**FST Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Date: January 8 @ 1:00 PM**

**ATTENDEES:**

Josh Masterson-State Fire Marshall’s Office; Dr. Richard Powell – FST Instructor;

Mark Mendez – Pocatello Fire Dept; Keith Weissenfels – Lewiston Fire Dept;

Steve Berg – Ammon Fire Dept; Debbie Carpenter – Spirit Lake FPD; Darrin Raskopf – CWI; Travis Myklebust – Region II Representative; Brad Terry, Interim FST Director; Matthew Frisbie, Training Coordinator; Cindy Cook, Testing Coordinator; Korey Mereness, FRP Programs Director; Sandi Wiensz, Technical Records Specialist

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Flashover Trailer –** Darrell Rosti made the trip to American Falls to access the damages to the Flash Over and what our options are.
* **New Forcible Entry Prop Inputs Regional Hub –** Darrin Raskopf shared a 360-degree graphic of what it looks like and Brad will send that graphic out to everyone. Renaissance High School purchased one of these and will let us know when it arrives so that we can go take a look at it.
* **Asset Calendar –** Training assets will be housed in three hubs in Idaho.

Locations are as follows:

* + Coeur d’Alene – Bill Deruyter
	+ Sand Hollow – Toby Robinson
	+ Idaho Falls – Steve Berg

Forcible Entry, Ropes Rescue, and Vehicle Extrication trailers will be located at these hubs year-round for access to nearby departments. Departments may put in request for this through FST and, upon approval, the Department and FST will coordinate with the Hub location.

Larger assets such as the 3-Story Tower, The Draeger, The Driver-Simulator, The Flash Over trailer, and the Propane Prop trailer will all be on a two-month rotational cycle, based upon the Academy season needs.

Once FST has determined rotation and logistics of these assets, this information will be posted on the FST calendar that is located on the FST website.

* **Heavy Rescue Grant**

Justin King, Tyler Bryner, and Mark Rabdau are going to be checking into what equipment might be purchased and would best serve the training needs of the fire community.

* **Course Enrollment Procedures & Rosters**

**In order to be able to comply with IFSAC at the time of issuing IFSAC Certificate, we are required to provide at least the LAST four numbers of a student’s Social Security #. This will need to be included on the Student Enrollment forms.**

**Matthew still has not received the necessary Course rosters for many classes that were taught as far back as July of 2023. We are still trying to track these down. A Course can not be completed and certificates can not be issued without the necessary information on the Course rosters being entered into the database.**

* **December Testing/Training totals**

**13 Tests completed**

**14 ongoing Training events with 7 completed**

* **Technical Rescue Rope Trailer – (Use on Hold)**

All three of the Rope Rescue trailers need replacement equipment before they will be ready for use in the field. The cost of replacement of the Rope Rescue is right at $10-$15,000 per trailer.

* **Draeger Trailer Concerns**

There needs to be some kind of reference material/manual (with the Draeger) that tells you how to run it. Matthew is working on “Train-The-Trainer” for each Region to address this need.

Keith Weissenfels expressed his concern because the equipment didn’t work at all when they last had it.

Matthew insured everyone that this equipment would be safe and only trained individuals would run it.

Kamiah and Lewiston are the only ones who have used it since FST has received it back from the college.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Korey Mereness, FRP Director shared with the Advisory Council members in attendance that former FST Program Director, Karine Johnson will not be resuming her position with FST. We are appreciative of her dedication to FST and the hard work she put into improving our programs.

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS-**

CTE Division Administrator Clay Long requested an additional $150,000 for Fire Service Training. Governor Little is supporting this. The funds are for Asset Maintenance and Instructor/Evaluator pay.

**SIFA/CALENDAR INFORMATION**

The enrollment form has been updated on the FST website (thank you Mark Mendez) and the SIFA 2024 Class Schedule is posted on the FST calendar on our website.

Brad Terry and Matthew Frisbee will be in attendance at SIFA and will be recruiting Instructors and Evaluators while there.

Josh Masterson wants to see an “after action: review from the instructors and those requesting courses after SIFA is over. IE: “How did it go”, “What went wrong”, “How can we improve”. FST is in support of this recommendation.

**CLEARWATER ACADEMY**

Clearwater coordinator would like to have a meeting with FST after their Academy with a “How To”, etc. meeting afterwards.

**Dive Rescue/Recovery Course – Dr. Powell (overview)**

Dr. Powell has been a public safety Dive Rescue instructor for over 20 years. There is a 52-page documents – NFPA regulations, etc. to accompany the Dive School Program that Dr. Powell conducts. This course can be broken up into sections.

From start to finish the Drive and Swift Water course takes about 450 hours to complete. If you want to add the “Dive Rescue” 450-hour program, it will take you 5 months to complete.

Meridian Fire Department just completed an Ice Rescue Class.

The only other option for receiving training in this discipline would be to send staff out to train either in Colorado, Florida, or an East Coast location.

One idea would be to take this program and have it approved by Fire Service Training so that we can offer it through FST.

The Twin Falls Dive School starts on Saturday, January 13, 2024. It is the 5th year of the Dive School. They are certified through Dive Rescue International.

It is suggested that an outline of this course be sent to the Advisory Council. Continuing Education hours could be recorded through FST.

These are all suggestions that should be considered.

**EQUIVALENCY Concerns**

Currently, the FST SOPs state that part of the requirement documents must include testing hours. We should come up with an alternative.

FST will be asking IFSAC what is required. We will try to have a copy of IFSAC rules that documents requirements.

**INSTRUCTOR SHORTAGE**

In Region II there are a total of 12 instructors for the entire Region.

FST will try to have the #’s, per Region of Active Instructors for the next Advisory Council meeting. We will also provide a list of Inactive Instructors. We lost many instructors when the FST programs were moved to EITC. We need to remedy that!

It is suggested that FST contact all of the Inactive Instructors, either by email or mail in order to connect with this necessary group of individuals for future Instructors.