

Advisory Committee Form Instructions

Program Committee Name Fire Technology Programs

Chairperson –

Meeting Date, Time, and Place – 6/29/2022, 11:30 am, EC PSTC, Room 100

Recorder – Karen Schmidt

Members – Include all members of committee; place an x to left of name if present

Ex-Officio – Linda Munoz, David Hall, Eric Wallace, Stephen Malley, Claudia Arnold, Karen Schmidt

Agenda Item – list the agenda under appropriate headings

Action Discussion Information – If a motion is made; make note in this section and include results

Responsibility – name of person making motion

Key Discussion Points – **Discussion** – Complete discussion of agenda items

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| PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME: | | Fire Technology | | | |
| CHAIRPERSON: | | | | | |
| MEETING DATE: | June 29, 2022 | MEETING TIME: | 11:30 am | MEETING PLACE: | EC PSTC 100 |
| RECORDER: | Karen Schmidt | PREVIOUS MEETING: | | 11/13/2020 | |
| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | | | | | |
| List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name of those present | | | | | |
| | NAME | TITLE | EMPLOYER INFO | PHONE | EMAIL |
| X | Mike Galloway | Fire Chief | Borger Fire Department | 806-570-9802 | mgalloway@borgertx.gov |
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| X | Dennis Gwyn | Fire Chief | Canyon Fire Department | 806-557-8567 | dgwyn@canyontx.com |
| X | LeRoy Cox | Deputy Chief | Pampa Fire Department | 806-662-0036 | lcox@cityofpampa.org |
| X | Dana Havlik | Training Chief | Amarillo Fire Department | 806-671-3867 | dana.havlik@amarillo.gov |
| X | Sam Baucom | Deputy Chief | Amarillo Fire Department | 806-678-8015 | Sam.baucom@amarillo.gov |
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| EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT | | | | | |
| X | Eric Wallace | Director, 1 st Responders | Amarillo College | 806-356-3682 | ecwallace@actx.edu |
| X | Claudia Arnold | Advisor | Amarillo College | 806-371-5355 | caarnold@actx.edu |
| X | Linda Munoz | Dean, Technical Education | Amarillo College | 806-335-4351 | lmunoz27@actx.edu |
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| X | Karen Schmidt | Administrative Assistant | Amarillo College | 806-335-4232 | ksschmidt@actx.edu |
| X | Dr. Adriane Carter | Perkins Grant | Amarillo College | | aharrellcarter@actx.edu |
| X | Stephen Malley | Faculty Coordinator | Amarillo College | 806-335-4306 | ssmalley@actx.edu |
| | AGENDA ITEM | ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION | | | |
| | Old Business: | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Chief Stephen Malley introduced himself and gave his background to committee. Everyone present introduced themselves.</div> <div>RESPONSIBILITY</div> </div> | | | |
| | | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Discussion on Curriculum Subcommittee findings held prior to 11/13/2020 meeting and their recommendations on FA new curriculum. Chief Malley discussed how having an advisor for the fire academy is really helpful in resolving issues with people wanting to go to the academy and not knowing where to start and transitioning from fire to EMT and vice versa. Chief Malley spoke about our current degree plan is mainly made up of Fire Commission certifications. He added that Weatherford College has a Fire Protection Associate degree and a Fire Admin degree with between 120 to 170 students a</div> <div></div> </div> | | | |

