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**Date:** October 16, 2015

Attachment 1

**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:** Porterville College Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Porterville College as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on June 30, 2015 at the Porterville Junior College Campus located in Porterville, California. The reaccreditation site visit was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training (SFT) and Chief Mario Garcia Academy Co-Coordinator of Porterville College Fire Academy and Chief Bill Lynch, Coordinator of the College of the Sequoias Fire Academy. Porterville Junior College was initially accredited by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2000.

An interview with Dr. Rosa Flores Carlson, President of Porterville College, Dr. Bill Henry of Academic Affairs, and Sam Aunai, Dean of Instruction revealed continued and enthusiastic support for the fire technology program and the fire academy. After meeting the college administration and members of the fire advisory committee, a tour of the Porterville Fire Department training facility was also conducted.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the college and 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 and apparatus to support the fire academy.

The academy will switch over to the new 2013 Firefighter I training program at the beginning of January 2016. The potential exists for Porterville College to become a certification testing center. A computer lab for on-line testing can be used for the written test. The training facility at Porterville Fire Department is adequate to support manipulative skills testing. The Tulare/Kings County Fire Chiefs Association and the Training Officers Association deserve a lot of credit for their support of the college. The spirit of cooperation between the County Chiefs Association, Porterville College and College of the Sequoias is noteworthy. The colleges have agreed not to offer the same courses in the same semester. The Fire Academy is also offered in opposite seasons as mutually agreed by both colleges.

Porterville College meets all of the SFT requirements and it is SFT staff's recommendation is to allow Porterville College to continue as an ARTP.



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**From:** Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** College of the Sequoias Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit College of the Sequoias as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on July 1, 2015 at the College of the Sequoias Public Safety Training Center in Hanford, California. This re-accreditation site visit was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training (SFT), Chief Bill Lynch, Coordinator of the College of the Sequoias and Chief Mario Garcia Academy Co-Coordinator of Porterville College Fire Academy. The College of the Sequoias was initially accredited by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2004.

An interview was conducted with college administration Dr. Stan Carrizosa, Superintendent and President for the College of the Sequoias and Dr. Kristin Robinson, Provost of the Hanford Education Center. There is no question of the support and dedication the administration has for the fire academy. After meeting the college administration Chief Lynch provided a tour of the training facilities in the area. A meeting with members of the fire advisory committee was also arranged.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the college and training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space and training props to support the fire academy. Donations of resources (tools, equipment, apparatus and props) from area fire departments are used to support the fire academy.

The College is in the process of switching over to the new Firefighter I curriculum. A computer lab is available for on-line testing can be used for the written test. A variety of training facilities in the immediate area adequately support manipulative skills training. The Tulare/Kings County Fire Chiefs Association and the Training Officers Association deserve a lot of credit for their support of the college. The spirit of cooperation between the County Chiefs Association, Porterville College and College of the Sequoias is noteworthy. The colleges have agreed not to offer the same courses in the same semester. The Fire Academy is also offered in opposite seasons as mutually agreed by both colleges.

College of the Sequoias meets all of the SFT requirements. It is SFT staff's recommendation is to allow College of the Sequoias to continue as an ARTP.



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**From:** Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Lake Tahoe Community College Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Lake Tahoe Community College as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on August 13, 2015 at the Lake Tahoe Community College campus. The site visit was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal and Lynne Gibboney from State Fire Training and Leona Allen, Fire Academy Coordinator for Lake Tahoe Community College. This academy was first accredited by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in February of 2009.

The site visit began in the conference room of the main campus. In attendance were members of the college administration, fire advisory committee, instructors, and students from the previous academy class. Lake Tahoe Community College is very well supported by the local fire departments and the community in which it serves. A walk through of the campus revealed adequate classroom spaces and library. A review of SFT records revealed carefully maintained training records.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The Lake Tahoe Community College staff is very familiar with SFT business processes and procedures. The college is transitioning to the 2013 Firefighter I curriculum with the September 2015 start of their fire academy. The staff therefore is very mindful of the changes occurring in the SFT training system.

The college had identified that the burn building they were previously using as potentially unsafe. At the time of the site visit the college was in negotiation with other facilities for a temporary burn building. The recent passage of an \$18.5 million dollar bond allows Lake Tahoe Community College to start construction of a Regional Public Safety Center in 2018/2019. The addition of this facility will add classroom and office spaces for all of the College's public safety programs.

Lake Tahoe Community College meets all of the SFT requirements and it is SFT staff's recommendation to allow Lake Tahoe Community College to continue as an ARTP.



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**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From:** Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** South Bay Regional Public Safety Consortium Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit South Bay Regional Public Safety Consortium as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)

**Background Information:**

The South Bay Regional Public Safety Consortium was originally accredited by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) in 1998. An accreditation site visit was conducted on September 3, 2015 at the Evergreen College campus and the San Jose Fire Department Training facility. The site visit was conducted by Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal, from State Fire Training (SFT) and Jeff Seaton from South Bay Regional Consortium.

The site visit began at the San Jose Fire Department Training Center with introductions of the fire advisory members and instructors. After initial introductions and a review of the self-assessment report a tour was given of the classrooms and training facilities. The San Jose Fire Department training facility can more than adequately accommodate the fire academy with classroom spaces, drill tower, training props along with apparatus, equipment and tools.

In the afternoon an opportunity was provided to meet with Dr. Stephen Kinsella, Superintendent and President of Gavilan College, Steve Cushing, South Bay Regional President, Linda Vaughn, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, Gregg Giusiana, Vice President of Academic Services, and Michael Lombordo Vice President of Administrative Services. The Administration was very proud and supportive of the fire training program and the firefighter academy.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The Evergreen College staff is very familiar with SFT business processes and procedures. The staff is very mindful of the changes occurring in the SFT training system. The South Bay Consortium has in fact been chosen to be a secondary Firefighter I certification testing site for the OSFM. Evergreen College continues to provide leadership to California Community College Chancellor's Office, Public Safety Committee Advisory which also strengthens their link to SFT and the California Fire Training Directors Association (CFTDA).

It is recommended that South Bay Regional Public Safety Consortium continues to operate as an ARTP.



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**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From:** Michael A. Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** San Diego Fire-Rescue Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Diego Fire-Rescue as an ALA

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on July 29, 2015 at the San Diego Fire Rescue (SDFR) training academy facility located in the City of San Diego. The re accreditation evaluation was conducted by Michael A. Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal-State Fire Training (SFT), with assistance from Captain Todd Bechtel, Academy Coordinator. 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.

At the time of the assessment, academy cadets were briefly interviewed.

In 2009, the San Diego Fire and Rescue Fire Academy was accredited as an ALA in the SFT system. This is the first re-accreditation. This academy does not compete with other ARTP's with the closest being Miramar Community College. SDFR does have a written cooperative agreement with Miramar for various academy related purposes.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities, located at SDFR, indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower with all necessary tools, equipment and vehicles (including a 75' aerial ladder). There is a written agreement between SDFR and Miramar Community College for facility use and shared students (new hire and Miramar students) attending the same academy. Local demographics are consistent with the most recent census and information provided by SDFR.

SDFR like many other local academies indicates a low enrollment for under-represented groups based upon local populations and diversity reports, especially with regard to females. SDFR does attempt to recruit entry level employees identified in their diversity report, and attends various job fairs, open houses providing literature (handouts) to engage the local area schools, in the search for additional diversity as a hiring agency.

I am confident that the SFDR academy will continue meeting SFT requirements now and is in the planning stages, ready to move forward with the 2013 version of Firefighter 1; and recommend approval of the SDFR continuing as an ALA.