**STATE CENTER REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY**

**PERKINS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Fire Academy**

April 30, 2020

12:00 PM

Zoom

Call to Order and Roundtable of Introductions (Peter Cacossa)

Attendance – Peter Cacossa, Richard Lum, Bill Brotsis, Mato Kuapi-Paker – Fresno County EMS (Vice Chair) , Jacob McAfee North Central Fire Protection District, Daniel Perkins Kingsburg, David Rossman Tulare City

Update on academy activities.

1. Old Business

2. Basic Academy - (Peter Cacossa)

* Rick Lum official Fire Academy Coordinator as of March 2019.
* Class 53 (First in the state in 2019 FF1/2 combined academy) started on January 6th with 25 cadets. Currently at 24 cadets slated to graduate on June 5th in a virtual format. 5 are already hired by the US Forest Service and 5 more waiting for graduation to work for a mix of Marin County and CalFire.
* Class 54 currently at 21 passing pre-reqs and awaiting 10 others to start on July 13, 2020.
* Talked about moving EMT back to CTC from FPU to continue.
* Told the group about the good news with bringing the CPAT to the Central Valley with the new campus.

Academy Update:

* Equipment needs for Academy
  + Denied for Firehouse subs grant will re-apply
    - Big missing items are 20 new class 3 harnesses in preparation for new Rope Rescue Ops class.
  + Currently working on Action Plans for numerous large items.
    - Tower (awaiting AFG grant approval)
    - Type 3 engine
    - Vehicle Fire prop
    - DRAFTS unit
    - Port-a-count machine

3. EMT Update (Bill Brotsis)

* Still running EMT classes in different formats for student needs.
* Moving forward with clinical portion using High Fidelity mannikins for patient contacts to allow the students to complete the course IOT to take their NR exam.
* Mr. Kuapi-Parker update on Medic classes with Fresno County EMS starting to move forward again in small groups of 7 and starting field internships.

4. Fire Technology Update

* Smaller class sizes for distancing.
* Support for New Fire Officer degree (Using new Company Officer series)
* Driver Operator classes
* Offering Company Officer series and pre-reqs in the Fall semester
* Chief Officer classes in the Summer
* Chief Perkins requested the dates for the Chief Officer classes.

5. Job Speaker

* New to FCC to post jobs so our students can go to one location for employment opportunities.
* The two Chief’s were very happy to see this as a new way to post jobs. North Central was posting a new job.

6. ISA update: 320 Report coming Monday May 4th and invoice wording that week.

7. Roundtable for update from each member

Chief McAfee and North Central may have SCBAs to donate because they now have the new MSA G1. He also may allow us to use their pump pit to test our engines which is an NFPA requirement.

Chief Perkins asked for an update on the new facility, location and where we were in the process.

**NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING PERKINS IS Thursday April 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm - TBA**