

**FIRE TRAINING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2011 9AM**

**ATTENDANCE: CEO JC BROCK; TRAINING CHIEF JOSEPH V. BRUNI; FIRE CHIEF DOUG LEWIS; TRAINING CHIEF TIM PILSON; MR. MIKE COOKSEY, PINELLAS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFTY DIVISION DIRECTOR; MR. PHILLIP A. BAILEY; JANET SCHIRRIPA**

**ABSENT: FIRE CHIEF DAYTON SALTSMAN; TRAINING CHIEF GUY KEIRN; FIREFIGHTER STERLING FIELDS; FIREFIGHTER RENEE NIEMAN; DISTRICT CHIEF MIKE ZAMPARELLI; ASSISTANT CHIEF JAMES WIMBERLY; CHIEF JIM TERRY**

Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Welcome/Introductions		
<p><u>Agenda Item # 1. New Business</u></p> <p>-Mr. Brock discussed the very good possibility of a building at The Fire Training Center rather than portables and stated that Dr. Law would like to have a three story building.</p> <p>-Mr. Brock then mentioned that this building may have to happen in stages and thanked the committee for their support and involvement.</p> <p>-Discussion on blending the fire academy and EMT programs began</p>	<p>-Chief Lewis asked if there had been any movement on blending these two programs together</p> <p>-The committee would like to continue to pursue this option</p> <p>-Chief Lewis then suggested that registration be open to students year round boosting enrollment. He then suggested possibly doing away with the Physical Ability Test and switching to The CPAT so the student would have everything they need to apply for a position with a fire department once they finish the fire academy.</p> <p>-Mr. Cooksey agreed that CPAT is the standard testing now and something we should look into.</p>	<p>-Mr. Bailey will report back to Chief Terry on the advisory board members concerns and suggestions.</p> <p>-There has been discussion with the program director for the EMT Department and we have agreed to meet after the holidays for more in-depth conversation.</p>
<u>Agenda Item # 2. Update on</u>	- Chief Pilson offered to put the	None

<p><u>Inservice Training</u> -Mr. Bailey started off the discussion by giving a brief description on the fire in-service program.</p>	<p>SPC Fire In-service link on the target safety website so it may be seen by more students -Chief Bruni stated SPC should offer Target Safety classes and Chief Lewis added that maybe putting them online would allow for quicker enrollment and payment for these types of CEU courses. -Mr. Cooksey then asked if the facility is being utilized much by county department. -Chief Lewis replied that due to budget constraints and staffing, overtime, and ER hours, training at the facility has not been as frequent and has lessened recently.</p>	
<p><u>Agenda Item # 3. Report on Purchase of Washer/Extractor for In-house Cleaning of Protective Clothing</u> -Mr. Bailey discussed the recent purchase of a washer/extractor located in the apparatus building to effectively wash training gear.</p>	<p>-Chief Lewis asked if it was better financially to buy and maintain bunker gear rather than having the student rent it. -Chief Bruni agreed it was and Chief Pilson added that all gear should be sent to Done Right Gear Repair at least once a year for third party inspections</p>	<p>-We will prepare a report for Advisory Committee referencing cost effectiveness of issuing gear and in-house cleaning. Done Right Gear Repair already repairs all gear as necessary.</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item #4. Report on Student Library/Computer Lab</u> -Mr. Bailey informed the committee of a new student computer lab that has been added to the inservice classroom where students are able to access the internet, complete homework, and conduct research. There are 3 computers for their use as well as books pertaining to their studies in the fire academy.</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><u>Agenda Item # 5. Report on Lightning Detection System</u> -Mr. Bailey gave an overview of the new lightning detection</p>	<p>-None</p>	<p>-None</p>

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<i>Adjournment</i> 11:00a		

