



# California Fire Technology Directors' Association Meeting

The Academy  
Morgan Hill CA

## Meeting Minutes

**September 22nd, 2022 0900-1700 hours**

### Attendance:

Jeff Baumunk	El Camino College	Scott Jaeggi	Rio Hondo
Richard Beckman (ZOOM)	Rio Hondo College	Mark Retundo	MES
David Brown	Monterey Peninsula College	Jason Hemler	Sierra College
Bob Buell	Chabot College	Leonard Champion	Allan Hancock College
Peter Cacossa	Fresno City College	Charles Truillion	Bakersfield College
Derek Robinson	Bakersfield College	Ray Mosack	Mt. San Antonio College
Linda Vaughn	S. Bay Consortium	Brian Preciado (ZOOM)	Solano Community College
Brad Deeds	Lake Tahoe CC	Dave Miller (ZOOM)	Palomar College
Randy Collins	Santa Rosa Junior College	Matt McElhenie	Hartnell College
Holly Bow	RJW	Tim Adams	Las Positas College
Terrance Hughes	Lake Tahoe	Jeff Seaton	S. Bay Training
Caryn Petty	SFT	Mark Bisbee	SFT
Dan Silvestri	911 SE	Christy Baird	San Mateo
Darren Hall	San Diego Miramar College	Ryan	511
Steve Hall (ZOOM)	Oxnard College	Shane Warner	511
Matt Jewitt	San Diego Miramar College		

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Peter called the meeting to order at 9:22 am.
- II. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:** Pete welcomed everyone to the first post pandemic meeting.
- III. **DEDICATION:** Peter dedicated the meeting to Fred Ramsey and held a moment of silence in his memory.
- IV. **APPROVAL/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve by Matt Jewitt, second by Jeff Baumunk
- V. **APPROVAL/CHANGES TO THE MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Jeff Seaton, second by Jeff Baumunk

**VI. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion by Derek Robinson, second by Matt Jewitt.

Treasure's Report-Scott report the following as of September 2022:

1. Beginning Balance: \$22,553
2. Deposits (memberships):
3. Disbursements (none):
4. Ending Balance \$20, 074

**VII. COREESPONDENCE:** Peter reported that there is no correspondence to report.

**VIII. STANDING REPORTS**

**A. SFT: Caryn Petty**

- State Fire Training Report (Caryn Petty) Caryn Petty acknowledged and thanked Mark Bisbee a retire annuitant working for SFT. Moving forward Caryn will be providing independent reports with hyperlinks.

1. Blueprint 2030

- a. Focus Group #1 met August 2022 in Sacramento with several holders present representing large to small agencies and colleges throughout the state. Mark Bisbee spoke about getting stakeholders for the focus group who are early in their career and people who were mid-career firefighters, and a few fire chiefs.
- b. Strategic Plan for SFT in the coming years
- c. Blueprint 2030 is the big project to follow-up on Blue print 2020 from 2008
- d. BP2020: [Blueprint 2020](#)
- e. The document was based on stake holder feedback, one of the big ones was to go green and get everything on line. SFT has done that through Acadis. Another one was to get a credit card machines, but they are still not there yet, but it is coming.
- f. Focus Group #2 to meet in early 2023
  - This focus group will be made up of different individuals with a few hold overs for continuity purposes. Caryn offered take ideas and suggestions from the CFTDA group to the next focus group.

2. **CURRICULUM AND CERTIFICATION UPDATES**

- a. Fire and Emergency Services Instructor. The instructor (2012 edition) series curriculum has recently been updated and correlated with NFPA 1041L Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2019 Edition. With this 2019 edition update, SFT has revised the certification title form "Instructor" to "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor" to align with the NFPA standard.

