

Advisory Committee Form Instructions

Program Committee Name – Fire Protection Advisory Committee

Chairperson – James Amerson

Meeting Date, Time, and Place – 2/12/2014, 11:30am – 2:30pm, Public Service Training Center Room 213

Recorder – Chelsea Amaya

Members – Bill Ho-Gland, Mike Brock, Dennis Gwyn, James Amerson, Todd Wood, Joe Ward, Bob Watson, Mikal Orr, Maribel Martinez, Tyler Smith, John Woodward, Sam Baucom, Marc Lusk, Paul Jenkins, Richard Lake, Pat Fitzpatrick, Jeff Greenlee, Mike Webb, Chad Ewing, Kim Powell, Ed Nolte, Dennis Eaves, Lyndy Forrester, Chelsea Amaya

Agenda Item – Welcome & Introductions, Reports from Departments, Report on academies and academic classes, Discussion on TCFP & SFFMA, Discussion on proposed curriculums for certificate and AAS program, future needs, other business

Action Discussion Information – Curriculum changed, all agree

Responsibility –Dennis Eaves

Key Discussion Points – **Discussion** – report on depts. CE classes, Wildland firefighting,

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CHAIRPERSON:		Chief James Amerson				
MEETING DATE:		02/12/14	MEETING TIME:	11:30 am	MEETING PLACE:	Public Service Training Center Room 213
RECORDER:		Chelsea Amaya		PREVIOUS MEETING:	08/02/12	
COMMITTEE MEMBERS						
List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name of those present						
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	Chad Ewing	Training Chief	Pampa Fire Dept.			
	Kim Powell	Fire Chief	Pampa Fire Dept.			
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AGENDA ITEM		ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION			RESPONSIBILITY	
Old Business:		No Old Business-Tabled				

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Continuing Business:	Program Report & update on Academies	Dennis Eaves
New Business:	Welcome and Introductions	James Amerson
Curriculum Decisions:	Certificate changes made with EMT and from 7 Firefighter class to 4 firefighter classes, AAS changed with the general studies and options on firefighting classes also added in Wildland.	Dennis Eaves, Ed Nolte
Other:	Discussion on TCFP & SFFMA, future needs	Dennis Eaves, Bill Ho-Gland, Dennis Gwyn,
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DISCUSSION	
Old Business:	No Old Business – Tabled	
Continuing Business	<p>Dennis Eaves reported academy with 14 students in evening classes and 10 in day spring academy, had 16 graduates from fall academy all passed state exam. Moved Day Academy to spring due to weather issues during live fire also frees up fall so students can take EMT classes prior to entering the academy. Report from other fire departments on CE classes: Potter Co-Richard Lake reports that they have recently changed back over to state fireman and marshals, just started academy, has about 71 people on with dept. Pantex-Mike Brock reports they have 2 openings for the fire dept., 1 for paramedic, has 10 employees testing for HAZMAT Incident Command, needing some officer 3 and 4 classes. Randall Co- James Amerson reports they have some volunteers on basic level firefighting, have come up with more requirements for volunteers, do have some employees keeping up with TCFP and some that are not, going to be initiating a volunteer program and hire some more part time people. National park service Todd reports doing some burns in the Canyon area, working with Fritch and Hutchinson County for a defensive and hazard plan, and looking to do some big fire burns. Borger – Bob Watson reports doing prescribed burns with in time, doing small ones in town and parks around Borger. Fritch fire dept. to hold a 215 class Wildland urban interface on 3/1-2/2014 from 8a-8p. Looking for some Fire officer II classes. AFD – Chief Greenlee reports 16 new hires. Canyon reports 8 just starting rookie school and all coming out of class with S-130, S-190 certificates. FF1 for everyone. Dumas reports all paid employees just did Wildland training & certification and employees taking other classes.</p>	

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New Business:	Introductions of everyone and Dennis Eaves introduce Lyndy Forrester as our Dean and she explained some of the new things going on out here around the campus and improvements.	
Curriculum Decisions:	Fire protection has made changes to the curriculum to meet requirements by state. The certificate has been changed from Firefighter certification 1-7 to 1-4. We have taken out the requirement for Anatomy and Physiology and Medical terminology for the EMT. For the Associates degree we had to change the general studies portion so we can meet state requirements of 60 hours or below. We also listed optional for AARF or HAZMAT Tech which we are trying to get both of those as Hybrid classes. We have also included Wildland firefighting into the program. Dennis is currently working on getting Fire Officer II class starting late this spring through summer with Bobby Napp instructing.	
Other:	<p>Chief Gwyn with SFFMA updates, all certifications issued by SFFMA will be based on NFPA standards and will require third-party testing prior to issuance. Next opportunity for board to make any decisions will be at the June meeting at the Annual Conference in Lubbock, it is an open meeting and anyone is welcome. PFFMA officer meeting at Canyon FD May 16-18 this year it will be in Canyon. Chief Ho-Gland with TCFP updates, Hazmat Incident commander – grandfather exemption must be submitted no later than 2/27/14 all applicants need NIMS 300 and 400 to qualify to take test. The commission is going to online testing, not sure if they will be sending a written test as well, going to check on this. Starting this year you must pass all 4 disciplines before you get your certifications. Currently pushing to get all of Hazmat all in one program as a class by itself, thinks there would be a less failure rate with classes that follow. New certification possibilities: Rescue Technician I, II, III, Telecommunication I, Health & Safety Officer, Fire Officer III & IV. If you are Wildland certified you must have 4 hours of Wildland continuing ed. Need to keep records of your CEs. Thinks Texas needs a state certification for Wildland firefighter. Chiefs need to push for their firefighters to get this certificate; it is important and would help with the safety of fighting wildland fires. Suggest that chiefs get together to form a committee along with AC and develop an action plan with the Forest Service to get Wildland certifications up here in the panhandle. AFD Chief Amerson says they are having trouble with some of the students going through the EMT program here. The training chiefs have to retrain them on simple things like taking a blood pressure. They would like to see an EMT program out here that is included with the fire program that both can run at the same time and would be able to take both state tests at the same time. If EMT was combined with the fire program it would make it so much easier. If departments are planning on using the AFD training tower please email Mikal Orr or Dennis Eaves to let them know so that the tower is not overbooked with too many people. Graduation will be on May 21 at 6pm. Dennis Eaves would like to have some help from other departments because we will be having 2 academies graduate in May.</p>	
Chairperson Signature: James Amerson	Date: 2/17/2014	Next Meeting: Not Determined