**NPC Fire Science Advisory Committee**

September 26, 2018 1:00p.m.

Northeast Arizona Training Center

1840 W Papermill Rd, Taylor

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Jon Wisner at 1:05 p.m.

**Attendance:** Jon Wisner, Bill Solomon, Carrie Jordan (NAVIT), Brian Plumley (Timber Mesa FMD), Richard Wallace (Pinetop FD)

**Approval of Spring 2018 Advisory Board meeting minutes:** Approved by email by board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Received input from the various advisory members:

* Hiring Trends:
  + Pinetop FD indicated they will have one new position being filled this year. Their Fuels Crew is at 11 full time positions and six of those have come through the NAVIT program.
  + Timber Mesa FMD indicated they had 10 recruits pass their recent Fire Academy, they have 10 new reserve positions and have 6 new positions to fill.
* Changes in Certifications: Nothing to report.
* Needs being met:
  + There was a discussion regarding giving credits for Fire Officer training and Firefighter Instructor certification training. Working with making changes to the FRS Leadership CP to bring it in line with what the Fire Departments require.
  + There was discussion regarding some of the perceived challenges with the curriculum on ropes and some of the new trends and apparatus’. It was discussed that the current curriculum trains up to the current approved standards, but we could add to it to demonstrate new trends.
* Improvements/Suggestions: Nothing to report.

Discussion on the FRS Program

* Full NAVIT program AM and PM, FRS 104 classes have been full, 5 Moodle classes.
* Goals for 2018/2019: Train the Trainer class in February, update the program to focus on the use of the Flash Chamber, Fire Behavior Room, Fire Tower, mitigating the issues being addressed by our partners, tightening up the requirements lead instructors and formalizing standards.
* New Equipment will be purchased: through the Carl Perkins Grant: BullEx prop approved.
* 2019 Fall changes to the lab/hour ratio and splitting FFI and FFII into two separate classes has been proposed to the Instructional Committee.

**NATC UPDATE**

Jon Wisner stated NATC has been very busy all Summer and the Fall calendar is filling up rapidly.

* The June 12-13 Tactical Hose Management training was well attended and successful.
* The Fire Tower inspection has been scheduled for Oct 10.
* NATC Master Plan is continuing to be developed and funding sources identified.

**ROUND TABLE**

* Pinetop FD: Nothing to add.
* Timber Mesa FMD: Nothing to add.
* NAVIT: Carrie thanked NPC for adjusting the time schedule for the afternoon class and indicated it was helpful for many of the students. She also opened the discussion on why the NAVIT students are required to pass an endurance test prior to the FRS class but the community class does not have the same requirement. Bill pointed out that years ago this requirement was proposed by NAVIT. It was also discussed how the physical tests are a good thing and should be considered for both programs.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items requested to be added to March 27, 2019 meeting.

**Next Meeting will be held March 27, 2019 – 1pm at NATC**

**Adjournment:** 2:10 p.m.