- b. The Instructor (2012 edition) series course plans were discontinued on June 30, 2022. Registered Instructors teaching courses on or after July 1, 2022, shall use the 2019 course plans.
- c. Task Books Candidates who initiate their Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1, 2, or 3 certification task book on or after July 1, 2022, shall use the 2019 certification task book. Candidates working on a 2013 Instructor I or Instructor III certification task book are required to complete all Task Book Updates prior to applying for certification. There are no updates to the 2013 Instructor II certification task book. Candidates working on a 2013 Instructor I or Instructor III certification task book.
- d. [Implementation Plan](#) for further details or visit the [CFSTES Professional Certification webpage](#)

### 3. Structural Collapse

- Link: [Structural Collapse Specialist \(2021\)](#)
- a. Retirement delay of RS1 to December 2022 and RS2 and RS3 to June 2023 (per 2022 SBFS quorum)
- b. Structural Collapse Technician 1 and 2 – this new curriculum will be replacing Rescue Systems 1, 2, 3. The new courses are in alignment with NFPA 1006 professional qualifications.
- c. The curriculum was approved by the SBFS at their August 2022 meeting.
- d. LARRO is not going away and will remain a Legacy Course mostly for us. Everything in LARRO is captured in Rope Rescue curriculum. LARRO is captured in the new RRA/RRO curriculum.
- Richard Beckman asked a question regarding instructors who were previously SCS 1 & SCS 2 can no longer be specific to a module and that they had to be able to teach the entire curriculum. Richard gave the example that in the old system someone could specialize in breaching and breaking and not be specialized in shoring.
- Caryn responded saying that is now like any other regular SFT course, you are an instructor for the class not per module anymore. Richard asked can we bring in guest lecturers who specialize in specific areas of RS1 and RS2. Caryn said that you could bring them in a subject matter expert under the instructor of record. Richard also advised everyone to check the student instructor ratios for SCS 1 & SCS 2

### 4. Confined Space Awareness and Technician

- Link: [Confined Space Rescue \(2021\)](#)
- a. Confined Space Rescue - the updated courses are in alignment with NFPA 1006 professional qualifications.
- b. Will be posted as draft pending SBFS final approval (August 2022)
- 5. **Vehicle Extrication**- Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue (Vehicle Extrication) course and a new Heavy Vehicle Rescue course have been developed by a curriculum development cadre using NFPA 1006 professional qualifications.
  - a. The courses will be presented to STEAC in July 2022 for a first read, will return in October 2022 for final approval.

- b. A crosswalk is coming with a Task Book for instructors to transition and meet the MQ's.
  - c. There will likely be an update delivered online.
    - o Link: [Common Passenger Vehicle \(2021\)](#)
    - o Link: [Heavy Vehicle Rescue \(2021\)](#)
- 6. Trench Rescue**
- a. Alignment with NFPA 1006, no change to time or cost.
  - b. All current instructors will be able to teach new curriculum
    - o Link: [Trench Rescue Technician \(2021\)](#)
- 7. FC4**
- a. FC4A – Ignitable Liquids and Gases Awareness/Operations (12 hour)
  - b. FC4B – Ignitable Liquids and Gases Technician (12 hour) Specific to Pipeline
  - c. Fewer hours for both courses
  - d. Current Senior and Primary instructors will be able to teach new curriculum
  - e. No substantial cost to base class (FC4), extracted pipeline for standalone course. 12-hr and 12-hr, respectively.
  - f. A crosswalk will be available for current instructors.
  - g. STEAC in July 2022 for first read, will return in October 2022 for final approval
    - o Link: [Fire Control 4 \(2022\)](#)
- 8. Fire Fighter Survival and Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Ops**
- a. Courses have been reviewed, updated, and enhanced for currency and relevancy.
  - b. FFS 16.0
  - c. FFR and RIC Ops 24.0 (formerly RIC Ops) standalone course. Additional 8 hours added, hose slide taken out of the course.
  - d. The courses will be presented to STEAC in January 2023 for a first read
  - e. A big push to align with the IAFF firefighter survival course.
  - f. On line prerequisite available to everyone (8 hour course).
- Jeff Seaton confirmed that we could still use IAFF instructors and issue IAFF certificates. Caryn said if you have access to IAFF instructors you could use them and issue IAFF certificates.
  - Darren Hall asked is the equipment list was available for he updated curriculum. Caryn said she would share a draft equipment list with us
  - Caryn will share a draft list of equipment needs for the course.
- 9. Home Ignition Zone – Defensible Space**
- a. Created per AB38
  - b. Course specific to a Defensible Space Inspector.
  - c. Cadre met in Spring 2022 and pilot courses have been delivered since
  - d. The course is returning to STEAC in October 2022 for a final approval vote

