



# HEARTLAND FIRE TRAINING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF CHIEFS MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

8:00 AM

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4) 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.*

**5) CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 – Approve the Minutes: Board of Chiefs Meeting – August 6, 2024

5.2 – Financial Reports

**6) NORTH COUNTY EVS INC. PUMP PIT USAGE**

6.1 – Pump Testing Pit Request and Overview (Petterson)

North County EVS INC. has requested the use of the HFTA pump testing pit area. This request would be for use of the pump testing pit 2 – 4 times per month. Each use would take approximately 2hrs of time, including setup, testing, and clean up. North County EVS INC. would schedule their pump testing times around HFTA color group, plan B training and academy schedules.

**Recommendation:** Enter into an agreement with North County EVS INC. through the end of the fiscal year (October 2024 to June 30, 2025). HFTA legal counsel will execute the contract, with opt out options for HFTA if EVS INC. does not clean up after themselves, violates terms and/or does not honor their contractual obligations.

- a. HFTA members would not be charged for any/all pump testing in exchange for waived usage fee of pump testing pit. In addition, NCEVS has offered to inspect and maintain HFTA member apparatus free of charge as well as offer operational training free of charge (normally \$,2.800.00).
- b. If BOC's would like to charge NC EVS a per use fee or per month fee, the fee would be passed along to non HFTA members and not be absorbed by HFTA members using the NC EVS for pump testing service.

**7) TRAINING BUDGET FUNDING – PLAN B**

7.1 – Funding Future Zone Training (Smith)

Create appropriate funding and billing process for future Plan B trainings and instructor fees.

Three different options have been presented below.

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CITY OF LA MESA

LAKESIDE FPD

CITY OF LEMON GROVE

SAN MIGUEL FPD

BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

VIEJAS BAND OF KUMEYAA Y INDIANS

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- a. No change – keep training budget and instructor ratio “as-is”
- b. Reimbursement – Total up instructor fees, bill each agency and reimburse agencies who supplied instructor(s).
- c. Expand Budget – Increase initial Plan B training budget (line item) at the beginning of fiscal year, use yearly budget allowance to fund Zone Plan B training.

**Recommendation: Expand Budget** - Increase yearly budget allowance for Plan B line item. This option will eliminate the need for additional invoicing between agencies and allow for each agency to contribute funds as part of their yearly JPA contribution.

## 8) CLOSED SESSION

### a. Conference with Labor Negotiators (\$54957.6)

*i. Agency Designated Representatives: Butz, Sims  
Needs Analysis: Administrative Analyst Position*

## 9) REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

9.1 – Training Manager (Petterson)

## 10) ADJOURNMENT

### **NOTIFICATION OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next regular meeting will be held:**

December 3, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.  
Heartland Fire Training Facility  
1301 N. Marshall Ave.  
El Cajon, CA 92020

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## **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

I certify that on September 26, 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Chiefs. (Govt. Code Section 54954.2)  
Executed at El Cajon, California, on September 26, 2024.

*Heidi Slabaugh*

Heidi Slabaugh, Clerk of the Board

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## Training Manager Report

### Finances:

- Nothing new to report

### Operations:

- City of El Cajon, reestablished property lines
- Old Animal Shelter - Final containers being fabricated
- Rubble Pile – repositioned w/new layout
- Future building – design finalized, working with City of El Cajon for a sole source option
  - Plans, footings, surrounding materials (gravel, concrete, asphalt)
- Fall 2024 Heartland 37th Academy
  - 21 recruits
  - Currently have support from
    - Shift captain + four NC personnel
    - 3:1 ratio student/recruit to instructor
    - **GRADUATION DATE 11/2**
- 38<sup>th</sup> Heartland Academy
  - 10 open enrollment offers made
  - Start 1/8
  - End 3/29
  - Cap of 30 students
  - **GRADUATION DATE 3/29**
- Behavioral Health Plan B is on schedule
  - January and February schedule
- IT training TBD
- Academy Instruction
  - Consistent State Lead Instructor for Spring and Fall academies moving forward
    - Dave Hardenburger

### Classes/Training:

- Driver Operator 1A (August 12 to 16)
- Driver Operator 1B (September 9 to 13)
- CSRA (September 9)
- HAZMAT (September 10 - 12)
- HFR BC Exam/Simulator (9/18)
- Firefighter Survival (October 7 - 8)
- FC3 (October 9, 10, 11)
- RRAO (October 14 to 18)
- L-954 (October 14 to 18)
- S-190 (9/18)
- S-130 (9/21 – 9/25)
- 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)

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- San Diego Fire Rescue – HFTA hosting Structural Collapse 2 (11/4 – 11/7)
- Santee Captain Exam (11/4 – 11/6)
- HFR Engineer Exam (11/5 & 11/6)
- HFR & Santee Cert Drill (11/16)
- Miramar College - HFTA hosting - S-290 (12/2 – 12/5)
- RRAO (December 16 – 20)
- \*\*Firefighter 2 Testing
  - Postponed until April 2025\*\*

### Marketing:

- Website social media, community involvement, High School Pathway
  - Working with GUSD Pathway director and SWC on possible for-credit Fire Science Classes and EMT-B classes

### Ongoing:

- County wide recruitment effort - Training manager will help set-up meetings/visits at schools, colleges, etc.

### Personnel:

- Academy instructors, State evaluators, HFTA staff

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