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Attachment 8

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

From: Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

Subject/Agenda Action Item: College of the Siskiyous Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Reaccredit College of the Siskiyous as a State Fire Training Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on April 21, 2015 at the College of the Siskiyous located in Weed, California. The reaccreditation evaluation was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training and Kent Cunningham Academy Director. A review of the self-assessment report, a tour of the classrooms and training facilities was conducted along with an opportunity to review course records.

An interview with Robert Taylor, PhD, Dean of Career and Technical education, revealed continued support of the college administration for the fire technology program and the fire academy. The College of the Siskiyous was originally accredited on July 21, 1997, and then reaccredited in 2000. Since then, College of the Siskiyous continues to provide a quality educational experience for pre-employment and firefighters in Northern California. This academy serves an isolated area of the state and does not compete with other ARTP's.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower along with fire training props. With generous donations from area fire departments, the academy has an adequate supply of tools and equipment to support their fire academy. Local demographics are consistent with the most recent census and information provided by the college.

The academy is positioning itself to become a Fire Fighter I certification testing center. A computer lab for on-line testing is available within the fire academy compound. The support from the area fire departments was reiterated with participation of staff with the Fire Advisory Committee meeting held the same day as the site visit. The College of the Siskiyous meets SFT requirements and reaccreditation of an ARTP is recommended.