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Attachment 2

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: Accreditation of Fresno Fire Department as a Local Fire Academy (ALA)

Recommended Actions: Recommend that Fresno Fire Department become an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for three years.

Background Information:

An accreditation site visit was conducted on February 23, 2016 at the Fresno Fire Department Training Center located at 1144 E Street Fresno, CA. The accreditation site visit was conducted by Shane Warner, Fire Technology Director at Columbia College and Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal, SFT. We were accompanied by Christine Boozer, Civilian Training Officer, Guadalupe Fernandez, Academy coordinator, and several Fresno Fire Department training instructors.

Fresno Fire Department has had an important influence on the SFT system for several decades. California Fire Chiefs Association began their first training officer's symposium here in the city of Fresno in 1955. For the past 25 years, since the Training Officers Symposium returned to Fresno, the Fresno Fire Department has been integral to training site locations in and around the area.

After introductions, a review of the self-assessment report was followed by a tour of the training facilities and classrooms. An electronic records storage system is used for all training record for all of the Fresno fire personnel including cadets in their fire academy.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Fresno Fire Department shares their training facility with the recently accredited Fresno City College. Pride of ownership was evident in both the facilities and the training staff. Best practices include the use of a Civilian Training Officer who can provide continuity in the training program through institutional knowledge. The Fresno Fire Department has all the requisite tools, equipment, props and apparatus to deliver the new 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum successfully. Staff is very dedicated to the department core values and to the quality of their training program.

The Fresno Fire Department meets all of the SFT requirements as an Accredited Local Academy. The site team recommends that the Fresno Fire Department become accredited as an ALA within the State Fire Training system.