CHIEF JOSEPH V. BRUNI; FIREFIGHTER RENEE NIEMAN; TRAINING CHIEF TIM PILSON; DISTRICT CHIEF MIKE ZAMPARELLI; MR. MIKE COOKSEY, PINELLAS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION DIRECTOR; CHIEF JIM TERRY; MR. PHILLIP A. BAILEY; MS. GABRIELLE BAIN**

**ABSENT: FIRE CHIEF DOUG LEWIS; TRAINING CHIEF GUY KEIRN; FIREFIGHTER STERLING FIELDS**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Recommendations</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcome/Introductions		
<p><u>Agenda Item # 1.(Old Business) Report on Building Improvements at Fire Training Center</u></p> <p>-Chief Terry gave an update on the Forcible Entry Prop which was 99% complete. Also stated it would be used a great deal in Safety &amp; Survival Training for the Fire Academy. Forty hours of Safety &amp; Survival Training have been added to the Fire Academy curriculum.</p>	<p>-Fire Chief Saltsman asked if this new prop would be used as a resource or a tool to instruct. Chief Terry replied that it would depend on what the fire department training is looking for and also mentioned the cost differences if they provide their own instructor versus SPC providing one.</p>	-None
<p><u>Agenda Item# 2 Update on Additional Portable Gym</u></p> <p>-Chief Terry said he spoke with JC Brock, CEO of The Allstate Center, and an additional portable is on the list and soon may put in requests for building specifications. He also mentioned a new portable will be delivered from The Clearwater Campus to house a gym area for students.</p>		-None
<p><u>Agenda Item # 1. New Business Update on Training Director's Meeting, 1/19/2011</u></p> <p>-Chief Terry gave a brief overview of things discussed such as some of the state pass rates being incorrect and how they are looking at</p>	- None	None

<p>having the training centers administer their own practical exams rather than a state examiner. Pearson Vue would be administering the written portion.</p>		
<p><u>Agenda Item # 2 &amp; 4.Update on Inservice Training &amp; Discuss Needed Fee Changes</u></p> <p>-Chief Terry told the members about the inservice program not generating trainings and that usage was down and asked the board why that may be.</p> <p>-The idea of a credit bank for fire departments and trainings was brought to the committee.</p>	<p>-Training Chief Pilson said it would be helpful to get a list of courses offered through the inservice program as well as descriptions within the next month. Fire Chief Saltsman agreed saying it would help for budget planning and to bring to other departments for input.</p> <p>-Operations Chief Wimberly added another reason for St. Petersburg Fire &amp; Rescue not using the facility much was that they had their own training facility.</p> <p>-Training Chief Bruni said their budget at St. Petersburg Fire &amp; Rescue does not allow for as much training but suggests sending instructors to fire stations to conduct inservice trainings as well as offering courses and trainings at night.</p> <p>-Operations Chief Wimberly thought the idea of a credit bank could be a possibility and may bring more fire departments out to use the facility.</p> <p>-Mr. Cooksey added that another possibility is the ask departments and their surrounding cities to train together such as the South County Fire Departments.</p>	<p>- In discussing the idea of a credit bank and various trainings to be offered, all of the members were in favor of allowing the college to provide trained and certified officers during live fire training.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #3. Tour Ventilation Forcible Entry Prop</u></p> <p>- Chief Terry and Phillip Bailey took the Advisory Board members on a tour of the ventilation prop and explained all its uses and</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p><u>Agenda Item # 5.Discuss PAT Prerequisite for Summer 2011 Fire Academy</u></p> <p>- Chief Terry discussed the Physical Ability Test with the members and possibly waiving it as a prerequisite to enter the fire academy and instead, have the students pass it after their PT. He explained however, there may be a slightly higher drop rate with no Physical Ability Test up front.</p>	<p>-Operations Chief Wimberly agreed stating he would like to see students come into the academy and not be eliminated initially because of the Physical Ability Test when they could be successful in the program with some work.</p> <p>-Training Chief Pilson stated he thinks it is a good idea to keep the Physical Ability Test in place as a prerequisite for the time being.</p>	<p>-Chief Terry asked for a motion and vote to keep the Physical Ability Test as a prerequisite for the fire academy and all members were in favor.</p>
<p><i>Adjournment</i> 12:37pm</p>		

