



LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive learning-centered institution providing educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, basic skills, career-technical, and retraining goals.

LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.
- ❖ Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.
- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.

Fire Service Technology Advisory Board

Fire Service Technology Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2020 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions: Sarah Silvinson, Tracy Unified School District; Trevor Galeazzi, CalFire; Joe Testa, LPPD; Stuart McElderry, LPC; Aaron Lacey, LPPD; David Sprague, Berkeley FD; Derek Krause, San Ramon Valley FD; Chad McMullen, LPC; Demmond Simmons, Oakland FD; George Freelen, Oakland FD/LPC; Liz de Dios, LPPD; Andre Guzman, Lathrop Manteca FD; Neal Ely, LPC; Amy Robbins, Tri-Valley ROP; Derek Thomas, Alameda County FD;
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
Liz de Dios Motion, David Sprague 2nd
Unanimously approved
3. LPC Program Reports
 - a. Enrollment and Degrees – German shared his headcount and enrollment statistics
 - b. New Company Officer Hybrid
 - Full Online AS Degree (proposed)
Derek Krause asked how this degree aligns with State Fire Service. It mirrors with the addition to GE units
Liz asked whether classes would be online/ or in person
 - AS FST Degree Change 2021 EMS – German presented changes to degree. Moving EMS 20 and EMS 30 to electives, so all core classes are Fire Service. Streamlining degree
 - c. Articulation Agreements/ROP/K12 (see chart for Fire Career Pathway which will result in a student having 9 units before leaving high school, students start as sophomore)
“First Responder Guided Pathway” first look

- d. LPC Regional Fire Academy Report- Chief Lacey- down to 29 cadets, lost one due to injury- COVID 19 SIP came one week before spring break. Resumed instruction via distance education. Reviewed campus health protocols.
- e. Changes to curriculum- new classes or degrees- see German's power point "Curricular Update and Degree Updates"
- f. Equipment acquired or required
- g. Design Plans for LPC Public Safety Complex Update
Going to DSA in September 2020 Report- Derek had suggestion for design of fire tower. Stuart said that the design is in flux and changes can still be made. Aaron had suggestion for pre-plumbing prop area. Liz agreed. Neal commended on how well the project is moving along.

4. Industry Updates

- a. Training and Hiring Needs- Projected openings from Fire Service Employers and FCTC
Chief Testa LFPD- Have over hired in past year. Not going to do academy this year. Usually hire 7 Firefighter paramedic per year.
George Freelen, Oakland FD- projected hiring maybe slowing down for a year or two. Should have students not rush through process and be patient and look toward a pick up in hiring after COVID 19 related slowdowns.
Trevor- Cal Fire- no 4th body on truck this year. Staffing will be down, don't anticipate large numbers of hires. Will always support academy. always looking for paramedics. Company Officer degree will be helpful.
Derek Thomas- ACFD - had internal academy. Going through their own budget challenges along with cities they serve.
Andre Guzman- Lathrop Manteca- have hired 15 LPC students. Would like to continue. Next hire will be for 3-4 paramedics.
David Sprague- on track for October academy. Big fan of investigating the regional academy
- b. What is new and exciting at your organization?
Sarah Silvinson TUSD- Partnering with Lathrop/Manteca FD. Offering FST
Amy Robbins- Tri-Valley ROP has been engaged in conversations regarding expanding opportunities for students in the Tri-Valley in the area of Fire Science. We will continue these conversations to see how we can connect more high schoolers with your program.

5. Action Items/ Recommendations from the Advisory Board Members

- a. Company Officer AS PO (Online Degree) Spring 2022
Discussion: Testa thinks this is awesome. Everyone is taking classes but not getting degree for it. Would add a leadership class. Liz mentioned a class in state fire training that is 2 day class (Ethical Leadership in

the Classroom) Cal Fire NFA Leadership in Supervision Series (Northern Region) this is the class Chief Eastman and Chris Fowler are currently teaching through SFT. To teach it you have to be a CO and Registered Instructor through SFT

David Sprague- there is a need for leadership courses. Hires come in without any management skills. Simulation Lab. There is a crisis in fire service. (approved as is with the exception of a leadership class)

Joe Testa motions , Neal Ely second. Motion passes unanimously.

- b. Fire Academy—Combine both Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 curriculum into one Fire Academy.

David Sprague motions, Aaron Lacey 2nd. Motion passes Unanimously.

- c. Change to Fire Prevention Technology COA- classes added

AJ 61 (Evidence) / OSH50 (Intro to Health and Safety)

Aaron Lacey supports the change. Neal Ely supports it. In the long term maybe look at combining OSH & AJ class and creating a new class.

George Freelen supports it. Thinks AJ 61 is better than EMS 30 for this certificate.

George Freelen motions, Neal Ely 2nd. Unanimous.

- 6. Next Meeting Date: October 19th, 2020

- 7. Adjournment 7:35