**NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee**

March 27, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Northeast AZ Training Center

1840 W. Papermill Rd, Taylor

**Minutes of the Meeting**

1. Call to Order: Bill Solomon at 1:10 p.m.
2. Introductions:
   * Current 2018-2019 Advisory Members attending:

* APS – Brent Young
* NAVIT – Carrie Jordan
* NPC – Bill Solomon; Jonelle Sinclair (note taker)
* SRP- Mark Bennett
* Timber Mesa Fire and Medical – Brian Plumley
* TSFMD- Willie Nelson

1. Approval of Fall 2019 Advisory Board meeting minutes: Motion to approve B. Plumley, second by B. Solomon; motion passed
2. New Business
   * Input from Advisory members
     + Hiring trends: TMFMD had 40 applicants,15 made the eligibility list, 2 of those 15 were hired for full time paramedic. Battalion Chief Dewey Ray, will be retiring on Sept. 1 and there will be an opening for his position come July, 2019, and Darren Cluff will be assuming the Training position at TMFMD and will now be on the committee and Brian Plumley will roll off the committee to assume other rolls in his department.
     + Any changes in certifications: AZ Center for Fire Science FRS104 change
     + Are needs being met: B. Solomon would like to add certain classes to certifications. B. Plumley mentioned Report Writing for in house.
     + Improvements/suggestions for FRS program: B. Solomon wants to get with instructors on online improvements and have better consistency with instructors.
   * Discussion on FRS Program: centered on distinguishing offering training vs. education courses
     + Status of FRS program

* Summer 2019 classes: NPC is always offering classes per semester
* Fall 2019 classes: NPC is always offering classes per semester
  + - Goals for 2019/20: B. Plumley get PQW’s task book’s revisions are slated to be completed by May; B. Solomon wants “group e-mails” set up for prior students seeking job opportunities that come our way and goal for improvement to on online curriculum.
    - New NPC courses FRS103 and FRS105: New FRS103 and FRS105 replacing FRS104 beginning FA19. Having two distinct courses will help all students to determine if they can make it thru the program in case they have to drop out and also helps NAVIT with grades and transcripts being accurately passed on to the high schools.
    - New equipment for FRS was purchased: Compress cylinder and trash propane was purchased through Carl Perkins Grant for live burns; NATC purchased 2 new AED machines, one for building and one for dirty classroom.

1. NATC Update:

-Jon and Peggy are attending the Legislature meeting that was being held on this day, to address the Legislators reasons for supporting the proposal for the million-dollar grant for NATC improvements and upgrades.

-There was discussion on the past history of NATC, and how it was Jake Flake’s dream of making it a reality, about the grant of $1.5 million that was donated, and where that money was divided amongst.

- All who knows about the Senate Bill, in proposal, is hopeful in passing for the tiny house project, plumbing fixes, replacement of building, dirty classroom infrastructure, simulator to get from Holbrook county facility, etc.

1. Roundtable:

-NAVIT would like to thank Capt. Solomon & students for hosting Endurance test this morning, March 27th, and a second one scheduled for April 24th. There are 23 students requesting the program for FA19-not sure if PM section will also occur next school year like this school year. Endurance test results need to help prioritize who gets into NAVIT and who does not, especially if only an AM section occurs next year. Battalion Chief Plumley encouraged us to teach the gallon of water idea proposed today for all firefighters who currently are on duty to stay hydrated. Students have asked for more active engagement activities and consistency mimicking actual job duties they would encounter in a fire house and/or on the job activities during their FRS classes.

-APS reported that there was a silo that caught fire and asked Mark Bennet if there were any procedures on silo fires, so future incidents have protocols/procedures to follow in emergency situations avoiding problems encountered in this silo fire of 2019.

1. Future Agenda Items:

-No items requested to be added to March, 2019 meeting

1. Next Meeting Date – September 25, 2019 – 11a at NATC

**Will be determined at a later date.**

1. Adjournment: 2:06p