



# NORTHLAND

## COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

### FIRE TECHNOLOGY

Advisory Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Attendees:

Jeffery Laskowske (Program Manager)  
Peter O'Neill (Grand Forks Fire Chief)  
Kelli Flermoen (Grand Forks Fire Battalion Chief)  
Jeff Anderson (East Grand Forks Assistant Chief)  
Alex Lambert (Fire Club Student President)  
Bruce Roed (Minnesota State Fire Marshalls Office)  
Gary Lorenze (Fargo Fire Department)

Not able to attend:

Darren Schimke (IAFF Local 242 Presidents)  
Steve Lackman (Alumni)  
CJ Craven (Minot Fire Chief)  
Steve Dirksen (Fargo Fire Chief)  
Steve Balstad (Fargo Fire Assistant Chief)  
Gary Larson (East Grand Forks Fire Chief)

Topics:

Company Officers Degree (cert)

It is the recommendation of the committee to peruse this degree. The process should include articulation agreements with B.S degrees from around the region. This will assist the person in obtaining the extra higher education needed and allow the credits/time spent in the program to transfer into a full 4 year degree program.

Bismarck State College Degree Program:

This University in North Dakota is looking to build an A.A.S. Degree program along with a B.S. Degree. It is recommended that we peruse a partnership with them. This would include having them peruse the B.S. Degree and having articulation agreements from our A.A.S. degree program. This would keep the market from becoming saturated with candidates.

FFI, FFII, and EMT certifications:

It is a recommendation that the program look at making these Minnesota State and National Certifications a part of the program. Require that the students complete these certs in order to graduate the program.

Interview Skills:

It is a recommendation that the students work with some class or spend some time on interview skills as the departments are seeing a lack of preparation for this.

Report Writing:

There needs to be a focus on report writing. The Committee indicated that the Technical Report Writing class is not doing enough for the student. It is a recommendation that more emphasis be put on writing in the program.

CPAT:

It is a recommendation of the committee to work on physical agility preparedness.