

Fire Technology Advisory Committee - Unadopted Minutes (Thursday, March 7, 2024)

Generated by Tricia Jones on Thursday, March 14, 2024

1. Call to Order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair, Chief Joseph Bernal

A. Present in Attendance - Roll Call

	Mike York	Chief of Brawley Fire Department
X	Edward Ainza	Interim Chief of Calexico Fire Department
X	Jesse Llanas	Chief of Calipatria Fire Department
X	Joseph Bernal	Chief of El Centro Fire Department-Headquarters
X	Alex Silva	Chief of Holtville Fire Department
	Alfredo Estrada Jr.	IVC Temporary Full-time Coordinator of Fire Technology & Fire Academy IVC PT Fire Instructor
	Salvador Flores	Deputy Fire Chief of Imperial County IVC PT Fire Instructor
	Brett G. Johnson	Chief (NAF) Naval Air Station Fire Department
X	Art Yerena	Chief CDCR Calipatria State Prison Fire Department
X	Carlos B. Estrada	Chief CDCR Centinella State Prison Fire Department
	-	IVC Fire Academy Student Representative
X	Paige Lovitt	IVC Counselor / Fire Program Counselor
	Gail Warner	Dean of Health & Public Safety
X	Jessica Prock	Administrative Assistant
X	Tricia Jones	Staff Support, EMS & FIRE Programs *Recorder
	GUESTS:	
X	Brett Houser	Director of Post Academy - sitting in for Dean Gail Warner

2. Welcome and Introductions

A. Welcome and Introduction: by Chair, Chief Joseph Bernal

- Introductions by all in attendance

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Review and Motion to approve minutes: Friday, October 20, 2023 (Motion)

- Motion: Chief Jesse Llanas
- Second: Chief Edward Ainza
- Motion carried

4. Discussion and Information

A. Fire Academy 2023-2024; Graduating Fall 2023 (December)

- Review of Fall 2023; Fire 140 EMT consisted of 29 cadets, 19 continued to Fire 142 Firefighter II.
- \$225 due at the beginning of the course which was successful Spring 2024 vs collecting though out semester and some were not paying

B. Fire Academy 2024-25 will run 8 months straight; Graduating in June 2024

- Fall 2024 = Fire 140
- January 2025 thru Spring 2024 (Fire 142 Firefighter I; Fire 144 Firefighter II, then Fire 148 Capstone Firefighter I)

C. Fire Academy Recruitment

- Currently recruiting 30-45 student each cohort
- Tightening the Fire Academy course schedule is a positive move
- Chief Silva, stated it would be helpful in their recruitment
- Paige reports that students are looking careers that they can be certified within a year; will see an increase in enrollment
- Brett agrees with Paige as they did the same with Post Academy and the enrollment was previously 50-55 vs. currently 120 with a waiting list

- Revising the Fire Academy portion of the website, reflecting the addition State Fire Training fees by course
- Financial Aid does not cover these SFT fees; occasionally a student may receive funds from a separate resource or grant
- Chief Silva, asked about Fire Academy Cadets Funding Resources they have Firefighter Association Fund. Tricia, stated their is a small IVC's Fire Technology/Fire Academy Foundation Fund as well.
- Chief Bernal, mentioned Fire Association could perhaps help facilitate in the aid
- Brett mentioned they have the High Speed Driving \$1000 fee, although its paid directly to Sacramento
- Chief Bernal, encourages all the Fire Advisory Members be invited to the Fire Academy Orientation

D. Summer 2024 (Fire Officer Program courses)

- Fire 246 = Company Officer 2A: Human Resource Management; Term Hours: 45 Lec, 0 Lab
- Fire 247 = Company Officer 2B: General Administrative Functions; Term Hours: 27 Lec, 0 Lab
- Fire 248 = Company Officer 2C: Fire Inspection and Investigations; Term Hours: 45 Lec, 0 Lab

E. Position for Permanent Full-Time Program Coordinator for Fire Technology & Fire Academy

- Position posted months ago
- Interviews to be conducted late March 2024

5. Other

A. Winter 2025 (Fire Officer Program courses - continue)

- Fire 249 = Company Officer 2D: All-Risk Command Operations; Term Hours: 45 lec, 0 Lab
- Fire 250 = Company Officer 2E: Wildland Incident Operations; Term Hours: 45 lec, 0 Lab

B. Explorer Program - Potential Fire Cadets discuss by Chief Bernal.

C. Volunteers pre Fire Academy brought up by Chief Silva and Chief Llanas as they received a few volunteers from the Tricia in the Fire Office as they wait to get into the Fire Academy.

D. Advisory Members would like access to course breakdown of the Fire Academy Fire 142-148 courses so they may drop in visits scout recruits, potentially picking up cadet for hire. Jessica, agreed to giving them access to the course breakdown.

E. Emergency Medical Technician, Completion Certs (Fire 140)

- Chief Llanas, stated students have been stating they have not received them. Tricia mentioned Fall semester EMT Completion Certificates are given to the Instructor of record to distribute on the last day of the course per Dean Warner. In addition, a letter is submitted with a list of those whom passed to David Craiglow, EMS/Disaster Preparedness Manager at Imperial County Health Dept each main semester.

F. New Bldg Update Report by Brett Houser for Dean Gail Warner - Next Monday 3/11/24 will be selecting a contractor

G. Student Representative - (Past/Present) for Fire Academy attending the Advisory Meeting since Candice is no longer in the Academy and who would picks that candidate. Fire Coordinator Alfredo Estrada has not full filled that spot as of yet.

6. Next Meeting

A. Next Meeting - Fall 2024 in October (exact date/time TBA)

7. Adjournment at 10:33 a.m. by Chair, Chief Joseph Bernal