



STATEWIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2013 - Sacramento, California

Members Present:

Ron Coleman, STEAC Chair
Roxanne Bercik, Metro Chiefs
Dennis Childress, SoCal Training Officers Assn. (South)
Bret Davidson, Southern California Training Officers
Natalie Hannum, California Fire Technology Directors. Assn. (South)
Sam Hoffman, California State Firefighters' Association (alternate)
Mary Jennings, California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee
Ken Kehmna, Fire District Association of California
Ron Myers, League of California Cities
Daniel Stefano, California State Firefighters' Association
Rich Thomas, California Professional Firefighters (alternate)
Tennis Tollefson, California Fire Technology Directors. Assn. (North) (alternate)
Nathan Trauernicht, California Fire Chiefs Association
Kim Zagaris, California Emergency Management Agency

Members Absent:

Robert Briare, California Professional Firefighters
Taral Brideau, California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (alternate)
Jim Connors, California Fire Technology Directors Assn. (North)
Kay Price, CAL FIRE Academy
Larry Savage, Nor Cal Training Officers (alternate)
Jim Skinner, League of California Cities (alternate)
Tom Turner, California Fire Technology Directors. Assn. (South) (alternate)
John Wagner, Nor Cal Training Officers
Ken Wagner, California Fire Chiefs Association

State Fire Training Staff:

Linda Menchaca, Staff Services Analyst
Mike Richwine, Assistant State Fire Marshal, Division Chief
Ramiro Rodriguez, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist
Mark Romer, Fire Service Training Specialist III
Kris Rose, Staff Services Manager I
Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist

Guests:

Don Kelley, Sacramento City Fire Department
Mark Cameron, CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo/RRT Ad Hoc
Frank Godinez, Chula Vista Fire Department
Ernesto Ojeda, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Alfredo Estrada, Imperial Valley College - Imperial County Fire Department
Robert Malek, Imperial Valley College - Imperial County Fire Department
Joe Gear, OES/Cal EMA
Lorenzo Gigliotti, OES/CFRTA
Tony Hargett, Sacramento Metro Fire

Brendan O'Leary, City College of San Francisco

Guests: (cont'd)

Charles Hurley, Oroville Fire Department

Tony Roberts, CAL FIRE

Todd Derum, CAL FIRE Sonoma Lake/Napa

I. Introductions and Welcome

Meeting called to order at 9:07 am by Committee Chair Chief Coleman

A. Roll Call/Quorum Established

Kris Rose conducted the roll call to identify attendees for voting purposes. It was determined that there were not enough members in attendance to have a quorum. Attendees and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was established at approximately 9:55 am.

B. Appointment/Terms/Expectations

Chief Richwine introduced the newest member of the STEAC Committee: Deputy Chief Roxanne Bercik. R. Bercik will be representing the Metro Fire Chiefs. She provided information regarding her professional background which included her current and past roles within the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

II. Agenda Review

No items presented.

III. Approval of the January 18, 2013 and March 7, 2013 Conference Call Minutes

Motion: *Dennis Childress moved to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2013 meeting and March 7, 2013 conference call, and Ken Kehmna seconded the motion.*

Action: *All members voted unanimously.*

IV. State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) Update

Chief Richwine provided information about the January 17, 2013 SBFS meeting. The next SBFS meeting will be held on May 23, 2013. Agenda items which are approved at the April 19, 2013 STEAC meeting will be brought forward to the May 23, 2013 SBFS meeting.

V. Recognition of Past Members

Chief Coleman provided Charles Hurley with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation on the STEAC committee. C. Hurley shared his comments on past participation on this team, and is hoping to serve on a cadre team and stay involved with STEAC. Chief Richwine thanked C. Hurley for his involvement on the STEAC committee.

C. Hurley stated that it has been rewarding to see the progression of State Fire Training and as a local government fire chief you see the end results of what you've been working on with the committee, and it is a great connection.

