

# **Advisory Council**

## **Fire Technology - Minutes**

**February 9, 2015**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Fire Technology Dept.**

Attending:

Keith Marshall – Fire Tech and Fire Academy Coordinator

Michelle Schneider – Program Services Coordinator

Kathleen Ross – Dean, Business and Technology Divisions

Dan Ghorso – Fire Chief, Woodside

Ron Meyers – Fire Chief, North County

Absent:

Jim Skinner – Fire Chief Redwood City

### **Meeting Topics**

Introductions and Welcome

Review of current Curriculum and possible developments due to changes at State level:

1. Michelle discussed items from the most recent directives from the state and how they will be integrated into the curriculum.
2. Discussion of new local requirements from cities that will require EMT certifications prior to hiring. College will make this a prerequisite to entry into the Fire Academy to align with state and local priorities.

Discussion – Reaccreditation of the Fire Academy

Ron Meyers attended the last meeting of the CSFM and heard that the reaccreditation of the San Mateo program would be postponed for as much as one year.

#### Discussion – best practices – Butte College Advisory Board

Ron Meyers, who worked in Butte County and was a member of their advisory board, reported back regarding how they covered a geographically much larger county than SM and maintained quality. He covered fund raising, recruitment of instructors and creative ways to include in-service academies.

#### Discussion – Possible offering of CEFSTES classes (SFM).

This discussion centered on how to deliver these courses within a community college structure and provide for the issues regarding shift scheduling. It was decided that more research was needed and this would be tabled for a future discussion.

Michelle Schneider will be producing new timesheets for the lecture/lab separations in the academy which will be utilized by the instructors.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM