Present:

Dan Barron, Palomar College Fire Academy Battalion Chief Jon Blumeyer, Encinitas FD Captain Mike Bertrand, Escondido FD

Battalion Chief Bret Davidson, Rancho Santa Fe Fire

Battalion Chief Scott Duncan, Vista FD Battalion Chief Mike Easterling, Vista FD

Wayne Hooper, Palomar College Fire Technology

Carl Lofthouse, Palomar College Fire Technology Battalion Chief Brandon Lucore, North County Fire Fire Chief Michael Lowry, Escondido FD

Fire Chief Tony Michel, Rancho Santa Fe FD

Division Chief Chuck Morton, San Marcos FD Carole Musgrove, Palomar College Fire Technology Captain Jeff Nijinski, CAL Fire/SCDFA

Battalion Chief Ken Slaven, Escondido FD

Division Chief Robert Scott, San Marcos FD

Chief Brett VanWey, Palomar College Fire Technology Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Brett Vanwey in room 2B.The purpose of this meeting was to provide information regarding changes and development in the fire service that will impact fire technology programs at Palomar College.

Areas discussed include:

Revenue sharing and the JAC program

High school fire technology programs, including funding, instructors, classrooms and ROP

JPA-encouraging fire department employees to hire on with Palomar College to

work the JPA.

Round table:

Carl Lofthouse suggested adding fire ethics to the curriculum of required core classes for the AA degree in fire technology. Brett Davidson commented that it would be good to have fire ethics in the core classes, provided the class includes topics on social networking.

Captain Nijiski discussed the importance of ethics in the fire service, particularly with new recruits and social media (Facebook, lnstagram, etc.). Nijiski also discussed distance learning and hybrid courses at Palomar College. Those in attendance, including the fire chiefs, concurred that this is an area of concern and felt ethics in general needs to be included in the training and education of our future fire fighters.

Wayne Hooper discussed several military veterans taking fire classes toward a career in firefighting. Hooper also discussed the impact a fire technology AA degree has on promotions within the fire service.

Fire Chief Lowry inquired about fire department sponsorship of recruits and what the requirements are. He also discussed State Fire Marshal with regard to training readiness and curriculum.

Chief John Blumeyer recognized the Palomar College Fire Technology and Fire Academy as quality programs.

Battalion Chief Davidson discussed fire fighter training budget and funding. Chief Michel discussed tracking new fire fighter employee statistics and budgets

between fire agencies and Palomar College regarding Fire 98.

Chief Bertrand suggested using fire stations for in-service Palomar College-related fire training. He also mentioned implementing hybrid and online fire technology classes at Palomar.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.