



FALL 2025

FIRE ADVISORY MEETING AGENDA

December 9, 2025 – 1:00 PM via Zoom

Meeting started: 1:03 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome – Chief Kurt Norwood
- II. Divisional and College Updates – Dean Mark Yokoyama, Kurt Norwood
 - a. Presidential search process
 - Spring 2026 Presidential search to conclude
 - Current Interim President – Teresa Dreyfuss
 - b. Last years bond measure approval – looking to have updates at the fire academy, passed with great numbers.
 - \$12 – 13 million dollars for the facility. No plans yet. There will be a lot of upgrades in the future.
 - c. Overall enrollment –previous years the college had low enrollment it is now flattened out. Administration of Justice and Fire Technology division remains at high enrollment
- III. Program Updates
 - a. Fire Academy – Kurt Norwood, Felix Valle
 - Class 105 – Started with 55 cadets, graduated 47 cadets on December 5, 2025. All but one passed fire testing, they will all receive certs SFM available through ACAIDS portal and will be eligible for FF2 testing
 - Next class, Class 106 – starts January 26, 2026. We received about 100 applications, accepting 55 students. Application process updated.
 - Facility received some upgrades: updated Wi-Fi, replaced floors, metal roof props to protect engines, updating equipment, using federal and state money. New modular ready to be used (missing WIFI)
 - b. Wildland Fire Academy – Kurt Norwood
 - Class 29 begins January 26, 2026 – about 60 applicants.
 - WFA reduced from 13 weeks to 8 weeks
 - Continued partnership with USFS – Type 2 hand crew, Crew 77
 - c. EMT Program – Scott Jaeggi
 - Completed 6 EMT classes – Class 123- 128.
 - Completed 12 EMR classes
 - Fall 2026 – EMT will take a new number and 9 units of transferrable units – curriculum committee members helped with update. New name: EMT 100 Emergency Medical Technician Academy.
 - LRC (Learning Resource Center) provides funding for EMT tutor program. Currently there are 4 student tutors. New tutor starting in January 2026.
 - Last class graduated 41 students, started at 60.
 - Falck and Premier - continue to help with job placement for students
 - Realignment of RHCFA as an American Heart Association Training Center
 - New equipment – new ambulance simulator
 - New partnership – Psychological Services SHPS serves EMT students with medical physicals, tb testing and vaccinations, free of charge.



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 1. EMT ride-alongs
 2. Each student does 4 ride-alongs within 7 to 10 days
- DISA Technology Healthcare – screening process
- NREMT – For two years in a row, 82% of students have achieved first time pass success rate.
- Future goals: to increase first time pass rate to the 90% and to purchase new EMS equipment.
- IV fluids and IV solution sets – if any, we can accept.
- Currently hiring EMS instructors -job posting on webpage.
- d. Curriculum Updates – Kurt Norwood/Scott Jaeggi
 - Curriculum committee – changed the cert of achievement for Wildland to 12 units, which include 9 unit WFA and 3 unit pre-req , most EMT will receive new cert of achievement.
 - More courses have been added. Changed requirement for certificate of achievement and associates degree. Cleaned up courses that were not being used for wildland and fire academy.
 - Counselor, Diana Valladares, meets with all students, helps reach student meet their academic goals. She is a great help and support for all of our students
 - Curriculum Changes for Wildland and COA- Approved via vote.
- di. LAAFCA and RTG Updates – RTG
 - Los Angeles Area Fire Chief Association training group within Los Angeles region.
 - Props on the east side of the fire academy have been purchased and assembled by grant money in LAAFCA or Santa Fe Spring Fire. They continue to update their props. Props are being used by in-service personnel.
 - HAZMAT and USAR classes are offered throughout the region, training happens onsite. Working together to utilize property to meet everyone’s needs. Scheduling to ensure classroom availability and parking.
- dii. Facilities Report – Kurt Norwood
 - Locker rooms are redone.
 - Some ADA requirement upgrades to facility.
 - Floors redone, external/internal paint jobs.
- diii. FTEC and FAC Updates – Faculty
 - FTEC Spring 2026 – over 32 classes, 5 Wildland classes and 5 EMR classes – classes are full or waitlisted.
 - Truck Academy – Recognized nationally, next class Winter 2026
- div. State Fire Training Updates- Kurt Norwood
 - Upgrading curriculum
 1. Updating from the 2019 curriculum to the 2024 curriculum. Fire Academy will have a new textbook. Testing will slightly change as we move into the new curriculum. Adding components to the academy to meet the updates. Jed Hulseley updating block exams, meeting with the SFM for updates.
- dv. Roundtable- all items discussed and approved.

Meeting ended: 1:45 p.m.

Gricelda Yopez – Administrative Assistant



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In attendance:

1. Kurt Norwood- RHC
2. Mark Yokoyama- RHC
3. Scott Jaeggi- RHC
4. Jed Hulse- RHC
5. Felix Valle- RHC
6. Dave Milligan- Montebello
Fire
7. Sergio Montoya – Falck Amb
8. Deputy Chief Tim Sell –
Pasadena Fire
9. Paul Rodriguez- RHC
10. Josh Hodges- Falck Amb
11. Dan Hurlock- Downey Unified
12. Sean Cox- Premier Amb
13. Josh Dean, Premier Amb
14. Dennis Breshears- LACo FD
15. Andrew Grzywa- Running
Springs Fire
16. Oswaldo Martinez- USFS
17. Sergio Lara- LAFD
18. Mike Stratton- Arcadia Fire
19. Graciela Trejo- RHC
20. Gricelda Yopez- RHC

Absentees:

1. Ed Valdez
2. Guillermo Macias
3. Michael Kozicki
4. Christopher Shields
5. Diana Valladares