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**To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee**

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**Subject/Agenda Action Item: NFA Grant Application**

**Recommended Actions: Information only, no action required**

**Background Information:**

In fiscal year 2011, the Federal Emergency Management Agency received funding for the implementation of U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (USFA/NFA) training courses and programs. Each State Fire Training System receives a total of \$26,000 with \$21,000 earmarked for delivery of NFA training programs and \$5,000 for marketing, administrative costs, and electronic feedback of student data. These grants support local training initiatives of NFA courses in four categories:

- A. Delivery of NFA State sponsored courses in State and local areas
- B. Delivery of selected NFA 6-day and 2-day off campus courses
- C. Endorsement Program courses
- D. Chief Officer Training Curriculum

The California State Fire Marshal's Office proposed to use \$22,500 of the grant allotment to conduct three 2-day regional workshops. These workshops will be held in a two-day weekend format to facilitate the work schedules of many volunteer fire fighters. Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP) will be invited, and contracted, to host these workshops in three regions of the state, Southern, Central and Northern California.

Interested ARTP's will participate in a needs assessment of training in the region as well as register student participants. The fire academy will contract with instructors, pay their travel as well as provide classroom space for two classes each day over a Saturday and Sunday. State Fire Training will provide course materials for the class. Each of the three contracts will be approximately \$7,500 for a total of \$22,500.

An informal assessment of local volunteer fire department training needs, (such as an on-line survey) will be conducted to match the appropriate training to the needs of the region. Each region, along with the input of host accredited academies, will select courses from the NFA Sponsored and Endorsement Program catalog. State Fire Training and the host

academy will offer at least two 1-day classes back-to-back (to allow maximum participation in training). Instructors registered through State Fire Training will be contracted to deliver the classes and will be paid a stipend and travel expenses for each class they teach. State Fire Training will advertise these events on-line and through the host agencies. Student data will be collected from each student and reported back to NETC within 60 days after training.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

State Fire Training has determined that weekend regional workshops will be ideal for volunteer firefighters who work regular jobs during the week. This format will allow for interaction among fire service agencies in the region enhancing the effectiveness and value of the training they receive along with maximizing the available grant funds.