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Attachment 6

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

**From:** Michael A. Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Moreno Valley College Reaccreditation

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

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on April 6, 2015 at the Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC)/Moreno Valley College (MVC) Fire Academy. The reaccreditation evaluation was conducted by Michael A. Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training, with Ann Yoshinaga, Associate Dean, Fire Technology, and Cody Eaves Academy Training Captain in attendance. After initial introductions and 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.

In 2008, the MVC was accredited as an ARTP in the SFT system. This is the second reaccreditation, and MVC continues to provide a fire academy as well as in-service training in Riverside County area.

During the exit interview, I was able to meet with Dr. Sandra Mayo, College President, and Robin Steinback, Vice –President Academic Affairs, to discuss and review SFT findings.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities, located at Ben Clark Training Center (BCTC), Riverside County fire training center; more than adequate classrooms, with state of the art equipment and a fully functioning drill tower. I was also able to interview several academy students directly. There are existing written agreements between the MVC and Riverside County Fire regarding the use of facilities.

The MVC enjoys a positive relationship with local fire agencies as evident by the number of students attending the academy, and MVC's involvement with the Riverside County Training Officers Association (RCTOA). The MVC has enough tools, equipment and staff, to conduct a Firefighter I Academy. Academy demographics are consistent with the most other ARTP's with regard to female recruitment, and ethnic diversity. The MVC actively recruits under-represented groups.

It is noted that the MVC is serious in supporting the Academy and the Fire Technology program and has committed additional resources (part-time to full time) staffing to meet the anticipated increase in workload providing the "new" Fire Fighter I program may require, to ensure compliance with all testing criteria and maintain all required course documentation. MVC is aware of the pending changes taking place within SFT.

I am confident that the MVC will continue meeting SFT requirements, and recommend approval of the MVC Academy continuing as an ARTP.