

## Spring Advisory Meeting 2025: Fire Technology

Teams Meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1300

### **Attendees**

Charles Marcott

Jeff Boushee

Nick Francis

Brad Banyai

Joseph Dewey

Shane Heldstab

Tim Binfet

### **Introductions of new members and existing members**

### **Discussion of new training props on EGF Campus**

The group was shown the new training house the fire program will utilize to assist with teaching students search and rescue, hose advancement, fire suppression techniques, ventilation, and a climate-controlled area for technical rescue. This will be done in a building that has not been on fire to assist with reducing exposures to carcinogens. This is safer for students and instructors.

The board also saw the new burn Connex boxes, where at the end of the year, students get to be a part of live burns.

-Nick Francis mentioned looking into West Fargo Fire Department on their Connex boxes. They have a set up inside of their Connex box to assist with reducing heat and flame impingement on the Connex box to extend the life of the burn structure.

-The contract signed by the college for access to Grand Forks Fire Department, Public Safety Center uses the funds to make improvements to the training area.

### **Curriculum**

-Charles Marcott discussed the changes of the program from a few years ago. The change was to streamline students to be able to function as an entry level firefighter. This change

also follows the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Initiative. This allows students to use their credits from NCTC to obtain their bachelor's degree.

- Nick Francis asked about more ProBoard certifications.

- ProBoard exams are not affiliated with NCTC and are offered separate from the college. Passing the Minnesota ProBoard exam shows the students have been trained to the Firefighter I and II standard for entry level positions. The other classes which could be associated with a ProBoard exam are Instructor I and Fire Apparatus. ProBoard exams are paid out of pocket by students. Exams are not covered under financial aid.

### **Institutional Learner Outcomes**

- Charles Marcott reviewed and explained the ILOs to the board. The program can review the ILOs and make adjustments to the program.

### **Program Enrollment**

The board went over program enrollment for the past nine years and discussed the different career expos the program does to gain more enrollment.

- Career Expo at the Alerus

- T-4

- Career Expo at NCTC

Meeting adjourned