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Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Granting of reciprocity for the IAFF Fire Ground Survival Program to fall in line with State Fire Trainings' 16 Hour Firefighter Survival FSTEP Course.

Recommended Actions:

Consider granting reciprocity for "Registered Instructor Status" to allow those current and future SFT Instructors to teach the FSTEP Firefighter Survival course that have successfully completed the IAFF Fire Ground Survival Train-the Trainer Program.

Background Information:

The IAFF has developed a curriculum and standardized course for Fire Ground Survival.

The course is available in the United States and Canada and has been delivered several times already in the State of California, creating an Instructor Cadre of over 100 personnel.

The curriculum was developed by a committee of subject matter experts from the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Background Information (continued):

Some of the recent students who participated in the Novato course were already Registered State Fire Training Instructors (11 out of 30).

Local Fire Technology Directors have been tasked with adding Firefighter Safety and Survival Training to their current Firefighter 1 Academies but are having a difficult time finding qualified instructors who have met the criteria set forth in the policies and procedures manual that requires them to have attended the program prior to instructing it.

State Fire Training has previously granted reciprocity to the IAFF Hazardous Material – First Responder Programs.

Timing seems to be appropriate to coincide with all of the recent changes taking place at State Fire Training

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

References: CSFM Fire Fighter Survival Primary Instructor Trainee Task Book

CSFM Request for Course Scheduling – Fire Fighter Survival

State Fire Training Procedures Manual – Course Equivalency and Recognition – Page 223 -228

State Fire Training Course Information and Required Materials – Page 36-37

State Fire Training – Fire Fighter Survival Student / Instructor Manual – 2010 Edition

State Fire Training – Fire Fighter Survival Power Point – 2010 Edition

IAFF Fire Ground Survival Awareness Course – Online

IAFF Fire Ground Survival – Facilitator Manual

IAFF Fire Ground Survival – Facilitator Resources – CD-Rom

IAFF Fire Ground Survival – Videos - DVD