10. **Maritime FF for the Land Based Firefighter (June 2022)**
    - a. Developed as result of the USS Bonhomme Richard fire in San Diego
    - b. This is not a course for agencies who have a fire boat.
    - c. The course is for the land base firefighter
    - d. Cadre met in Sacramento in July 2022
    - e. The course will be presented to STEAC in October 2022 for a first read
  
  11. **Incident Safety for the Agricultural Land and Livestock Producers (August 2022)**
    - a. Cadre met in Sacramento in August 2022
    - b. Intended for livestock owners who make a business of it. Made for livestock business owners to get back to their property after they have been evacuated due to a wildland fire.
    - c. Curriculum for people to back on their land safely.
    - d. The course will be presented to STEAC in October 2022 for a first read
  
  12. **Curriculum Proposals**
    - a. To submit a curriculum proposal, complete the form template (link: [SFT Curriculum Proposal Form](#)) and email to Chief Chris Fowler at [Chris.Fowler@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Fowler@fire.ca.gov)
    - b. Behavioral Health & Cancer Awareness in 2024 (material was outdated when original course approved)
    - c. Livestock Pass, designed for farmers to stay with their livestock during wildland fire.
    - d. Fire Investigator
    - e. Fire Fighter back for review in 2024
    - f. Cancer Awareness and Behavioral Health will also be back for review in 2024
    - g. CFO/ECFO
    - h. Tower, Dive Rescue
    - i. Drones
  
  13. **Distance Education**
    - a. Only ALAs and ARTPs
    - b. All DE and hybrid delivery courses require SFT approval prior to delivery
      - [Distance Education Info Bulletin](#)
      - [Distance Education Application \(ALA/ARTP Only\)](#)
      - [Distance Education Outline Example Letter](#)
    - c. Not COVID-specific, remains an option
    - d. Asynchronous classes are not allowed.
    - e. If students are employed FF's, it has to be done off duty.
- Darrin Hall shared that due to staffing shortages, it is very hard to meet this requirement.

- Caryn thinks the days of 40hr M-F classes are a thing of the past having a class that's scheduled on a shift schedule over several weeks a few hours at a time is probably more reasonable due to staffing issues. Instructor/Fire and Emergency Services Instructor series in high demand.
- Linda Vaughn commented on delivering a hybrid course with students in class while some students being online for synchronous delivery for a blended model and asked how does that effect the student instructor ratio.
- Caryn said a hybrid delivery does not affect the student instructor ratio giving the example of delivering the lecture portion on line with the hands on portion being delivered in person. Another example Caryn gave was a student who tested positive for COVID but still participates in the didactic portion of the academy on line while the rest of the class is in seat.
- Jeff Baumunk asked if we have a student test positive for COVID and we have not requested a DL course we prior to the start of the academy can we submit DL request at that time for approval.
- Caryn said yes you can or you can submit the request for DL at the same time you submit your course request for the academy in case something like this happens. Examples of these request are on the CFTDA Website.

