



## Minutes from the Meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2014

Present: Dave Winkler, Richard Martinez, Mike Brownlie, Lee Macpherson, William Melendez, Stephanie Rodriguez

Meeting started at 9:00 am

- Chief:** Total re-vamp on teaching per the State Fire Marshal's Office. We will administer the Mid-Term and Final. Student will take State written test for Mid-Term and Final. Instructor must now be state certified. State certified Lead Evaluator is Melendez and State certified Skill Evaluator is Winkler. Melendez and Winkler spent 3 days in Sacramento to learn all new requirements and regulations. In U.S., CA is the only state not doing the new requirements. Recruits will now pay an additional \$10.00 to take Skills test and \$18.00 to get their Firefighter 1 certificate. They will go online to register and take the test. This is in addition to the \$20.00 that they pay for each State Certificate in the Academy. All primary instructors will have to be certified in order to give the tests. You may request instructors from other fire academies to help with the testing but they will have to be paid by ECC fire academy. Mark Rener and Ken Wagner are the leaders for the State Fire Marshal's Office. They are now the only ones who can sign the State certificates. There are 44 academies in the state of CA.
- Mac:** Are they going to require all academies to have accredited instructors?
- Chief:** Yes they will. Trying to make training accessible to everyone.
- Rodriguez:** Will Departments and other academies be reaching out to us for help?
- Chief:** yes, our relationship will stronger with all departments. When the recruit comes out of the academy, they go online and take the National Registry Test-they must have completed Skills test and an evaluator.
- Mac:** Take our written test, pass-take Skills component with an evaluator.
- Chief:** 5 mandatory questions by the State for the Skill test.
- Brownlie:** No on-job requirements to get Firefighter 1 certificate?
- Chief:** No. All instructors must have Training Instructor 1A and 1B in order to teach, have valid college teaching credential, completed the UC/CSU 60 hour tech. of teaching course, NFA's Fire Service Instructional Methodology Training (same as 1A and 1B), completed 4 semester units of upper division credit in educational materials, methods and curriculum development. (if have firefighter certificate, probably have 1A and 1B). Must attend orientation which is good for 1 year. Must schedule to take Instructor 1C and Ethics class. Melendez is the only one at this time who can teach it. If you are the Skills Evaluator, you must have separate instructors sign off on certificates.
- Mac:** If 25 skill can be taught, will all instructors be able to teach them?
- Chief:** Yes, and re-takes can be done on the same day. Primaries can evaluate skills even after teaching all dates and the consultants will sign-off on the sheet. If they fail the re-take of a skill, they are out of the academy. There are 6 skills. One set of skills done every day. They must pass all Skills before taking written test on-line. ECC is the benchmark for the State. Every test must be kept for 5 years. Inventory must be done at the academy to make sure we have the proper equipment. The registered Lead Evaluator is responsible for all testing.
- Winkler:** Add 5 more days for more skills testing. Add Confined Space and Auto Extrication. Also added additional practice time and sill mastery time added. Run FT acad. 2x a year, ends 3 days before the semester does.

PT academy divided into 2 semesters and run once a year. Offer it on Saturdays and Sundays only, but with 3 weekdays for:

Camp 8- would be a Thursday

Fire Control-would be a Monday

Flashover Training-would be a Monday

Meeting ended at 11:30 am