

Fire Protection Technician-SLO Assessment, Spring 2013 Results

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Survey Overview

Description

Fire Protection Technician, Spring 2013

Instructions Provided To Respondents

There are four sections in this survey.

- The first section contains two questions about your overall experience in the program. Use this section to identify things you liked, things you would change, and to communicate any other comments about your overall experience in the program. If you have feedback about the instruction or anything else related to the overall program, please address that in one of these questions.
- The second section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this section.
- The third section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.
- The conclusion provides a comment section for any additional information you would like to share about your experience with your program and Western Technical College.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Respondent Metrics

Respondents: 2
First Response: 4/26/2013 10:34 AM
Last Response: 4/28/2013 10:57 PM

Survey Results

The following is a tabular depiction of the responses to each survey question. Additional comments provided by respondents, if any, are included after each table.

Section - General Overview of Program

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We appreciate your feedback, comments and suggestions. The information you provide will strengthen our program. Thank you.

1. What did you like about this program?

Classes related to firefighting. (000000369 Anonymous)

I enjoyed when we participated in hands on learning. The practical learning of the fire service is essential. Text books only get you so far. (000000368 Anonymous)

2. What would you change about this program?

Fitness classes. (000000369 Anonymous)

I would incorporate more active learning. We need to be burning a lot more than we did. We need to be participating in scenarios and live tactics. Fire is constantly evolving. Emergency scenes are chaotic. A textbook is stagnant. Current fire service members coming in to teach their specialties would also be big. Other technical colleges are constantly involved with local firefighters for learning and training. WTC is very far behind. I do not believe in the textbook era. (000000368 Anonymous)

Section - Western Technical College Core Abilities

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This section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this segment. As a result of this program:

3. I have learned effective communication skills.

100% 2 Yes

4. Comments on effective communication skills.

When we DID go out for live training, it was essential that you communicated clearly and effectively. (000000368 Anonymous)

5. I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

100% 2 Yes

6. Comments on application of mathematical concepts.

7. I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

100% 2 Yes

8. Comments on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

9. I learned critical thinking skills.

100% 2 Yes

10. Comments on critical thinking skills.

I would learn more if there was more focus on this. Developing leaders should be a top priority.
(0000000368 Anonymous)

11. I have learned to use technology effectively.

100% 2 Yes

12. Comments on effective use of technology.**13. I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.**

100% 2 Yes

14. Comments on valuing self and working ethically in a diverse population.**15. I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.**

100% 2 Yes

16. Comments on incorporating the importance of sustainability.**Section - Specific Program Outcomes****Instructions Provided To Respondents**

This section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.
As a result of this program, I learned to:

17. Demonstrate professional conduct by displaying personal code of ethics, positive work ethics, flexibility, teamwork skills, physical fitness, safe procedures, and sensitivity to diverse cultures and individuals.

100% 2 Yes

18. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Most of this was learned through my instructor and internship in a firehouse. Not the curriculum.
(0000000368 Anonymous)

19. Perform fire prevention activities including preplanning, public education, inspection, and investigation.

100% 2 Yes

20. Comments about learning this program outcome.

This was effective but a little too long. The preceptorship was more beneficial. (0000000368 Anonymous)

21. Apply incident management skills to emergency incidents.

50.0% 1 No
50.0% 1 Yes

22. Comments about learning this program outcome.

This program did not prepare me for IM. I learned these skills from internship and firemen from active depts. We did not have adequate resources to fully operate an IM scenario. (000000368 Anonymous)

23. Meet professional fire and EMS credentialing standards.

100% 2 Yes

24. Comments about learning this program outcome.**25. Communicate clearly and effectively both verbally and through written documentation with clients, coworkers, other agencies, and supervisors.**

100% 2 Yes

26. Comments about learning this program outcome.**Section - Conclusion****Instructions Provided To Respondents**

Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

27. Comments

Its imperative that this program becomes more active. The fire service is constantly evolving. Active learning is the only way to maintain this. FD's don't just send books home with their employees and tell them to learn. They sit in the classroom to get background, and then they head out and do it. The days I learned most in this program were days I was rappelling or dragging hose or crawling through zero visibility. I think there will be members of this class that do not succeed and pursue other careers once they realize the brutality and demands of this job. Its a scary job. More consistent exposure will better prepare anyone. I'm not saying to scrap the books. We need to sit and do book work. But there needs to be more active learning. Had I not spent time with instructors outside of class or with family and friends that are career firemen in busy departments, I do not feel I'd be ready for a career as a fireman. (000000368 Anonymous)