

**MINUTES**  
**Palm Beach State College**  
**Fire/EMS Programs**  
**Partnership Council Meeting**  
**October 30, 2012**

**ITEM 1. Welcome and sign in –** Chair, Albert Borroto, welcomed members.

Discussion: None

Action: None

**ITEM 2. Adoption of Agenda –**

Discussion: Motion made and seconded to adopt.

Action: The agenda for October was adopted without change.

**ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes -**

Discussion: Motion made and seconded to approve.

Action: The minutes for May 2012 were approved.

**ITEM 4. Old Business – Public Safety Complex update**

- a.) Public Safety Complex construction update: Associate Dean Cipriano reported the estimated completion of the building to be January 31, 2013, and estimate for the move to the new building will be the end of the Spring with the grand opening being sometime in April 2013. The furniture for the building was ordered. Dean Cipriano also reported that they broke ground on the burn building. She also mentioned the lack of funds to build the 9/11 Memorial Wall.

**ITEM 5. Program Status/updates –**

- a.) **Fire Academy/Advanced Training:** no news was reported by Dean Cipriano.
- b.) **EMS:** Dean Cipriano welcomed the new Palm Beach State College EMS Director, Everette Vaughan.  
**Paramedic:** John Treanor reported that the Paramedic program started with two classes this year (B and C shift) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> class (A shift) will start in the Spring Term, January 2013. The B and C shift classes are currently in their 1<sup>st</sup> semester, they are done with IVs and medication administration and currently they are finishing their Skills. They will be starting Advance Airway, EKG, and Pharmacology in the following weeks.  
**EMT:** Dean Cipriano reported that the EMT Program started with four classes this semester. This is the first time the Paramedic and the EMT programs have one Director and that the goal is to consolidate the programs and provide a smooth transition between them. Dean Cipriano also reported that they are looking to remove the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) from the EMT application requirements. They would like to have this requirement removed by Summer 2013. Dean Cipriano also shared with the members that Industry Certification automatically provides to any EMT certificate holder a minimum of 9 credits towards their College Degree. To be eligible for articulation, the student must show evidence of their current Emergency Medical Technician certification and it must have been issued within three years prior to their enrollment in the program. Visit <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/prior-learning/course-equivalency.aspx#statelicense> for more information.
- c.) **Clinical - Bruce Arbeit:** We started paramedic clinicals six weeks early with this class. The purpose is to sharpen basic EMT skills before proceeding on to advanced paramedic skills. Some new paramedic students have been away from these skills for a while and it is necessary to have all of the new paramedic students proficient in the basic EMT patient interview, assessment, and other basic skill sets before proceeding to advanced level training. This semester, the beginning of the clinical rotation is dedicated to doing just that. Dean Cipriano reported that the Public Safety Department will bring Guidance Counselors from

the School District to highlight our areas of operation (Criminal Justice, Fire, EMS and Emergency Management). The goal is to showcase the programs in order to increase community awareness and therefore enrollment. Lunch will be provided by the College Culinary Department.

**Discussion:**

Dr. Schepcke said since there are a lot of issues that arise daily with our clinical sites, mainly hospitals it is good that we have a full time clinical coordinator to solve these issues. Some of the issues he has to get involved in as the medical director. The goal is to have all clinical sites on board and operating smoothly at all times.

Chief Donatto asked if the EMT Program had seen an increase of applicants from the High School Magnet Program “Hands only CPR” and he would be interested to see how many students come from this venue. Bruce reported that at the moment the college doesn’t have a tracking system for this but that he actually started tracking it by asking the students directly in Orientation.

**ITEM 6. New Business –**

- a.) Philip Berlingo reported the completion of the first 911 Tele-Communicator class. From the 14 graduates seven of them were employed. The next class will be offer Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 10 pm. The 232 hours of training has a cost of \$800. With this the students get 17 hours of actual dispatch center training, as well as visits to the Trauma Hawk, EOC, PBSO Eagle and trauma centers. Berlingo explained that his goal is to get a vendor to provide stand-alone computers in order to train the students with the most up-to-date technology. Director Vaughan explained that they are looking to contact Boynton Beach Station 5 to train the students with the Next Generation 911 Calling System. Dean Cipriano stated that they are waiting for the program to be a success in order to get capital allocated to the program.
- b.) Dean Cipriano reported that the college has a new Vice President of Student Services; Dr. Peter Reyes Barbatis. Also, she explained that the college consortium, along with seven other colleges, is looking to change the institution software, this will allow us to move faster and more efficiently. Chief Donatto expressed his concern about the College not moving as fast as businesses move. Also, he is concerned about the College losing business to their competition; the College registration process is so ridiculous that students choose to go across the State to St. Petersburg College to get their education. Dean Cipriano announced the hiring of an advisor for the Public Safety Programs.

**ITEM 7. Other Business –** No new business were reported.

**ITEM 8.** The next meeting date is **TBD**.

**ITEM 9.** The meeting was adjourned at **3:25 pm**.

Attendance:	Bruce Arbeit	Albert Borroto	Kenneth Schepcke
	Barbara Cipriano	Andrew Lezza	Sandi Savia
	Everette Vaughan	Darryl Donatto	John Treanor
	Philip Berlingo	Curtis Jepsen	

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