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Attachment 7

**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:** City College of San Francisco Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit City College of San Francisco as a State Fire Training Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on May 4, 2015 at the main campus of the City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Ave, San Francisco and the Airport Campus in South San Francisco. The site team consisted of Wellington Jackson of Merritt College and Rodney Slaughter from State Fire Training.

City College of San Francisco had originally become an accredited academy in August 2007. However the core fire science program has been in existence since the 1960's. The college continues to provide a fire academy as well as SFT classes on the San Francisco Peninsula. The college offers a two-year degree in Fire Science, a pre-employment fire academy, as well as a variety of SFT classes. City College does not compete with other accredited academies; in that there are no other ARTP's serving this specific area.

An opportunity was provided to meet with Dr. Susan Lamb, recently appointed as Interim Chancellor for City College of San Francisco, Terry Hall, Dean School Health, Physical Education and Social Services and Dr. Fred Chavaria, Department Chair of Administration of Justice/Fire Science Technology. The discussion focused on the unwavering commitment the college administration has for the fire technology program and the fire academy. The integration of disciplines/programs to redesign career pathways is an innovation of City College that provides additional opportunities to students.

A tour of the main campus and classrooms was followed with a tour of the classrooms and training facilities at the Airport Campus as well as the training facilities at South San Francisco Fire Department. A review of course records and the record retention system demonstrated that the City College staff is very familiar with SFT business processes and procedures and they are very mindful of the changes occurring in the system.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities revealed dedicated classroom spaces to the Fire Academy/Technology Program. The college has props, tools and equipment required to conduct a Fire Fighter I Academy. The Fire Technology Coordinator is very familiar with SFT courses processes and procedures and actively participates in STEAC and CFTDA. The College Administration and the program coordinator are involved

and supportive of the new Fire Fighter I training program and the up-coming certification testing process associated with it. Instructors of City College have also served and actively participated in SFT curriculum development/review committees. The City College program has grown since its original accreditation and they are able to meet the placement needs of the students and supply skilled recruits to local agencies.

City College of San Francisco serves a heavily populated area and fulfills the unique need of the metropolitan area. It is recommended that City College of San Francisco is allowed to continue as an ARTP.