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EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT					
AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			RESPONSIBILITY
Old Business:		No old business-Tabled			
Continuing Business:		Program Report			Dennis Eaves
New Business:		Welcome and Introductions			Chief James Amerson
Curriculum Decisions:		EMT Changes; Fire Protection Changes; Prerequisites			Ed Nolte
Other:		Support Classes; Regional Training; TCFP Overview/Open Discussion			Dennis Eaves; Chief James Amerson; Chief Bill Ho-Gland
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS		DISCUSSION			
Old Business:		No old business-Tabled			
Continuing Business		Dennis Eaves reported on last year's Academy graduates. 18 graduated from the day academy and 15 from the night academy. All passed the state exam from the day academy; however, one failed the state exam from the night academy. Dennis stated that so far for this year's Academies we have 16 in the day class and 12 in the night class.			
New Business:		Welcome and Introductions. Ed introduced Dennis Eaves as our new faculty member for the Fire Protection Technology program and turned the floor over to Chief Amerson. Chief Amerson introduced himself and then had everyone introduce themselves.			
Curriculum Decisions:		Wade Olsen discussed new EMT changes. The new AEMT Certificate goes into effect January 1, 2013. October 31,			

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	<p>2012 is the last day to take the Intermediate course under prior curriculum. If firefighters are nationally registered as Intermediate's and/or Basic EMT's they must take a transitional course. All Intermediates will have to take a written exam to become AEMT's. Basic and Paramedics will be grandfathered at that level. Amarillo College will offer the transitional course. A&P I and Medical Terminology must be successfully completed prior to registration for EMSP 1438, 1455 and 1456. The Fire Advisory Committee voted to add A&P I and Medical Terminology to the major course requirements increasing the semester hours by 7. This will bring the FIRS.CERT program to 38 semester hours. Also, Ed Nolte requested that the Advisory Committee consider adding to the catalog that the student be at college level as a prerequisite in the Fire Academy application process. The Committee voted in favor of the request.</p>
Other:	<p>Support Classes: Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) - begins August 25, 2012 and ends Sept. 25, 2012; Fire Arson/Investigator begins Sept. 17, 2012 and ends October 12, 2012. An Instructor II class is being offered on Sept. 8, 2012 and ends on October 5, 2012. Dennis Eaves said that after the Instructor II class we will try to do an Instructor I class. There will be two Hazardous Material Technician classes - one in January 2013 and the other in June 2013. Bill Ho-Gland suggested that maybe a Fire Officer I class be offered after the completion of an Instructor I class.</p> <p>Regional Training: Dennis Eaves asked the Committee members to complete the "AC Fire Program Goals" handout. He would like for each member to take time to write down their ideas for goals to be used for the Fire program.</p> <p>Randall County runs their own academy for volunteers, which follows State Fireman and Fire Marshall Association (SFFMA) guidelines and regulations. James Amerson suggested running a SSFMA Academy through AC. (Randall Co. runs these classes through AC as CE classes but not as an Academy). If this happens the classes must work around the volunteer's schedule. Bill Ho-Gland recommended as a first step to contact the local education coordinator of the Panhandle Fireman and Fire Marshall Association and get them to recognize Amarillo College as an official training site. Texas Commission on Fire Protection and SSFMA both follow the curriculum guidelines of NFPA 1001.</p> <p>A committee will be organized to help develop classes for volunteer firefighters.</p> <p>TCFP Overview/Changes: Bill Ho-Gland discussed the minimum standards for the Incident Safety Officer, a new certification through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. In order to be certified as an Incident Safety Officer an individual must hold commission certification as Fire Officer I. This is an important fact to keep in mind as this class becomes available through AC. All other requirements for certification for Incident Safety Officer can be found on the Commission website. Bill also discussed the minimum standards for Basic Wildland Fire Protection Certification. One does not have to have their firefighter certification to take a Basic Wildland Fire Protection class to be able to sit for the state exam for certification. To teach a Basic Wildland Fire class at this time all that is required is Instructor I.</p> <p>Also some changes in C.E.'s for certification discussed. Those who have certification in Structure/Inspector will have to complete 22 hours of continuing education: 18 hours of structure firefighting, 2 hours of inspection and 2 hours of advanced firefighting. If an Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) certification is held 22 hours of continuing education units are required: 18 hours of structure firefighting, 2 hours of advanced firefighting and 2 hours of aircraft rescue firefighting. Hazardous Materials Technician has dropped from 10 hours of continuing education units to 8 hours of C.E.'s.</p> <p>Open Discussion: Rick Blandford of Amarillo Fire Department informed the committee that due to cost restraints, AFD</p>

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	<p>will continue to stay with EMT-Basic instead of requiring EMT-Intermediate.</p> <p>John Kiehl announced that PRPC will be holding their annual Regional Emergency Training Conference in January 2013.</p> <p>Bill Ho-Gland urged members to get involved by going to Austin and testify before the Commission about their concerns on new certifications, policies, regulations, etc.</p> <p>SSFMA suggestion: Dennis suggested that if a class is being given, for example, Live Fire, that all those from each county take a weekend and come to AFD Training Tower for that class.</p>		
Chairperson Signature: James Amerson		Date: August 2, 2012	Next Meeting: Not Determined