VI. Mission Alignment

A. Achieving National Recognition – No Report

B. Curriculum Development & Delivery

1. Discussion: Curriculum Development Task Force Update

**Presenter: Mark Romer
(Attachment 1)**

Mark Romer discussed the curriculum and where the teams are on the development of new curriculum. Ten areas have been identified and prioritized as to what will be worked on first. The focus at this time is firefighter, prevention, fire officer, and training, these four areas have immediate needs. As for Fire Fighter I and II, M. Romer, as the cadre lead, has been working with an editor at CSUS to draft the certification training standards (CTS). To meet all requirements and needs of California, the direction taken towards Fire Fighter I is to take out the job performance requirements (JPR), verbatim from the NFPA, and utilize as the development model for the framework and structure of Fire Fighter I. NFPA 1001, Chapter 4 of 472 First Responder Operation (FRO) also has to be part of Fire Fighter I. M. Romer mentioned the standards and explained the process on some publishing issues that removed the FRO from NFPA 1001; at some point the JPR's were taken out at that time and a statement identifying competencies of 472 was placed in NFPA 1001 as part of chapter 4. We are working to imbed the JPR's into our Fire Fighter I. Other elements that will be worked on by cadre are taking the NFPA standard 1051 (Wildland Firefighter) and embedding it into our Fire Fighter I program. Also looking at the California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) and will pull out and embed those elements in our program in order to bring all elements that will meet the needs of the state across the board. When firefighters complete this program, they will have earned the three main components recognized in California. The first meeting of the cadre team will occur from Apr 29 to May 2. The cadre will be reviewing the training standards and validating the edits and reviewing the learning objectives to put in some of the state-specific items.

M. Romer stated that there are currently 5 cadre members on the curriculum development committee. The validation committee, which will convene later, will consist of approximately 15 cadre members. The validation committee is a broad-based group from all walks of the fire service. At the July meeting, STEAC members will see a draft of the CTS standards, draft of the course plan, as well as all the necessary JPRs (in task book form). Information presented in July will be the 2nd draft. NFPA 1001, 1051, 472 (FRO) are in the existing course info. M. Romer stated that part of the task is concurrently working with Ken Wagner on the accreditation between IFSAC and Pro Board, this will be the first program that we run through this process. IFSAC and Pro Board require standardized testing on psychomotor skills. We will be working on how

this testing will be implemented in the appropriate classes across the board (using trained skilled evaluators). We will also be working with a third-party testing agency such as Pearson Vue to help develop and validate the written exam that the agency will provide. Mary Jennings asked if we set testing requirements yet and whether or not a committee has been developed to create the testing process for the new curriculum. Chief Richwine stated that although it was originally part of the capstone testing goal, it has not been done due to changing the process for curriculum development. It is now appropriate that one be created. Chief Coleman asked if there needs to be a parallel between the curriculum development group and the testing group.

M. Jennings stated that we were going to establish means of testing and look at other options, but did not recall a committee completing this task. Chief Richwine stated that this was not completed but was set aside because we were going in different directions in regards to curriculum and accreditation. M. Romer stated that the cadre will bring the various options. There is not a lot of room on working with many plans, just one (1) because IFSAC and ProBoard are specific on how they want things to get done. Chief Richwine mentioned that most states use an online testing database that is linked to national JPR's. M. Romer stated that is more in line with what skills will be recognized in state of California. M. Romer wants to bring to STEAC what the plan will look like. Chief Coleman stated that the written portion of testing will be provided via computer, with other skills evaluation being offered through the third-party administrator. Chief Richwine stated that because Fire Fighter I is scheduled for the accreditation process, this process is specific because of accreditation. Skills evaluators must be certified. It was originally planned to have students come to a testing center, and focus on accreditation through the capstone process, but we moved towards the task book model and the exams were set aside. M. Jennings recalls what was discussed in the past and believes we should have a conversation on how we are to implement these processes and maintain the validity and credibility of the programs and make sure that we start out that way with the right intent and stay focused. Chief Coleman stated that we need to ensure that all is on the same program as we move forward. M. Jennings wants to implement in a way that all participate and that is considered a recognized program. Chief Coleman state that there is going to be a cost factor. R. Myers wanted to know about cost and impact. Chief Richwine stated that at the July meeting there will be a discussion about cost in regards to accreditation testing, which would involve a written exam. M. Romer mentioned that in order to use IFSAC and Pro Board standards, we must have all the testing in place, and additional levels of testing depending on the test that is given. Fire Fighter I is moving forward with Fire Fighter II following in line.