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| | semester. They pioneered the first on-line associate fire degree in Texas and added classes to better suit the needs of individuals, ie: leadership, finance, supervisory, hazmat and emergency management with a smoother transition to a BAAS. Baucom and Havlik said it sounded like he is on the right path with an online degree. Noting that we need to be sure the classes are what is needed to transfer to the 4 year college degree. | |
| | Minutes from the November 13, 2020 meeting are presented. None of the committee members present at this meeting were at that meeting, so unable to approve those minutes. | |
| | No CE to report. | |
| | Claudia Arnold reports she has heard rumor that our upcoming academy is full. She is letting the community know it is not full. | |
| | LeRoy Cox talked about his new fire fighters and concern with their EMR test that they need to take within their first year. They are having trouble | |
| Continuing Business: | Chief Deputy Cox said with the new guys coming in, they enroll them into an online EMR class. They have their class completion but not their certification. Their EMS medical director is uncomfortable with them in the back of an ambulance helping. EMS wants them all to take their National Registry and get a certification number. It takes 4 to 6 weeks to get them through that and tested. He asked if there is any way it can be done in the academy. Chief Malley said we would be able to tack on more week on at the end of the academy (40 hour basic) EMR class. Cox said they allow the 1 year to get their EMTB, the state allows 2 years. AFD Havlik said their cadets are all over the place as far as what training they have. Chief Malley would like the cadets to be on the same track as far as classes go. Chief Galloway stated they have been sending his people to Tarrant Co for online classes | |
| | Updated everyone on Class 50 and 51. Attrition/retention – only 2 cadets lost were due to failure to meet academic standards. Pass rate for class 50 were 13/15 on full TCFP exam. Both passed on second attempt. Class 51- FFI, FFI and HMA – 100%. HMO – 4 failed but passed on second attempt. 26 certifiable cadets graduated. | |
| | 87% pass rate compared to the old pass rate of 34%. Instructors were the same as previous classes. Changes made in delivery of the some of the things in the classroom and the changes in that it's being tested and doing some things that weren't being done before is the reason the cadets are more successful now in passing the state certification. The focus was realigning the curriculum and training that goes on in classroom. | |

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| | Class 52 – CPAT was run 6/28/2022 with 13 attending. 11 of the 13 will be accepted and another CPAT will be held July 19, 2022. He expects 15-20 students for the fall day academy. | |
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| New Business: | Chief Malley stated the passing score is 75. 74.9 is failing. He lets people go for grades. Reviewing tests afterwards helps with retention. He wants the students to be successful not only with state certification, but he wants them to be ready to work at the fire station. He has updated the rules and regulations that he shares at the very beginning of the academy. He creates a working environment so it is no different when they go to work at your departments. The last academy he tried a 4 phase fire day academy and it was very successful. Firefighter I then tested, Hazmat Awareness--tested, Hazmat Ops--tested, and then Firefighter II--tested. It allows students to focus on that material and then move on to the next set of materials. Cadets retained the material and liked it a lot more and testing for just that section lifted a burden off of them. He will try the 4 phase in the night academy as well. It allows a student to retake a section they had failed and come back in the next academy to retake that section. Students also have their 4 NIMS classes. | |
| | Chief Malley also has a retired fire chief that teaches a study class and how to test and note taking. AC also purchased an online testing system. Cadets take about 2 tests a week with around 200 questions per test. It tells them what questions they missed, the correct answer, chapter number and page number so they can review and retain that information. It helps them understand why they got it wrong, not just that they got it wrong. It tests at a higher cognitive level. | |
| | We got new equipment and are posting for a full time position in the fire academy. Chief Malley stated there is a lot more we can be doing and there is a lot more the college can offer. | |
| | New facilities start date is July 2022 and will take 18 months to 2 years. It will be located in the old Sunset Center JC Penny's building. | |
| Curriculum Decisions: | | |
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| Other: | A question asked if the current degree plan is still an option. Chief Malley said yes it is. Eric Wallace said that people can call him or Claudia Arnold with help to look at their transcripts. | |

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| | Dr. Carter the Perkins Grant representative said Fire Protection received reallocated funds in the amount of \$48,505.55, to use to buy equipment for the program. | |
| | Chief Malley is looking at rebranding the academy. Facebook is where the students are. We want to utilize that more to benefit the program. New logos to be more inclusive and aware of the panhandle needs. The fire program is short of instructors (Hazmat and general instructors). Chief Malley also wants to work on a tech program and bring in some young guys that have a go get them attitude, will help teach skills and want to help with live fire. They don't have their tenure or their education for instructor certification. Chief Malley likes to pull top guys from previous academies or from different fire departments, so by the time they are in front of the class teaching. Eric Wallace asked for the committee's help in answering the question about hourly pay for instructors. He asked if that is a concern. When an instructor comes in from Borger, he has spent \$20 on gas and an hour of his time each way it hardly seems worth it. Plus preparing his lesson plan and prepping for the class, he is underpaid. Sam Baucom said there needs to be something in place for the lead instructor who has done the prep work. | |
| | Dr. Munoz stated that Instructor I and Officer I were offered in the past. There would only be one student who signed up. What she is hearing is that there is a bigger pool now. Sam Baucom said if we had a forum and call the different departments and ask what they need right then, we could accommodate those needs. | |
| KEY DISCUSSION POINTS | DISCUSSION | |
| Old Business: | | |
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| Chairperson Signature: |  | Date: | Next Meeting: |