#### 14. FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION

- a. Certification Exam tiering system
- b. Report: [FF Exam Random Skill Issuance](#)
- c. Have been concerns with what Random skills are being selected (some ARTP's got easy ones,)so all were looked at and divided into: Easy, Medium & Hard and you will get one of each (to make things equitable)

#### 15. Certification Exam Simulation

- a. Report: [Certification Exam Simulation](#) Specific to FF2A Module
- b. If you have taken FC 3 as an FSTEP course during the academy you are able to simulate the interior fire attack skill for IFSAC/Proboard testing.
- c. Just like FF1A, In FFII extricate a patient can be simulated as well as flammable gases & liquids (if you do FC4)

#### 16. Modified FF Skill Sheets require review and approval from SFT prior to use/implementation

- a. Contact Caryn Petty to coordinate. **This is specific to ALA's, ARTP's are tied to the skill sheets as they stand.**
- b. ARTP's use SFT Skill Sheets (don't make your own)

17. **Exam Request**-Minimum 6 weeks prior to start of first module. If you get in a bind and you are cutting it close:
  - a. Utilize most-current version of Form and Roster from website
    - [Certification Exam Request Form \(2019\)](#)
    - [Certification Exam Roster Template](#)
    - [Results Template](#)
    - [Certification Exam Request Instructions \(Guide\)](#)
  - b. Notation in accreditation files for non-compliance
  - c. Timely return of results
  - d. CSTI/IAFF Results, if applicable
  - e. If you are doing CSTI/IAFF Haz-Mat, the test needs to be submitted back to CSTI early so CSTI can forward the results to SFT in a timely manner so it does not hold up SFT from processing the FFI diplomas. Caryn also reminded folks the FFI fee covers Haz-Mat and they have fixed the written test problems by expanding the test bank
  - f. Responsibility of Academy to verify candidate prerequisites are satisfied
  - g. CSRA, FC3, etc.
  - h. Outside/Alternate Candidates: Verification of training
  - i. Need a letter from the Chief as well as a training record. Donovan Lacy at Shasta is well versed in this process.
  - j. For re-takes, they have to go somewhere else.
    - [Training Record](#)
    - [Alternative Candidate Info and Chief Letter Template](#)
  - k. Retake Candidates: ensure approval attained from SFT prior to participation
  - l. Documentation may be requested at any time from SFT

#### 18. **ACADIS**

- a. ALA Group Update (Murtagh, SFFD)
- b. Compilation of ALA-specific ideas/questions (PDF)
- c. Any new work/input
- d. Forecasting
- Caryn-Academy Guest Instructors need to be Instructor I certified or historically recognized and have FFI (or II) and have taken Ethics. There is now a webform for folks to submit their certs to get enrolled with SFT to do so.

#### 19. **Chief Fire Officer Certification – Associate Degree Requirement**

- a. Effective January 1, 2021, State Fire Training is accepting applications for Chief Fire Officer Certification without an associate degree. This temporary exception allows applicants to submit the equivalency in a combination of both education and experience. Applicants are required to meet all certification requirements and apply on or before December 31, 2022. Interested persons should review the [Chief Fire Officer Certification – Associate Degree Requirement Informational Bulletin \(PDF\)](#) for further details.

- Randy encouraged the group to remain diligent as when this last came to STEAC it barely based and could easily go away if it comes back for a vote.

## 20. UPCOMING SFT COURSE DELIVERIES

- a. Registered Instructor Orientation (RIO)
  - 10/20 – ONLINE via Sierra College
  - 11/9 – OCFA
  - 11/11 – Lake Tahoe
  - 12/7 – CAL FIRE San Diego
  - 3/21 – Fresno Symposium
  - Late November 2022, TBD – Monterey Peninsula College
  - Late January 2023, TBD – Shasta/Siskiyou
- b. Certification Examination Evaluator Training (CEET)
  - 11/11 – Lake Tahoe
  - 12/7 – CAL FIRE San Diego
  - 3/21 – Fresno Symposium
  - Late November 2022, TBD – Monterey Peninsula College
  - Late January 2023, TBD – Shasta/Siskiyou
- c. Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness 1A, Front-Line Responder
  - 11/18—Lake Tahoe