M. Romer believes that if the STEAC members review the documents at the July meeting that by the October meeting a final stamp of approval will be given. Mr. Romer will be forwarding to the community colleges in order to get ready for a test run through the testing process (Spring, 2014). SFT hopes to offer full implementation of the programs beginning in June, 2014. There will be two local colleges as part of the test run, those colleges have not been chosen yet. CAL EMA wants to use Fire Fighter I as being the most highly-qualified which is a significant change, but in 12-18 months at FEMA will be using a performance-based in order to receive and keep funding. M. Romer stated that the new system is a performance-based system off JPR's under NFPA and CICC'S. K.

Zagaris believes that FEMA will be affected. M Romer mentioned that other states are currently using NFPA as the standard. Chief Richwine stated that the change will eventually occur within all states. M. Romer stated that he will continue to be cognizant of aligning our programs with CCICS and to the federal level. K. Zagari stated that he will have a conversation with K. Wagner, but those who are developing curriculum must be reminded of those changes and how it will affect other individuals, especially the publishers.

M. Romer also mentioned that Fire Officer is broken into three different categories: company officer, chief fire officer, exec chief officer. Those committees have not been formed, but will be after July 2013. A Cadre lead and CSUS editors have been assigned and the CTS are being worked on in draft format. M. Romer stated that he is continuing to work with the current CSUS editor to move curriculum into the newer model format. More information on the new curriculum will be presented at the July meeting. Training Instructor, or CTS Level I and Level II, have been drafted in 1st format, we are waiting on funding to come in to establish the cadre groups. Level III is in the same format and also awaits July funding. There is an application on the SFT website requesting individuals to apply for working in the cadre teams. Please let your interested constituents know to get the application in ASAP. The SFT Cadre leads are Bill Vandevort (Company Officer I); Kevin Conant (Chief Fire Officer II); Kevin Brame (Exec Chief Officer III); Jim Eastman (Training Instructor I – Level I/II); and Ron Martin (Training Instructor Level III).

2. Discussion: Imperial Valley College Accreditation

Presenters: Rodney Slaughter/Alfredo Estrada
(Attachment 2)

Rodney Slaughter talked about the site visit that was conducted in January, 2013 and made reference to Attachment 2. This program would serve a unique need to the region, as there is not a lot of other support in regards to fire training. This is one of the few colleges where the college president actually gets involved with fire issues and is pro-fire. Dan Stefano (representing STEAC) and Randy Collins (representing CA Fire Tech Directors Association) assisted on the walk-through. Chief Alfredo Estrada, Jr. discussed his background (14 yrs. with Imperial Valley Fire) and talked about the initial discussions having taken place in 2004-05 in regards to the accrediting process at Imperial College and the need for more standardized curriculum, fire instructors, more female Firefighters, and community involvement, etc. The site team looked at what resources were needed and tools that could be enhanced: wild land gear and an equipment replacement plan. The site team requested putting together a program on how to supplement program equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The fire service program purchased the necessary equipment. R. Slaughter recommended approval from the STEAC committee to accept the college's fire service program and that the program become accredited.

