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Fire Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

Date & Time: December 7, 2011, 3:00 PM

Location: AVC. TE 2 , Room 120

Participants/Attendees:

Name	Title	Affiliation
Ted Kalnas	Fire Captain	Los Angeles Fire Department
Fred Castro	Fire Technology Coordinator	AVJHSD ROP
Bruce Schmidt	Fire Technology Instructor	AVC
TJ Nielsen	Owner	Nielsen Fire Protection, Inc
Buzz Smith	Fire Captain	Los Angeles Fire Department
Bill Bailey	Fire Technology Coordinator	University of Antelope Valley
Phillip Waters	Assistant Fire Chief	Northrop Grumman Corp. F.D.
Michael Garcia	Fire Chief	California City Fire Department
Lori Gilroy	Fire Technology instructor	AV YouthBuild
Steve Hissong	Fire Battalion Chief	Los Angeles Fire Department
Tom Hutchison	Fire Technology Instructor	AVC
Robert Falb	Fire Technology Instructor	AVC

Program Updates:

- Robert Falb advised the committee of his June 30, 2012 retirement from his full-time teaching position. He stated he will stay on as a fire technology adjunct instructor. He said, an announcement to find a replacement for his full-time instructor position should be out early in 2012. Robert encouraged committee members to apply for the position.
- Tom Hutchison stated that currently there are no plans to cut more classes and the Fire Technology Program is holding its own. He said the State budget is still up in the air, and there could be possible futures class closures.
- State Fire Training is requesting a new course called Firefighter Safety and Survival be added to the Fire Technology Cetificate Program. Robert Falb stated this course will be submitted to the AVC course approval committee in spring 2012 for review and approval.
- Robert Falb stated that Rich Fauble has left the program as of June 2011. Ted Kalnas will pick up Rich's Rescue Practices (FTEC 215) in spring 2012.



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Program Outcomes:

- Robert Falb stated that (32) Class 4 graduates received their Fire Fighter I Academy Certificates in June 2011. He said , (5) graduates from Class 2 and 3 Fire Academy's were currenting in the Kern County Fire Department Academy as new hires and they are doing very well.
- Tom Hutchison stated that (34) cadets received their Wildland Fire Academy Certificates in July 2011. Tom said that (250) cadets from the previous (7) classes have found jobs as wildland firefighters.

Curriculum Updates and Input from Industry:

- Lori Gilroy stated that she has been hired as a Fire Technology instructor for the Antelope Valley YouthBuild Program. She said the coordinator of the program is Mr. Rossi Johnson. She said, the program will provide basic wildland firefighting training instruction for at risk youths. Through the YouthBuild program, men and women 18-25 years of age will receive firefighting classroom and hand-ons training, giving them the tools to be successful at the college level and in seeking employment in the fire service. Lori stated the AV YouthBuild Wildland Program hopefully will be a 1 + 1 program with AVC in the near future.
- Fire Chief Mike Garcia stated that Cerro Coso College has hired some of his firefighters as Fire Technology Instructors. Mike said, they are also available as instructors for AVC.
- Fire Chief Waters stated that Northrop Grumman wants to hire High School Equivalency Program (HEP) students

Comments from Industry Participants/Open Forum:

- Fire Chief Phil Waters suggested we look at implementing a Skills Maintenance Course as a refresher for the Firefighter 1 Academy graduates. Chief Waters stated cadets not procuring employment over time have lost some of the basic firefighting skills learned in the fire academy. He said this course would help ithe cadets maintain their skills until they gain employment. After some discussion, committee members suggested this idea be further studied and the findings updated at the next meeting.
- TJ Nielsen stated his engine company, fire extinguishers and staff are available to AVC fire technology instructors for on, or off campus training exercises.



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Future plans:

- Fire Chief Garcia requested a forcible entry training prop be purchased in the future for the Fire Fighter I Academy to enhance the current training program.
- Fire Chief Waters suggested that new vehicle extrication air bags be purchased since two air bags are in need of replacement.

Next meeting: May 30, 2012

Respectfully submitted by, Robert Falb, Committee, Co-Chair