



SPECIAL MEETING

HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF CHIEFS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025
8:00 AM
1301 N. MARSHALL AVENUE
EL CAJON, CA 92020

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5) PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

State law prohibits taking action or discussion on any item not on the posted agenda. The Authority Commission may briefly respond to statements or questions by persons exercising their public testimony rights. If appropriate, a matter of business may be placed on a future agenda.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1 – Approve the Minutes: Board of Chiefs Meeting – October 1, 2024

6.2 – Financial Reports

6.3 – Training Manager Report

7) ACTION ITEMS

7.1 – CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR LIVE FIRE TRAINING STRUCTURE PURCHASE

Recommendation: Approve contract for new live fire training structure purchase. Send to HFTA commission to approve and sign finalized contract. Please review attached justification narrative and vendor contract.

8) DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 – EMS

Heartland Fire Department EMS Training overview

8.2 – NEW JPA MEMBER INQUIRY

Sycuan Fire Department has inquired about joining the JPA as a contributing member. JPA membership would be for their structural division only, not wildland division. Current daily staffing is five (5).

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8.3 – NORTH COUNTY EVS

Facility use agreement in place for North County EVS to use HFTA pump pit. No charge to JPA members for pump pit services. When NC-EVS uses the pump pit for outside agencies, the facility use fee schedule will be used for billing.

8.4 – ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST POSITION

Training manager has assumed all of the administrative analyst duties. The training manager will perform these duties over the next few months to determine the needs of the position moving forward.

8.5 – SONRISE CHURCH RECOGNITION AWARD

Design chosen for Sonrise Church recognition award. Award will be purchased and presented to staff of Sonrise Church, exact date still TBD

8.6 – MILLER WELDER PURCHASE

Multi-use Miller welding machine purchased for the facility. The welding machine allows for prop fabrication, repair.

9) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 11.1 – Construction process/timeline for live fire training structure
- 11.2 – Fire academy structure and options (Spring, Summer, Fall)
- 11.3 – FY25/26 HFTA budget
- 11.4 – Plan B Training budget
- 11.5 – HFTA class cancellation policy

10) ADJOURNMENT

NOTIFICATION OF NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting will be held:

February 4, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Heartland Fire Training Facility
1301 N. Marshall Ave.
El Cajon, CA 92020

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I certify that on December 16, 2024, I posted a copy of the foregoing Agenda near the regular meeting place of the Heartland Fire Training Authority Board of Chiefs, said time being at least 72-hours in advance of the Special Meeting of the Board of Chiefs. (Govt. Code Section 54954.2)
Executed at El Cajon, California, on January 7, 2025.

Jay Petterson

Jay Petterson, Clerk of the Board

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6.3 – Training Manager Report

Finances: Nothing new to report

Operations:

- 2-story structure available for training
 - Purchased welder for modifications and fabrication
 - Forcible entry door and two forcible entry windows
- Fall 2024 Heartland 37th Academy
 - 21 recruits w/FF1 & 12 addition FF1 certs
- 38th Heartland Academy
 - 32 recruits (17 open / 15 sponsored) **GRADUATION DATE 3/29**
- Future Academies
 - Establish instructor cadre instead of filling holes
 - Possible summer academy (as third option per year)
- Behavioral Health Plan B is on schedule (January and February dates)
- Cyber Security Training offered in a hybrid format
 - In-person (dates on master calendar)
 - Synchronous (Zoom link will be provided)
 - Asynchronous (Session recording link will be provided)

Classes/Training:

- HFR Citizen Academy (10/9 & 10/16)
- San Diego Probation Officer Academy (10/28)
- FF1 certification testing (October 28, 29, 30 & 31)
- Miramar College - HFTA hosting Firefighter Survival (10/3 & 10/4)
- Santee Captain Exam (11/4 – 11/6)
- HFR Engineer Exam (11/5 & 11/6)
- HFR & Santee Cert Drill (11/16)
- S-290 (12/2 – 12/5)
- RRAO (December 16 – 20)
- Confined Space Rescue Awareness – 2/24, 2025
- CSTI - Hazmat FRO/FRA 2/25-2/28, 2025
- Cruel Intentions – 1/11, 1/12, 1/13 (in partnership with Smoothbore Cartel)
- San Miguel TIC Training (in partnership with Grit-First Training) 2/4 & 2/5
- Firefighter Survival – 2/10 & 2/11, 2025
- Fire Control 3 – Feb 18, 20, 21, 2025
- S190 – 3/3/2025
- S130 – 3/4, 3/6, 3/7, 3/10, 3/11, 3/13, 3/14, 2025
- Fire Control 3 (in partnership with Miramar College) 3/10, 3/11 & 3/12
- Firefighter Survival (in partnership with Miramar College) 3/24 & 3/25
- FF1 State Testing 3/26, 3/27, & 3/28
- Auto X 4/1, 4/2, & 4/3
- FF2 Testing 4/7, 4/8 & 4/9

Marketing: Pathway students, explorer programs, and training opportunities

Personnel: Administrative Analyst position vacant, push for SFT skills evaluators and SFT academy instructors

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7.1 – CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR LIVE FIRE TRAINING STRUCTURE

The Swede Survival Phase V Standard Fire Training System

A statement describing the unique or specialized features of the product or service.

The reason for this specific purchase is due to the uniqueness of the product, safety value of the product, availability of the product and timeline needed for project completion. The Swede Survival Phase V Standard Fire Training System has been designed with the training needs and safety of our firefighters at the forefront. Draeger Inc. has been able to completely customize a new live fire training facility for the HFTA fire training facility and its JPA members.

A statement of why the department requires that the product or service has such unique or specialized features (e.g. a statement of why a product or service without such features would not meet the department's needs).

Draeger, Inc. is the sole source of supplier for the Swede Survival Phase V Standard Fire Training System within the United States and U.S. territories. Draeger's professionally licensed project management team shall oversee the design, build, transportation and installation of this system as well as a two-day operations and maintenance training for designated teaching cadre within the HFTA.

We are requesting approval for the purchase of the Phase V Swede Survival System burn building. The proprietary make-up of this product does not allow for competitive bidding. No other manufacturer can deliver this specific product that our training facility needs. This specific product allows for customizable design with the safest possible training, extended warranty as well as expedited build time.

A description of HFTA's efforts to locate all possible suppliers of such product or service.

The HFTA staff and live fire cadre have compared the various different styles of live fire training buildings over the past eighteen months. Our live fire training cadre visited numerous facilities throughout the state of California and around the Country to see which live fire training building provides the safest training environment as well as most beneficial training opportunities. After reviewing the training needs of the HFTA, it has been determined that the Swede Survival Phase V Standard Fire Training System is the only system that meets all of the needs of the HFTA and its personnel.

A statement that, in spite of its efforts, the department has been able to locate only one supplier of the product or service in question.

Other training facilities that were examined, were eliminated due to one of all of the following issues:

- Limited warranty
- Limited or no customization option
- Training not included
- Construction and oversight not included in cost
- Lack of detail and safety measures
- Lack of reliability once built
- Not honoring warranties
- Not responding to customer concerns/complaints
- Not available in California

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