



**MJC / Regional Fire Training Center**  
**RFTC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ZOOM MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**November 3, 2021**

Meeting began at 3:08 PM via Zoom

**I. Welcome – Introductions**

RFTC Director, Ron Cripe, welcomed members in attendance: Erik Klevmyr, Dan Cummins, Chris Parnell, Josh Cummings. Louie Morua checked in a few minutes later.

**II. Membership Roll-Call:**

Ron reviewed who the current membership consists of:

- RFTC site usage agreement representatives (currently 2)
  1. Erik Klevmyr (Stan. Co. Fire Agencies)
  2. Chris Steffen (MFD)
- RFTC Fire and EMS course instructors (1 each)
  1. Matt Curless (Fire)
  2. Dan Cummins (EMS)
- Stanislaus County Fire Chiefs Representative (1)
  1. Chris Parnell
- Related industry representatives (at least 2, no more than 3)
  1. Ken Howenstine (Burtons)
  2. Josh Cummings (Bear Training Solutions)
- Regional representation (at least 1, no more than 2)
  1. Rick Mello (San Joaquin County)
  2. Marty Cornilsen (San Joaquin County)
- Member at large (at least 1, no more than 2)
  1. Louie Morua

**III. RFTC Business, Building, and Grounds Report:**

- a. **COVID-19 concerns – MJC and RFTC sites-** Ron reminded everyone of the current mask requirement indoors at MJC campuses, for all persons. This requirement may not change any time soon, despite new COVID testing protocols that will be in effect next semester, for Spring '22. He informed the committee that remote learning is still in place for the majority of classes at the college and for our department. We do have our EMS courses that are Hybrid and our FTECH courses online. He reported that the RFTC is finally getting its roof fixed. Tiles are being replaced outside first, with dry-rot being addressed, then inside tiles will be replaced. Last, he announced that we are currently working with Stanislaus County Fire Training Officer's Association academy, once to twice a week.
- b. **Curriculum review** – Ron reviewed the current EMS curriculum & any pre-requisites for the 11 EMS courses & 35 FTECH courses. Upcoming increases in material fees for our EMS courses were discussed. Requirements for the AS in Fire Science was also reviewed. Ron discussed the possibility



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of adding more FTECH course requirements as well as possibly changing the EMS pre-requisite to the Fire Academy in the near future and sought input from the committee. Members were also interested in creating an Emergency Management program and showed support for it.

- c. **SFT FF1 Testing-** the new 2019 FF1 testing curriculum/requirements were reviewed by Ron. He also mentioned the protocol we are following for former MJC Fire Academy graduates to assist them with their FF1 certification examinations to assure that everyone was aware that we are not performing open FF1 examinations. FF1 open testing sites were discussed.
- d. **Committee – Size / Representation categories-** Ron reviewed the size and representation importance of the RFTC Advisory Committee. He mentioned he's interested in having a representative from the Fire Warden's office on the committee.

### **IV. RFTC EMS Report:**

- a. **Fall 21 courses-** Ron reported that there are currently 4 EMR sections, 1 EMT section & 1 ECG section being offered this semester. All EMR & EMT courses are hybrid; lecture being done via Zoom & labs being done on campus at Sierra Hall due to size of classes and social distancing needs.
- b. **Spring 22 plan-** same plan for Spring semester as far as how courses will be offered. EMS courses will be hybrid and at Sierra Hall for the lab portion.
- c. **Paramedic plan-** Ron reported that Richard Murdock, is the Paramedic Program Coordinator, with Dan Cummins assisting. Currently in process, Rich Murdock will be sending the CoAEMSP application. Once everything is reviewed and we receive the approval, we will be ready to go on the program and can begin with planning, recruitment, applications, etc. Ron explained that the program will be fee based and does not necessarily need to run in line with the college's semester system. Dan Cummins announced the next Paramedic program meeting to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **V. RFTC Fire Report:**

- a. **Fall 21 courses-** Ron mentioned that all 7 FTECH courses are being offered online this semester.
- b. **Spring 22 plan-** plan is the same for Spring; all courses to be offered online.

### **VI. RFTC Fire Academy Report:**

- a. **The Fall 2021 Fire Academy-** Ron announced that we currently have a face-to-face Academy running at the RFTC right now. They have completed the Basic portion and are currently in the Advanced portion. They are doing their Wildland training this week and will complete their State testing next week.
- b. **Spring 22 plan-** Ron informed the committee that the Fire Academy application period is currently open and closes 11/19<sup>th</sup>, as well as reviewed other important Academy dates.



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### **VII. Open Discussion**

- Some members discussed their wishes to see some more classes come back or be offered in partnership with MJC to their agencies; such as Wildland, S-290, etc.
- Others expressed their wish to see SFT courses offered again.
- Members expressed their interest in continuing with online courses and their ideas for being able to continue their courses and how they could make them work better.
- Ron asked committee members to please forward names to him of any person they would think could be a valuable member of the committee.

### **VIII. Next Meeting Date:**

Spring semester (TBD).

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 PM