**Fire Technology**

**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date 03/30/2023 Time 6:30pm PA-RP12**

**Attendees: Peter Cacossa (Fire Academy Director), Richard Lum (Fire Academy Coordinator), Carlos Chavez (EMT Coordinator 144th Fighter Wing Department), Suzanne Sankey (Program Assistant), Dennis Katuin (Adjunct Instructor), Antonio Robinson (Adjunct Instructor), Mike Ott (City of Tulare Fire Department-Fire Chief), Dustin Espino (Dinuba Fire-Battalion Chief), Fabrizio Lofaro (Valley ROP-Director)**

6:33 p.m. Meeting Started w Welcome and Introductions - Peter Cacossa

6:40 p.m. About Perkins - Peter Cacossa

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Peter explained to everyone why Perkins started and what it is used for.

6:52 p.m. Industry Climate (required skills, job outlook, etc) - Business/Community

State outlook still indicates growth for staffing-we are still at the top of the hiring

Wave. Firefighter Medic and Firefighter EMT positions filling quickly. Due to the state releasing

So many low offenders, we have lost the “hand crews” and has opened a need for Wildland

Training, and opening in Cal Fire. FCC Fire Academy looking to add 1C to the academy curriculum

to get more qualifiled candidates out in to the field quickly.

6:52 p.m. Updates from last meeting -Peter Cacossa/

Carlos Chavez

1. Still a high demand for Driver Operator Classes (1A & 1B offered 3 times ea)

Wildland 1C courses had to be postponed due to rain/flooding. Looking to offer

The State Fire Courses as Open Entry/Open Exit to allow ease and flexibility in

Scheduling of class offerings.

1. Class 59 Fire Academy class Graduation on June 9, 2023 @ New Covenant Church.

Fire Academy Class 60 to start July 17, 2023 and run through December 9, 2023. Class 60 will start on the CTC Campus and by early October we should be fully on the new ***First Responders Center Campus (3300 E North Ave, Fresno CA 93725)***

1. Jobs in Paramedic field is currently in high demand. The Paramedic Degree can help with a higher level of education and prehospital care additional training. Students may develop skills to better prepare them in critical thinking and advanced clinical skills. Paramedics pursing a degree can advance their careers such as becoming supervisors and field training officers. Fabrisio discussed future dual enrollment for pre-EMT courses with ROP. A 3-Unit course has been submitted for Fall 2023. Fabrisio stated the potential of 350 students annually from Valley ROP.

Review of current awards, programs and courses:

**Survey Link in meeting for approval of programs unanimous “Yay” approval for all degree**

**And certificate programs.**

New Campus and Equipment’s Updates:

1. Peter Cacossa talked about updated equipment (to include a new Type 3 Wildland Rig, 4 sets of E-Tools, 40 MSAG-1, M7 MSA’s). In progress a Phase 5 Burn Bos for

First Responders Center; Carlos talked about EMT added JBL textbook, Ambulance Simulator, indoor Ambulance simulator/driving, gurneys, AEDs….

1. Peter shared the formation of a 2024-2029 Strategic Planning Committee (to include EMS/EMT)-looking for volunteers to fill vacant spots. First formal meeting June 8, 2023 to meet every 2 weeks (Thurs).
2. Shared the newly built Water Mapping Prop created for hose drills during CTOA

Fire Symposium (pics posted). Approximate cost $1300. Mike Ott requested the plans from Peter.

7:17 p.m. Summary and Closing Remarks -Peter Cacossa

Thanked everyone for attending. Was nice to have most of our attendees back in

Person rather than virtually. Reminder that May 26, 2023 is training cut-off for ISA’s

And hours close out June 16, 2023.