Tennis Tollefson asked about local processing and the tie-in to State Fire Training (SFT). R. Slaughter stated that the local processing is a "question mark", because SFT has not come up with a definition on how to handle local processing yet. Different

colleges have different ways on how to implement—no standardized way for SFT to keep implementing.

Motion: ***Ron Myers made the motion to approve this process, Bret Davidson seconded the motion.***

Action: ***All members voted unanimously.***

There will now be 43 accredited academies in place. Several new accreditation Applications are coming forward including Bakersfield College (re-accreditation) and Los Angeles City Fire Department (re-accreditation). R. Slaughter will be asking the STEAC members to participate in future site visits. The next step for Imperial Valley accreditation is to get their information on the SFT website, and to have the program presented at the May 23, 2013 SBFS for final approval. Sam Hoffman asked about colleges that offer fire service programs and how often does the program come up for review. R. Slaughter stated that they come up for reaccreditations every 5 years.

3. Discussion: Advanced All-Hazards Incident Management Course

**Presenters: Rodney Slaughter/Tony Roberts/Todd Derum
(Attachment 3)**

R. Slaughter discussed the program by showing and navigating through the Advanced All-Hazards Incident Management Course (AAIM) website, which was originally introduced to STEAC in October, 2011. The next pilot class will be held in the first week of May 2013 to train four teams simultaneously. R. Slaughter shared with the members the binders (displayed in the conference room), and identified the instructors' guides (three manuals), coaches manual (people who are working with and evaluating students), and participants manual for the program—all course material is available on the website and can be accessed by students/instructors. R. Slaughter introduced Chief Todd Derum and Chief Tony Roberts, who are working on the project.

T. Derum discussed the original process (7 years ago) to get the team certified. The plan was to create a course to certify teams. The 6-day course is designed to build team cohesion. The educational process is not process-driven or team-building, but critical thinking and using a Socratic learning mechanism incorporated where teams have to find/justify answers using three "hazard" scenarios. Each team has 2-3 coaches who are well-versed in command systems and have type I/II experience. Subject matter experts (SME's) are on staff for all scenarios or available through face-time (Skype, chat). There is a video library where the SME's can answer commonly asked questions for the scenarios. If other states or other agencies within California want to put on similar training, they can refer to this website.

The AAIM cadre is planning on teaching four more teams (Cal Fire, Sac Metro, LA County, and US Coast Guard) for all hazards, all disciplines. Bret Davidson asked if there is a way to keep this curriculum California based. R. Slaughter responded that this program is funded through Department of Health Services (DHS) and California Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA). The new AAIM curriculum has been

submitted to DHS for national recognition. The AAIM cadre created this training program in the DHS format. Once approved by DHS, homeland security funding (grant funds) can be used to offer the class in the future.

B. Davidson expressed concern about the course being offered by other vendors out of state. R. Slaughter stated that SFT would only approve California, FSTEP instructors, to teach the class. Chief Coleman stated that because it is a FSTEP course we can protect the curriculum, but we don't want the program to be so generic that it only applies to California, but if other states want to review for their usage they can do so, but California needs to protect and maintain the curriculum. R. Slaughter mention that CSU-Chico created the website and video work and its registered for 5 years, but belongs to SFT. SFT needs to develop a maintenance agreement with CSU-Chico to help manage the webpages.

Chief Coleman asked for items of discussion. K. Zagaris from CAL EMA and The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) partners back east are anxious to take this information and make it their own. Concerns are that California needs to control how we do business, be cost effective, but obtain more instructors who have the wealth of knowledge. CAL EMA has concerns with other agencies, who are not fire-based, that want to get their hands on this curriculum. R. Slaughter discussed the instructor qualifications. The cadre that developed this program would have to go out and work with other agencies or other states to be able to use this volume of material effectively. The program is expected to be used and local agencies will be invited to participate. The AAIM cadre will be teaching a session on April 20 - May 1, and is inviting STEAC members to come to the class and observe.

