



Fire Service Technology Advisory Meeting Minutes (Draft)

October 28, 2024 | 09:00-10:30 | Bldg. 3400, Room 3416

LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.
- ❖ Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.
- ❖ Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.
- ❖ Coordinate resources and provide professional development for effective online instruction and remote delivery of student support services and college processes to advance equitable student outcomes.

Committee Name: Fire Service Technology

Members Present:

Jeff Seaton
Jeff Zolfarelli
Kevin Kramer
Jeff Ramsey
Aaron Lacey
Linda Vaughn
Nicole Benty – Cal fire

Agenda Item In-Person meeting

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda- Chief Nicole Benty; Jeff Zolfarelli 2nd, Approved.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes – Jeff Zolfarelli: Linda Vaughn 2nd, Approved.

5. Program Updates

• FST Program

- In September, the team worked with Community Education to provide Fire Extinguisher training for a local security agency.
- Upcoming Plans include a Fire Control 3 class funded entirely by the CSFA for a volunteer agency in Santa Clara County. CSFA is doing 100% funding of the program for use of the sites, instructors and materials.
- We continue to look for opportunities like these with CSFA and other organizations that can allow us to partner.

• Fire Academy Update

- Past Academies were 558 hours. Based on the success of the most recent Spring Academy, which was a combination of sponsored and self-sponsored cadets, our recommendation is to go to a standardized 702-hour delivery.
- The new structure would include FST 12 (558 hours) and additional courses FST 30 and 31, totaling 20 Units. The 4/10 schedule is preferred for consistency and provides a rest period for recruits and staff. Injury rates went down. Monday and Thursday were testing days. Chief Benty & Chief Lacey support pushing this model to other colleges to address statewide needs.

• Cal Fire Hand Crew Upgrade

- LPC is holding the first Cal Fire Hand Crew Upgrade class in November. Cal Fire's goal for Hand Crew is not to exceed 2 years in that position. Get FF 3 certification. Only CC to offer this. LPC is leading the way. Chief Benty appreciates our efforts.

- **Tracy Highschool Hand Crew Program**

- Dr. Sarah Silvinson came forward with proposal to have Tracy HS FST students be ready for employment with Cal Fire upon graduation. Identified nine students. With Saturday classes (for various certs) Kevin explained that we are figuring out the funding whether it be CCAP.
- By June, students will be eligible to be hired as hand crew with Cal Fire (if they are 18 yrs. old)

6. Action Items/ Advisory Recommendations

- Curriculum Items-
- Funding provided for adding new curriculum.
- FST 160 Fire Apparatus Driver/ Operator 1A
- FST 161-Pumping Apparatus Operations 1 B
- FST 162 Wildland Fire Apparatus Operations
- FST 163 Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 2
- FST 164 Fire Fighter Rescue and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations
- FST 165
- FST 166
- FST 167
- FST 168
- FST 169
- FST 170
- FST 171
- (See [LPC Catalog](#))
- Mike McQuiston helped tremendously. Jeff is appreciative of the collaboration and support. These classes are JAC classes and all engineers have to go through them. - Benty
- **Identified Apparatus & Equipment Needs:**
 - Engine- looking for a used engine that we could acquire
 - Roof Ventilation Prop – talked to Scott Miner to create with his class/students.
- **Program growth:**
 - Fire Academy now 40-hrs per week 702 hrs. total
 - LPFD just started continuous training. Having self-sponsored with sponsored really is beneficial. Lacey is working with Labor unions to explain the benefits. Challenge is to create transparency with the labor group. Linda Vaughn says that we need the chief to be a spokesperson for this model. LPC is the first college to do this.

- Chief Ramsey likes the continuous open enrollment because they just hire 1 or 2 FCTC will do testing
- Kevin shared that we only had one academy this year due to funding. This spring will be a joint Academy again. Problem is that it limits spots to self-sponsored (LPC Students) the President is looking to get funding for the two-academy model. President sees the potential once we are on the new funding formula. Optimistic that we will be able to offer 2 academies. Fall Academy even though for self-sponsored could have space for the agency sponsored cadets. Win /Win. Cost sharing model. Get other agencies to have skin in the game and provide 1 instructor for the IFSAC Academy.
- **Recommendation to deliver Academy in a 40-hour format at 702 hours.**
 - Linda Vaughn moves that the academy is structured as such. Jeff Z. 2nd.
 - FST 30 & 31 Intermediate skills. Co-requisites. To FF1 & FF2.
- **Staffing needs:**
 - FST 12 needs dedicated Coordinator Hours
- **Industry Update**
 - What's new in your organization?
 - **LFPD:** filled Deputy Chief position- Brian Carr.
 - Chief Dickey moved to training division.
 - Moved to continuous recruitment. Sending 10 paramedics to Background.
 - **Cal Fire:** 25 captains. Copter - fully staffed year-round Blackhawk.
 - Nicole received promotion to Asst. Chief in Santa Rosa will stay involved here to make this happen.
 - **Ramsey:** Tracy is growing. Relocate Station 2
 - New station and addition of a truck company
 - Gateway project will need a station
- **Hiring Outlook**
 - Anne Kennedy discussed proposed Outreach event targeting female prospective students. Women's Fire event. Working with Linda Vaughn. Chief Nicole Benty offered to help and plan the event.
- **Next Regular Meeting** March 26, 2025 9am
- **Adjournment**
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