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Attachment 9

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

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Subject/Agenda Action Item: Monterey Peninsula College Reaccreditation

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

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on May 15, 2015 at the Monterey Peninsula College in Seaside, California. The reaccreditation evaluation was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training (SFT), David Brown, Director of Public Safety, and Stewart Roth, Fire Academy Coordinator. 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.

The Monterey Peninsula College was the original California Fire Academy in the State and offered classes at the Asilomar conference facilities in Pacific Grove, California. A written agreement between the Department of Education, California Fire Chiefs Association and the College was signed in 1974. Afterwards, the SFT System had been transferred from the Department of Education to the Fire Marshal's Office in January 1978. In 1979 the Office of the State Fire Marshal signed the agreement.

Monterey Peninsula College was first recognized as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in 2008. The College continues to provide leadership and a quality educational experience for pre-employment and firefighters since its inception. Monterey Peninsula College serves the Monterey Bay area and does not compete with other ARTP's.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Located on the former Fort Ord Military Base new classroom facilities were built to accommodate the fire academy and fire technology classes. Specialized training takes place in abandoned Military buildings and the Salinas Fire Department Training tower is used by the fire academy by agreement. With generous donations from area fire departments, the academy has an adequate supply of tools and equipment to support the fire academy.

With the re-location of the Fire Academy from Asilomar and Monterey Peninsula Campus to facilities at Fort Ord, opens many opportunities for the college. The former Military Operations in Urban Area (MOUA) facility deep within the base has a small (concrete) village already built. This facility has great application and potential for law enforcement and fire personnel. However, located far from the main campus, there is

no infrastructure there (water, sewer or electrical) and maybe costly to develop. Several other sites, Parker Flats and the Marina site are also under consideration for development for fire-related training centers. The Marina site is promising as it already has infrastructure and a water treatment plant on the property next door. Once one of these sites become developed, Monterey Peninsula College will no longer have to coordinate their training with the Salinas Fire Department training tower and will be completely self-sufficient. The development of one of these sites will follow a trend that so many other colleges have been following; establishing their own training facilities like those of Alan Hancock, Butte, Yuba, and Victor Valley Colleges, to name but a few.

Monterey Peninsula College is also well positioned to become a Fire Fighter I certification testing center. They meet all of the requirements of an accredited fire academy and many of their instructors have participated in the development of SFT curriculum. A records management system is managed by college staff who are all familiar the SFT procedures and processes. The Monterey Peninsula College meets all of the SFT requirements and reaccreditation as an ARTP is recommended.