Chief Richwine asked if there is an exclusive contractor for these classes? If so, can they use these grant funds through DHS without having to go through a specific vendor? K. Zagaris responded that if we are using federal dollars, other agencies are going to get a copy of our information. When rolled out, we should be able to use UASI Grant funds to deliver the program. CAL EMA is looking for opportunities to get California situated to make this class work.

R. Slaughter stated that a registered instructor would send in a course request through SFT who would then validate instructors to teach the class. K. Zakaris said that once AAIM is rolled out, UASI Grant funds may be used to send people to the class and to pay for the instruction. CWCC CA Fire Coordination group has a need right now to get the Type 2 teams trained to Type 1 capabilities. Running into a problem with National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG); had sent a letter asking for this entity to provide the necessary information; trying to develop most Type III teams. R. Slaughter made a reference to the instructor qualifications for a California instructor that will be part of the new procedures manual (Attachment 3) in the handout. R. Slaughter is confident that CALFire will be using this program, and inviting local agencies to take part as they learn the exercise. C. Hurley talked about similar processes with rescue courses where other agencies from Texas have taken class information and made it work for their needs, therefore diminishing our work here in California. B. Davidson state that it falls back on California to get with the local UASI grant coordinators and inform them that if a class is going to be put on, that the process must happen through SFT.

Meeting continued with Deputy Chief Tony Roberts (CAL Fire Northern Regional Training & Safety, Redding) providing a demonstration of the AAIM website (californiafiretraining.org). He discussed the various sections of the website that explain the overview of the course. The site is public domain; no password/user name needed to enter; just type in the web address as the URL. The course information is covered over a course of 6 days (48 hours), using didactic/Socratic methods, with scenario and classroom lecture. The students that are accepted must complete the online pre-course work portion and a pre-test that is submitted to the cadre to move forward. The pre-course work takes 80 hours to complete. The website not only presents the course, but can be used by anyone who seeks information as it reflects emergency management events lists (California links, websites, and shortcuts). R. Slaughter added that the website becomes a resource in its own right. It has information that you may need in an emergency. T. Roberts state that the site is designed to make certain that students have prior knowledge to take the course. Qualification/certification aspect is a local matter. Site also identifies the current cadre members, the group that has been meeting for 1 week/month for the past 2.5 years. T. Derum stated that the cadres come from a variety of agencies, and he thanked Chiefs Richwine and Zagaris for the ongoing support and help.

Motion: *Kim Zagaris made the motion to adopt the AAIM course, Mary Jennings seconded the motion.*

Action: *All members voted unanimously*

4. Advanced Rope Rescue Technician Course Approval (Attachment 4)

Presenters: Rodney Slaughter/Ernie Ojeda

R. Slaughter introduced information related to Rope Rescue Technician and reminded members that in July 2011 this topic was introduced and wasn't on the agenda as a motion at that time, but STEAC unilaterally approved the program as a concept. The cadre has come back with the final work products, and the binders (student manual and instructor guides) were displayed for members to review (five individual copies). Information in the attachment was explained (course plan and site requirements), and R. Slaughter introduced Captain Ernie Ojeda to discuss the program.

E. Ojeda stated that the concept is that all of the course content would be on-line and the instructor would download the manuals needed for the course. Curriculum is required for the technician level. Through this course, capability will be improved for California rescue. He shared the proposed curriculum; tasks completed, student reference task books, site requirements, equipment list, instructor manuals, course information, and required materials. There will be an instructor rollout class through the California Fire and Rescue Authority. Linda Menchaca who was invited to the roll out classes, she wants to confirm that they are registered instructors and have taken these courses. E. Ojeda responded to Linda's question with confirmation that participants are to be registered instructors.

R. Slaughter stated that the roll-out classes will be advertised through California Fire Rescue (a Joint Powers Authority). Mark Cameron (Cal Fire-San Luis Obispo), Frank Odinas (Cal Fire-Chula Vista/San Diego), and Don Kelly (Sac Metro Fire) also worked on the cadre along with E. Ojeda. Chief Coleman asked for questions/comments from STEAC members. The next step is to present at SBFS for final approval. The question was asked where are roll-outs going to be held and is the cadre seeking facilities or venues? E. Ojeda stated that a flyer will be sent and then based upon the applications that come it they will determine where the roll-outs will be held. He stated that possibly one class in the north, two in the south, and one in the central area. It is also possible that we may see 400 people that meet the requirements sign up for the class; all fire departments will receive something in the mail inviting all qualified instructors. R. Slaughter stated that when rescue systems curriculums were presented we used the same process. R. Slaughter reiterated that we have never done a certification training standard for the Rescue discipline, but this class, however, will be identified as the last in a series of rescue courses.

Motion: *Mary Jennings made the motion to accept as an FSTEP course, Ron Myers seconded the motion.*

Action: *All members voted unanimously*

5. Rescue Swimmer Training (Attachment 5)

Presenter: Rodney Slaughter/Tony Hargett

Sac Metro Fire is proposing that a Rescue Swimmer Training class be developed. They are asking the STEAC members to make a motion to further discuss and develop this class. Tony Hargett explained the issue and need for this class. Firefighters are getting into the water more and more often and some firefighters may not know proper procedure for water rescue, especially when not properly equipped (and knowing not to swim). Sac Metro is doing more water dives; this proposed course is to tie into the other SFT curriculum classes around boat and water operations and using rescue devices that have been used by rescuers and lifeguards. The class is to get the firefighters comfortable with their surroundings so when entering water, knowledge about survival is considered “second nature”. NFPA Standard 1006 mentions information about waterman ship skills. Chief Coleman wanted to make sure all members read the attachment. R. Slaughter stated that Attachment 5 identifies a proposed outline.

Bret Davidson asked that since lifeguards can be very territorial; would this course work for his staff, would we do a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) swim course? T. Hargett responded that a 500-yd swim is done on the first day which must be met within 10 minutes, a USLA standard. If a student cannot meet that requirement, then they are out of the course. Chief Coleman asked for questions from STEAC members. Natalie Hannum asked if this could end up being a reciprocity question if it becomes an approved is there been a cross-walk with the lifeguards? Southern California lifeguards may want reciprocity with this. T. Hargett stated we need to have

the minimum requirement. Kim Zagaris asked how does this interact with the awareness courses given by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC)? T. Hargett stated that awareness is not getting in the water, so should not be a problem with JAC. T. Roberts stated that the validation of curriculum ties in the boat/rapid river rescue program that is currently occurring in Oroville/Magalia as part of an inter-agency contract. CAL Fire and other local/federal/state agencies are involved. Chief Richwine asked if off the shelf text is available? T. Hargett stated yes. The course information will get the firefighters to be comfortable with being in the water.

Nathan Trauernicht introduced Dr. John Madigan (Veterinarian and Faculty Member at UC Davis). Dr. Madigan directs the veterinary emergency response team, and has been working with the state agencies over the past 3-4 years to create the animal component curriculum which includes animal rescue. U.C. Davis has identified a series of 8-9 courses that will lead to enhanced safety for first responders in regards to animal emergencies disasters, and rescue. N. Trauernicht mentioned that the department is on the leading edge and helps provide information/resources on the services that they provide in the event of a fire. Dr. Madigan mentioned a website that explains what the purpose (<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/iawti/index.cfm>). The program uses animal mannequins that have been designed and used to facilitate the training.

R. Slaughter asked STEAC for direction on whether Sacramento Metro Fire department should continue to develop the rescue swimmer training program. Chief Coleman proposed that R. Slaughter come back to the July STEAC meeting with an action item. STEAC members should go back to their stakeholders to pass information on about this item. SAC Metro is asking for support from Training Officers – North and South. R. Slaughter stated that by the July meeting he will have some idea of where our level of support is. M. Jennings asked if the training officers have seen the outline and if they are inclined to continue with the process? T. Hargett said yes they are on board and they have individuals interested in participating on the cadre.

