

Committee Members Present: Brian Caserta, Shawn Shelton, Chris Harner, John Webber, Steve Bennett, Bret Marascola and Alan Ziff

Committee Members Absent: Scott Bond, David DelVecchio, Mary Chavez, Patty Erjavec, Joe Sena, Steve McDowell

Guests: (None)

Date: March 17, 2016

Minutes taken by: Bonnie Housh

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action Item
Call to Order	Brian Caserta called the meeting to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of members 	
Advisory Board Changes	Alan requested members review contact information. Established regular dates for advisory board meeting, at lunch time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall – 4th Thursday in September • Spring – 4th Thursday in March Alan would like to add someone to represent Wildland Firefighters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan will contact Joe LoBiondo to represent Wildland • Bret also knows someone to represent Wildland if Joe cannot 	Alan will contact Joe.
Program Updates and Review	Fire Academy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Academy students is capped at 15, current class has 11 students; Academy is offered both Fall and Spring semesters Wildland Red Card (Spring Break): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capped at 18 and is full; have 11 additional students interested; will offer a second class • For Wildland Firefighter Red Card - employment has traditionally been 100% Curriculum changes for Fire Science and Wildland Firefighter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan passed out current curriculum sheets for AAS and certificates • State has eliminated several Wildland courses, which will impact several certificates • FST/FSW instructors will form a focus group to address the changes Non-credit training through EWDD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered as non-credit training modules (4, 8 or 12 hours) offered through EWDD, oriented towards Volunteer Fire Departments (VFDs) • Lesson plans in place; oriented to NFPA 1001 Firefighter Professional Qualifications standards for training consistency, then will incorporate how the particular fire department prefers • John and Alan recently provided training at Fowler for 18 Firefighters from 3 different Otero County VFDs 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been asked to set up a training for Fowler, Manzanola, Rocky Ford and 3 other Otero County VFDs with a regionally consistent training concept. Many times they work together; should know how to use each other’s equipment and perform similar procedures. • Some departments don’t work well together, prefer to stay to themselves • Have a basic package for more rural departments; tailored to small rural fire departments • Also need firefighters to teach non-credit courses; who need to follow the syllabus to provide consistency in teaching the courses 	
New Digital Attach Training Technology	<p>John explained and demonstrated the Bullex “Digital Attack” system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel that simulates fire; Handheld nozzle – laser aimed at the panel puts the fire out; can change the difficulty levels and fuel class levels • PCC Fire Academy students use system at SIM house on Orman • System can be taken to fire departments for training, they do not need a burn tower or specific training facility • Used in Otero County at the Fowler Volunteer Fire Department • President Erjavec made arrangements with Otero Junior College to allow PCC to provide training for fire departments in Otero county • PFD Explorer’s program expressed interest in training • Anyone interested in training, let John or Alan know • Chief Shelton stated he may be able to teach 	
Plans to Modify existing PCC Fire Science AAS; Plans to add two more AAS	<p>Changes for Fire Science degrees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Science AAS degree is currently 70 credits (highest number of required credits within CCCS colleges offering degree) • Also, PCC doesn’t require FST 100 Firefighter I as a required technical course; would increase degree by 9 credits • Need to revise requirements for AAS degree and reduce to 60 credits – 15 credits/semester; student would complete in 4 semesters • Add a second degree – Fire Science Management; degree would not require FST 100, but would include courses intended for officer level managers • Proposed Wildland Firefighter AAS • Shawn commented that Alan and John do a wonderful job teaching job skills. Many prospective new firefighters don’t know how to get a job. They have trouble with interviews. Shawn would like to see this incorporated into the PCC curriculum. Bonnie will e-mail a list of interview questions. • Alan should contact Ruth White in the Career Center for help with possible course. Career center has seminars on writing resumes, and interview skills. 	<p>Alan will contact Ruth White in Career Center</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="472 212 1465 240">• Also, information about civil service test for firefighters. May be online reviews.	
Other items to discuss	None	
Good of the Order	None	
Adjourn meeting	Brian adjourned the meeting	

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