## 21. AUTHORIZED SIGNERS

- a. If there has been a change to your agency leadership and/or Training Division designees, ensure agency Authorized Signers in SFT system are up-to-date
- b. Example ALA template letter: [FD Authorized Chief Signer Letter Template](#)
- c. Example ARTP template letter: [ARTP Authorized Signer template](#)
- d. The letter can be emailed to [Diane.radford@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Diane.radford@fire.ca.gov)

## 22. TASK BOOKS

- a. Docusign/digital signatures for the Authorized Signers not accepted by SFT, wet signatures only.
- b. Use complete dates when completing Task Books
- c. Must list month/day/year on JPR, Teaching hours, and experience.
- d. Need to have “Wet” signatures and letters indicating MQ’s have been met have to be individual for each discipline
  - Bob Buell asked a question regarding initiating and signing off FF1 and FF2 task books prior to the completion of the fire academy and having instructors initial next to task as students complete the training.
  - Caryn said this is acceptable for fire academies and she recommends having one master copy that can be copied and distributed at the end of the academy to all the students.



### 23. LETTERS

- a. A separate verification letter must be supplied for varied application submittals.
- b. A single letter may not be used to address both Registered Instructor and Registered Lead/Skills Evaluator

### 24. Accreditations

- a. Recent ALAs
    - Santa Clara County FD (ALA) – Approved
    - Alameda City FD (ALA) – October 2022 STEAC
  - b. Upcoming Accreditations
    - Modesto Junior College
    - Shasta College
    - College of San Mateo
    - American River College
    - Chabot College
    - Cosumnes River College
    - Columbia College
    - San Bernardino County FD
- Pete having just been through one commented on how thorough they are (he had to complete an 80 page document)

### 25. INSTAGRAM

- a. @calfire\_statefiretraining

### 26. Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Centennial Celebration

- a. SFT is turning 100 next year so expect some type of celebration.

### 27. Questions/Answers

- a. Structural Engineer recommendations
  - NFPA is recommending an inspection every 5 years.
  - SFT cannot recommend a company
  - STF is not requiring an inspection or checking that an inspections has been completed
- b. Academy of Excellence
  - Last year at the Training Symposium SFT awarded there first Academy of Excellence award to Santa Rosa.
  - This year's nominations will open up in the winter and everyone should be applying.
- c. Skills Coach
  - Created to help ARTP's deliver classes is being more defined: they cannot deliver instruction unsupervised, they cannot be used to meet student/instructor ratios and for high risk. Look for clean-up language.
  - A question was asked about course registrations being kicked back because the student instructor ratios were not being met. Caryn explained that they are educating staff and getting them up to speed on the letter of the law

versus what actually happens, and gave the example of FC4 and only having one prop. Jeff Seaton will forward course rejection emails to Cary Petty for training purposes. Caryn recommended retaining IAP's to show that student instructor ratios were met.

- Brian Preciado asked Caryn about sending a sample variance letter. Caryn will be sending Peter a sample letter to post on our website.

**28. FESHE (Mark Bisbee)**

- Is trying to obtain data for programs Chief Officers, Company Officers, etc. A survey was disseminated to the ARTP's and agencies but only 1800 replies (out of 50k sent out)
- Prior to Blue Print 2030 a consortium of 6 or 8 CSU's was formed to build a pathway so we have continuity between lower division, upper division, and graduate school.
- Matt Jewett previously attended the consortium meetings representing CFTDA. Richard Beckman is now attending the meetings.
- Model Curriculum: Does the model FESHE curriculum meet local needs? Yes, it is loose enough. But is woefully inadequate on Wildland.
- Have built a cross-walk for existing state courses with FESHE AA ones.

