



# Fire Service Technology Advisory Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022 | 10:00-11:30 | Bldg. 1000, Room 1003

## LPC Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

## LPC Planning Priorities

- ❖ Implement the integration of all ACCJC standards throughout campus structure and processes.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Coordinate resources and provide professional development for effective online instruction and remote delivery of student support services and college processes to advance equitable student outcomes.

## FST Advisory Board

### Attendance

Aaron Lacey, LPFD

Joe Testa, LPFD

Jeff Zolfarelli, LPC Adjunct Faculty

Jeff Luepke, Alameda County

Neal Ely, Dean Emeritus

Kimberly Colantuono, LPC Adjunct Faculty

Jason Solak, LPFD

Amy Robbins, TVROP

Sarah Silvinson, Tracy HS

Kristina Whalen, VP Academic Svcs. LPC

Ame Blackshear, LPC EMS

George Freelen, LPC Fire Academy

Dan Hernandez, ?

Demmond Simmons, Oakland FD

Bob Buell, Chabot College

Kevin Kramer, Dean PATH, LPC Andre

Guzman, Lathrop Manteca FD Linda

Vaughn- South Bay Reg. PSTC

Tim Adams, LPC FST Faculty/Coord.

## Agenda Item

## Zoom Option

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Tim Adams, Aaron Lacey, Jeff Zolfarelli, Linda Vaughn, Kevin Kramer, Ellie Hirstein, George Freelen, Craig LaRont, Brian Diregolo

### 3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda. Craig LaRont 1st, Jeff Z. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from March 04, 2022. Jeff Z. 1<sup>st</sup>, Aaron L. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5. Program Updates

#### • FST Program

- Isa agreement: Working on implementing for the last 15-16 months
- CAL Jack rates up to \$365 an hour
- Meeting with finance office tomorrow to confirm if we can match the rates
- Huge value for local fire agencies and college
- Will require update to curriculum
- Curriculum updates to up to an year
- Credit for Prior Learning: firefighters that do not have degrees but they have college units
- LPC has the two degree options that can be used as elective units toward degrees. Desirable for students or professionals pursuing degrees.

#### • Fire Academy Update

- Learning state requirements, learning about college processes.
- 5<sup>th</sup> academy at LPC. Runs January-May.
- May graduation ceremony
- State requires 1:10 instructor/student ratio for skills instruction and 1:5 instruction/student ratio for cert. courses like FC3, FC4, Safety & Survival, Auto-X, etc.
- Staffing issues constantly due to fact that instructors are firefighters and get called to duty, so they cancel on a daily basis.
- Accreditation/ CA State Marshall Office identified need for a full-time instructor for Academy and clerical personnel for admin support.
- Discussion in Recommendation section below

- Program growth:
  - Fall FST 12/Fire Fighter I/II Academy  
Once we have OSFM mandated Staffing in place.
- Staffing needs:
  - Aaron Lacey was former coordinator says it is challenge for working firefighters. Important to have a dedicated on-site coordinator given the investment in the program and new facilities.
  
- 6. Facilities Report**
  - Public Safety Complex Update  
Tim shared the progress of the Public Safety Complex.
- 7. Identified Equipment Needs:**
  - Fire Blast Vehicle Fire Prop
  - Roof Ventilation Prop
  - Vehicle Extrication Prop
  - Forcible Entry Props
  - Dragger Phase I & II Props
- 8. Industry Update**
  - Jeff Zolfarelli and Al Reagger are rewriting the Shackleford Fire Chemistry and Behavior Book with Jones and Bartlett, and due for publication probably spring 2024
  - Alameda County- a lot of hiring. Projected 1 new academy hire per year. 10-18 hires per academy range
  - LPPFD- Recruiting needs -Firefighter Paramedic – demand is high, supply is low.
  - LPPFD cadets failing backgrounds due to social media and other agencies
- 9. Next Regular Meeting**
- 10. Adjournment 11:56**