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Attachment 10

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: Yuba College Reaccreditation

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

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on June 11, 2015 at Yuba College Public Safety Center located in Marysville, California. The reaccreditation evaluation was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training, Dr. Pete Villarreal, Public Safety Director, and Chuck Vanevenhoven, Acting Fire Technology Director. A review of the self-assessment report, a tour of the classrooms and training facilities was conducted along with an opportunity to review record retention systems.

An interview with the College administration; Dr. G.H. Javaheripour, President Yuba College, Brian Jukes, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Edward Davis, Dean of Business Services revealed a strong and firm commitment toward the fire technology program and the fire academy. For example, realizing how easily discouraged students can be when classes needed to graduate get cancelled, the President made a commitment that advertised classes will not get cancelled whether the College has 30 students sign-up or 3 students.

Yuba College was originally accredited on November 2, 2000. The college had to close the fire academy for a couple of years during the economic downturn at the same time they had completed their new training facility which included state of the art classrooms and training tower. Enrollment is back up at the college and demand for fire training has also increased. Chuck Vanevenhoven, former fire academy coordinator has been retained, as a consultant, to jump start the new fire academy with the new firefighter training program.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facility revealed state-of-the-art classroom spaces and a new fully functioning training tower and training props. With generous donations from area fire departments, the academy has an adequate supply of tools and equipment to support their fire academy.

Yuba College meets all of the SFT requirements and reaccreditation as an ARTP is recommended.