**29. Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) and State Board of Fire Services Updates (Richard Beckman via ZOOM)**

- 2022 CICCIS Qualification Guide was approved. CA USAR positions are still listed with a footnote when the new Collapse/Rescue courses are approved, the old ones will be historically recognized
  - [STEAC July 2022 Agenda](#)
  - [STEAC April 2022 Agenda](#)

**30. Public Safety Advisory Committee Report (Linda Vaughn)**

- Chancellor's Officer Changes & COVID have made progress with anything next to impossible but with the pandemic waning and stability coming to the CO, she expects improvement.
- New Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee is Keith Clements

**Lunch Presentation - 511 Dean Burchell & Mark Rotondo:**

- Dean spoke about how the company began with rock climbers needing apparel (511 is a class of a climb). They detailed the uniform contracts set up with several colleges which has gotten good reviews from Colleges that participate.
- Discussion regarding offering to sell uniforms in campus stores

## **IX. Old Business:**

### **A. NFF Opportunities (Jeff Seaton):**

- Pete spoke to his academy having an option for his students to complete the “Everyone Goes Home” program to earn a challenge coin.
- Jeff spoke to expanding the program to have the NFF do train the trainer classes to deliver the Attributes of Leadership class preferably in our pre-academies and enter into an MOU with the NFF to provide the training for us as a group.
- Pete is looking for approval to sign the MOU that has been presented so we can follow-up with establishing a working group at our Nov meeting.

### **B. Meetings: (Pete Cacossa):**

The November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at Cosumnes River College.

- A discussion about next year’s meetings and aligning our March meeting with the TO’s. This will result in back to back meetings in February and March. A discussion about alternating between the north & south followed. After a vote, the meeting locations were approved.

Meetings locations for 2023 are:

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tahoe,

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fresno with the T/O’s

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at Miramar

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at Chabot

### **C. Non-Profit Status Up-Date (Derek Robinson):**

He researched and found Legal Zoom will do it for you and shared the quote (\$903). They also have a package to conduct the annual reporting requirements. Since there is no expiration on the offer, it was agreed by the group that we wait until the next slate of officers are installed and then turn it in with their info.

## **X. New Business:**

### **A. NFFF Presentation (Jeff Seaton):**

Covered under NFF Opportunities above.

### **B. Team Blaze Presentation (Lt. Epstein):**

Lt. Epstein Unable to attend

### C. SFT Funding (Pete Cacossa):

- Randy provided the history on the efforts he made that lost traction because of the pandemic. He indicated that he had been contacted by Jeff Meston (Cal-Chief's Executive Director) that there may be an opportunity as he had been contacted by Senator Mike McGuire about carrying legislation for this. Matt Jewett was present during the initial discussions for SFT funding and has intuitional knowledge regarding the issue.
- Matt Jewett asked the group is they thought this was worth pursuing and that they already have a draft resolution ready to go and get all constituents groups on board to support the resolution.
- After a discussion Jeff Seaton volunteered to assist Matt Jewett and work with Jeff Meston to move this issue forward. Matt Jeff will refresh the draft resolution and bring it to the next meeting to be voted on by the membership.

### D. 2023 Officer Elections (Pete Cacossa):

A discussion regarding online voting took place. Randy referenced Article 7 of the CFTDA bylaws regarding the election of officers and shared it with the group.

Nominations and elections will take place at the November meeting at Cosumnes River College.

### XI. Round Table:

**(Merced City College)** Is starting a program and is seeking help and accreditation as well as developing an on-line program.

