



NORTHLAND

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

FIRE TECHNOLOGY

Advisory Meeting March 24th, 2015

Attendees:

Chuck Marcott (Fire Technology Committee Chair)
Jeff Boushee (Fire Technology Committee member)
Peter O'Neill (Grand Forks Fire Chief)
Gary Larson; (East Grand Forks Fire Chief)
Steven Dirksen (Fargo Fire Chief)
Jason Ness (Fargo Fire Captain)
Katie Marinyk (Fire Club President)
Dan Sponsler (NCTC EMS)

Not able to attend:

Bruce Roed (Fire Service Specialist, MN Fire Marshall Division)
Darrin Schimke (Firefighter Union representative)
Kelli Flermoen (Grand Forks Fire Battalion Chief)
Steve Lackman (Program graduate)
CJ Craven (Minot Fire Chief)

1. Welcome/Introductions

- a. All attendees introduced themselves and their relation to the program

2. Program Status

- a. Program Director
 - Chuck informed the committee that when Jeffrey Laskowske vacated the program directors position that those responsibilities were filled via a committee consisting of Jeff Boushee; Jason Swope and himself. Also that the position would be filled by one individual by fall semester 2015 which will by all accounts be himself.
- b. Current degrees/certs
 - Chuck covered the current degrees and certifications currently offered by the college. Those are as follows.
 - Fire Technology AAS degree
 - Firefighter/Paramedic AAS degree
 - Firefighter preparation certificate
 - Advanced Rescue certificate

c. Enrollment numbers

- 38 students enrolled in Fire Technology, A.A.S
- 12 students enrolled in Advanced Rescue Cert.
- 10 students enrolled in Firefighter/Paramedic, A.A.S
- 6 students enrolled in Firefighter Preparation Certificate

3. Proposed program changes

a. Fire Technology AAS

- EMTB – Dan Sponser spoke to the need to increase the total credits from 4 to 6 in the EMTB1100 class to meet current national standards and come more in to line with other MNSCU campuses that offer the course. The committee members present supported this change.
- FIRE 1130 Technical Rescue I; FIRE 2206 Technical Rescue II, Chuck spoke of the programs desire to change the way that these classes are scheduled. The committee members present supported this change.
- FIRE 1154 Company Functions. Chuck spoke of the programs desire to change the credit allotment from 2 lecture credits to 1 lecture and 1 lab credit to accommodate hands on training on company functions. The committee members present supported this change.
- FIRE 2206 Inspection & Code Enforcement. Chuck spoke to the programs desire to change the credit allotment from 2 lecture credits and 1 lab credit to 2 lecture credits and 1 on the job credit. This change would allow for more on the job training with current Fire Marshalls offices at our contracted clinical sites. The committee members present supported this change.
- Fire 2230 Fire Investigation. Chuck spoke to the programs desire to change the credit allotment from 1 lecture credit and 1 lab credit to 2 lecture credits. We feel we would have sufficient time to cover the required material. The committee members present supported this change.
- FIRE 220 Emergency Management; FIRE 1120 Firefighter Practical. Chuck spoke to the programs desire to reduce the credits of Emergency Management from 3 lecture to 1 lecture and create an introduction level class. The 2 credits cut from that class would be moved to Firefighter Practical. This would take Firefighter Practical from 1 lab credit to 1 lecture; 2 lab credits. We feel that we could make very good use of the added contact time in this class.

b. Fire/Medic

4. Equipment additions

- a. E-hydraulic extrication equipment
- b. Forcible entry prop
- c. Addition SCBA
- d. Fire hydrant

5. Discussion/suggestions