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Attachment 2

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Fresno City College Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

The accreditation site team recommends that Fresno City College becomes an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training System.

Background Information:

The site team consisted of Corey Rose, STEAC Rep, Tim Capehart, Community College Rep, Mike Garcia and Rodney Slaughter as the State Fire Training Representatives. For several decades Fresno City College has served the training needs for the fire service agencies in the Central Valley.

Fresno City College provides vocational education and does not intrude upon or compete with other accredited college programs. The campus has the support of the administration and the local area fire chiefs. The campus offers both CFSTES and FSTEP classes. The fire academy staff is very familiar with State Fire Training business processes and procedures. And is very mindful of the changes occurring in the system

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The site team met with Gordon Moncibias, Fire Technology Coordinator and Edward Rogers, Fire Academy Coordinator along with Dr. Natalie Culver Dockins, Dean of Workforce Development at the Fresno City College Vocational Education Center. The Fire Technology managers both have an extensive history within the California Fire Service.

The site team met with the college President Tony Cantu, and Dr. Timothy Woods, Vice President at the main Fresno City College campus. The college administration is very committed to the Fire Academy and Fire Technology programs at Fresno City College. A tour of the main Fresno City College campus allowed the identification of abundant instructional resources for teaching staff and students alike. These resources include computer labs and a peer-to-peer tutoring center.

The team then toured the Fresno City Fire Department's Training Center. Christine Boozer, Fresno Fire Training Chief and a member of the Fresno City College Training Advisory Committee, along with several members of the Fresno Fire Department provided an overview of the Fresno City's involvement and commitment with the Fire academy in terms of providing registered SFT instructors, tools equipment, and training props.

The Accreditation Team met with Chief Mike Despain, also a member of the Fresno City College Training Advisory Committee and a number of his staff who are also instructors for Fresno City College Fire Academy at the Clovis Fire Training Center. Once again an adequate amount of training resources; tools, equipment, apparatus, and props are available for the use of the fire academy cadets.

The meeting minutes from the Fresno City College Training Advisory Committee demonstrates the commitment local area fire departments have for the Fire Academy. Advisory members can make recommendations and provides input on the type and number of classes offered through the college. And they use this forum to share resources.

The site team noted that at every location, the discussion of diversity and recruitment of under-represented populations was discussed. Employment opportunities are opening up within the industry and recruitment strategies were shared between site members, college administration and local area fire departments.

The site team did not note any deficiencies on the tour of the campus or the training centers. The program has an adequate amount of tools, equipment, and props to adequately serve the students and the staff. The site team unanimously agreed that Fresno City College meets all the State Fire Training criteria to become an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP).