COMMITTEE AGREEMENTS and/or RECOMMENDATIONS TO COS:

ROP will be offering the Cal Fire Basic Wildland class this winter. Fire Engineering will be the new text book for the FFI Academy. New FFI Academy Curriculum to become IFSAC and Pro Board approved. We will not schedule a Fall 2015 FFI Academy due to low enrollment. Possibly schedule a Cal Fire Basic Wildland in place of a Fall 2015 academy. Will hold during Spring 2015. Greg South and Nancy Miller will continue to work on the Contract with Phil Anzo and Cal Fire. Working on becoming a Regional Training Center for Cal Fire.

NEXT STEPS

COMMENTS – RE: Program Development

Kim Greene

R.O.P. Update

• Offering ROP Wildland this year. Kent will be instructor of record.
• Two students graduated last year as TA’s – will be in Work Experience program.
• 3 students from Weed High School are ready to register.
• 2 students from Yreka HS.
• The Counselor at Etna is recruiting.
• 2013/14 had a total of 15 students.
• Kim will be setting dates and start actively recruiting.
• May have issue at Yreka station. Yreka will staff an engine this year for the first time. Lots of construction at Yreka Headquarters.
• Can use Cal Fire Ft Jones if too many students.
• Ft Jones City Fire has new ladder truck and living options and tower if needed.
• Will use Ft Jones Cal Fire Station rather than Yreka Headquarters.

Kent Cunningham

• COS Engine Fund - New engine?

• COS 1 is in poor condition and cannot be rented any longer.
• We need another Wildland Type 3 4x4.
• Kent will look for an engine to purchase.
• **FFI Academy**
  - **IFSTA Books**
    - The IFSTA book was not well liked by the cadre of instructors.
    - The new curriculum gives four (4) choices of textbooks. *Fire Engineering* is the book Kent will look at for the next academy.
  - **Swiftwater Rescue Class - Rescue 3 or Cal Fire**
    - There was no curriculum for this class.
    - HFEO’s class – Ryan Benson issued certs through Cal Fire.
    - PACE has a complete curriculum through SFT.
    - We will continue to use Cal Fire cert for FFI Academy.

• **Course Scheduling Spring 2015**
  - Possibly one Academy per year
    - The FFI Academy has low enrollment.
    - Possibly go back to one academy per year.
  - **Wildland Stand Alone Course**
    - If we only offer one FFI academy in 2015, then possibly schedule a 180 Basic Wildland.
    - Maybe replace ROP with a standalone 180 Basic Wildland. At this time ROP will end in June 2015.
  - **Turnout and SCBA Rental**
    - To save the expense of repairs we need to possibly train locally to complete repairs.
    - Have Deadwood repair turnouts.
    - Purchase knee pads for drills to save wear and tear.
    - Use newer turnouts for live fire for better protection.

• **Program Direction – Director/Coordinator**
  - Phil Anzo
  - Program Direction:
    - We are looking for new avenues to grow the program the needs for students.
    - Many problems with Human Resources getting instructors through their process.
    - We have a few issues with bill paying for Northern Region Training Center. Problems with our system as COS.
    - We’ve had many issues with Enrollment Services and registration.
    - Need to reestablish relationship with volunteer stations.
  - **Director/Coordinator**
    - Phil Anzo, Greg South, and Nancy Miller met and are moving forward with the contract with Cal Fire. There are still hurdles to climb over.
    - COS will provide an Adjunct Contract for Kent Cunningham for spring 2015 at 70% load.
    - It will be at least 6-9 months for a Cal Fire contract.

**COMMENTS – RE: Instruction and Curriculum**

• **New Firefighter 1 Curriculum**
  - Kent and Ryan attended the Fire Coordinator Conference in Susanville.
  - SFT has new curriculum that is IFSAC and Pro Board certified.
  - When COS students graduate they can go anywhere in the United States.
  - Ryan is completing all updates through Curricunet (COS).
  - COS already teaches the curriculum, but a little change will be required.
  - Adding another day of Ropes/Knots will allow us to give students a LARRO cert.

**COMMENTS – RE: Student Recruitment & Marketing**

• We have been marking through FireWhat and Wildlandfire.com
• Kent will work on the Facebook page and update.
• Kent has found four different COS academy pages
• Kent has been checking into GoPro video.
  - They can add links for scheduling of courses.
  - When they like our page and we up-date it will ping them.
• **Shows instructors and blurbs**
  - We can send a CD with a promo video to add to the page.
• We have purchased new t-shirts and polo shirts for our instructors.

**PERKINS -**

• **Perkins Update**
  - Bob discussed “Field” classes that we have been approached to teach in the Bakersfield area.
  - They want to teach wildland firefighting.
- They have a retired BC to teach the class
- Plan is to train 300-400 students
- Type 2 crew training
- We sent our 80 hour curriculum for review
- Need Cal Fire connection

**INDUSTRY UP-DATE**

**Regional Training Center**
- Kent has discussed becoming a regional training center for Cal Fire.
- A new training prop has been discussed using 7 or more connex boxes.
- We will retro fit the boxes using the welding program creating doors, stairs, ventilation.
- Will be able to burn class A combustible materials
- ADJ can use the building too for their training
- Solanos will donate wood and drywall
- The new construction program will rebuild as you burn and tear up.
- The Temp Building can be used for housing for these fireclasses as they have showers and bathrooms already.

**COMMENTS – RE: Other**

**Work Experience**
- Ryan Benson indicated that Butte has 14 stations and there are two open seats on an engine year round.
- Ryan would like to open our work experience up to encompass Butte for a wider range experience.
- Ryan was given permission to start small and only assign one student to his Butte station to start with.