6. National Fire Academy – Rodney (Attachment 6)

Presenter: Rodney Slaughter

R. Slaughter referred to Attachment 6 and discussed the course call information. National Fire Academy (NFA) is asking that agencies project 1.5 years in advance: Blue Lake Fire Dept., Chula Vista, Susanville, Sac Metro, Winters, (see handout for reference). Agencies can contact R. Slaughter via e-mail in order to add classes to the schedule. Classes are posted on the website under STEAC attachments, but R. Slaughter will ensure that the information is posted on the website. DSFM Mike Garcia will be handing this information from this point forward, M. Garcia will be present at the July meeting.

Chief Coleman asked how often are training education issues have been reviewed by users to the OSFM and SFT website in numbers at the end of the year? R. Slaughter stated that we are reviewed frequently but we do not have that data.

7. Fire Fighter Survival Equivalency (Attachment 7)

Presenter: Mike Richwine

Chief Richwine discussed the response on how progress has been made in achieving equivalency for these courses as the pre-requisite for the RIC Operations course. The attachment provided makes references to all differences and what International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) recognizes and will support. Ken Wagner spoke with Mr. Jim Brinkley, Director of Occupational Health and Safety for IAFF, and identified Derek Alkonis (LA County Training Chief) as the contact. K. Wagner has been working with Derek Alkonis and the implementation plan on how the instructors will be remediated, curriculum changed, and how we will go forward in the future. Chief Coleman wants to ensure that all STEAC members are aware of the process, and asked of any consequences or concerns from team members. M. Jennings wants to ensure that any Firefighter who has taken an IAFF course can get into the RIC Operations course. Chief Richwine confirmed that based on information from IAFF and proposed changes, they will be able to attend the course. Chief Richwine stated that this equivalency information will be added to the Course Information and Required Materials Manual (CIRM) and the SFT Policy and Procedures Manual as an equivalency to the SFT Fire Fighter Survival Course. Chief Richwine will provide an update related to this agenda item at the upcoming SBFS meeting. Chief Coleman stated that no action is needed by STEAC members, it is requested that you notify your organizations of this updated information

C. State Fire Training Reconfiguration

1. Continuing Education for Professional Certification Update – No Report

D. Cross Generational Marketing

1. Cross Generational Marketing Task Force Update – No Report

VII. Announcements/Correspondence

Nathan Trauernicht (in representing Cal Chiefs) will be taking 7 individuals to the Congressional Fire Caucus which will be hosted at UC Davis.

Chief Richwine will be attending the Fire and Emergency Service Higher Education (FESHI) and Trade Conference (end of May –early June) and will provide a report at July meeting.

Chief Coleman stated that California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA) is continuing to do workshops for the volunteer fire service. There will be four more events later in year. They have been working with Pipeline Safety to offer training around state. The training will be held this weekend in Sonora and then later in Monterey. The first session was offered in Los Banos and several more were scheduled. This information is on the CSFA and SFT website.

Chief Coleman spoke about the Texas fire, and the loss of 15 firefighters, most being volunteers. Pipeline Safety training is to help expose Fire Departments that are located 30

miles on either side of a pipeline. This free training is offered to everyone, not only to volunteer firefighters.

Chief Richwine spoke about the instructor update course in Lompoc. SFT staff has taught over 1700 instructors (26 classes) to date; 5 more classes (totaling 31) will be offered, and we are looking to do a few more prior to December 2013.

Chief Coleman again thanked Chief Hurley for his past service, and again welcomed Chief Roxanne Bercik to the committee.

VIII. Roundtable

IX. Future Meeting Dates

A. July 19, 2013 and October 18, 2013

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.