**Steve Hall (Oxnard)** Took over for Matt. Has a new 10 vehicle App Bay and have installed burn containers and will be expanding them to conduct all burns on-site (not at Ventura Co. Fire)

**Allen Hancock (Leonard Champion)** Celebrating their 50th anniversary. This semester their enrollment dropped in their academy. Is looking for feedback for a Heat Illness program (Matt pointed him to Sierra's recruit manual that has it built in). They are looking at potentially providing student housing and is looking for housing models. He shared ordering \$10k in ground ladders which costs \$3400 to ship

**Scott Jaeggi (Rio Hondo)** Started their 99th academy. Andy took a Fire Chief's job so they are looking for a Director. Their Board just voted the mask mandate away

**Darrin Hall (Miramar)** Hired a new Director. Shared the financial difficulties they were having which were corrected when all the problems were aired and identified during the accreditation process. He will be retiring from his fire job in Feb and working F/T at Miramar. Matt shared he was just glad to be here and part of this group.

**Matt (Hartnell)** Said he was glad to be here

**Randy Collins (Santa Rosa)** Spoke to the celebration they had for the 100th academy and their efforts to increase PE pay

**Charles Truvillion (Bakersfield)** Reaching out to offer in-service training for local fire agencies. They are also working with their Strong Workforce program to develop intern programs for fire inspectors

**Greg Greenlee (MPC)** is working to develop a new training site and is working with the Feds to use their Old army base. They are in their 40th academy and have 17 in it. Proof of vaccination is required to work at MPC.

**Terry Hughes (Lake Tahoe)** Is having trouble attracting instructors and has to go to Carson City for facilities due to high land costs and inability to build anything. He is working with Jeff to help with Cert testing. They are pushing for legislation to allow Nevada residents to attend at CA rates since they are so close to the border. Brad added they have been successful in getting grant funding for workforce development and to buy equipment to do so. He also thanked for the opportunity to attend as he has learned so much. They will be hiring a Director of Forestry and Public Safety Training in March

**Jeff Seaton (S. Bay)** Is helping CSFA do live fire training at various locations around the State with a trailer. He hopes to work with ARTP's to get FTES and pay the instructors. He is also suffering a decline in enrollment but is also holding academies specifically for Milpitas, Palo Alto, Santa Clara City which is being driven by finances (it is far cheaper to pay them to deliver rather than the agencies pay the training salaries in house).

**Christy Baird (San Mateo)** Began a pre-EMT class that has proven successful and are losing the EMS Director after 37 years.

**Holly Bow (RJW)** said it was nice to see everyone

**Tim Adams (Las Positas)** Shared some of his background before Las Positas at American River. LP has a new facility being built, they have dropped their mask mandate and has a full academy (and has been approached by local agency to run academies for them). After Christy asked if the group has seen local fire departments drop their FFI requirements, a conversation on this topic followed.

**Jason Hemler (Sierra)** Has a Phase IV Draeger on order and recently obtained an engine. He also explained some creative thinking that was used to build a roof prop. They are also beginning the early stages of planning a new PSTC in Lincoln. Their semester courses have lower enrollment but their academy enrollment is up and on-line is doing very well.

**Bob Buell (Chabot)** Spoke to going through his reaccreditation visit in Nov. and his facility being occupied next summer. He is using 3 dimensional models in the classroom to help students who have struggled with understanding tactics.

**Jeff Baumunk (El Camino)** Has a lot of graduates being picked up by Memphis (yes Tennessee) Fire. Is looking at renting SCBA's. Has received DSA approval for their new facility (except the Tower) and hopes to go out to bid in January with two phases of construction. Offering a new class (Spanish for Public Safety) which will be a hybrid class. Just purchased a driver simulator to keep down the wear and tear on their engines. Just completed thru curriculum a CO Degree.

**Challenge Coins:** Scott added he had coins for sale.

**Pete Cacossa (Fresno)** Shared a video of the construction of his facility and spoke to the benefits of modular construction which is going well and has saved \$10M in their construction budget and shaved a year off the construction schedule. He looks forward to hosting a meeting (they are 10 minutes from the

convention center site). They are using Strong Workforce funds to get a bunch of equipment including a new Type III from Pierce.

**INSTAGRAM** He ended by adding we have an Instagram account and encouraged the group to share pushes with him to share on CFTDA.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** 16:16