



## **CALIFORNIA FIRE TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**

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**Regarding:** Agenda Items for October 2010 STEAC Meeting

Dear Chief Coleman;

The California Fire Technology Directors Association (CFTDA) has asked me to convey its desire to place an Action Item on the October 2010 STEAC Meeting Agenda calling for the student cap on Training Instructor 1A, 1B and 1C be raised from 25 to 32 total students, with the Instructor/Student ratio remaining at 16\1 for all demonstration aspects of the classes.

This proposal will have absolutely no impact on the pedagogy of the classes delivered and will reduce the fiscal burden on the community colleges that offer a majority of these classes.

Next, while not calling for action to be taken at the next meeting, another issue that needs to be addressed going forward is the student caps on State Fire Marshal classes. Currently there is no rhyme or reason to them and our contention, as professional educators, is that classes, particularly those that are lecture only, do not need specific caps and those with a mix of Lecture and Lab should have instructor student ratios only for Lab related instruction.

Should you have any questions or need to contact me please do so at [dancoffman@aol.com](mailto:dancoffman@aol.com).

My Best Regards;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Coffman".

Dan Coffman, President

cc STEAC Members, State Fire Training Staff