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To: State Board of Fire Services

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Subject/Agenda Action Item: Course Approval: Driver/Operator – Aerial/Tiller Truck Operations

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the SBFS approve the new course, Driver/Operator – Aerial /Tiller Truck Operations as an FSTEP course. This recommended action was approved by STEAC on April 20, 2012.

Background Information:

See attached Document Driver/Operator 1C Proposal Position paper for background information.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

As indicated in the background information, currently a Certification Training Standard (CTS) for Driver/Operator does not exist. This was identified at the October 21, 2011 STEAC meeting. At that same meeting STEAC was advised that State Fire Training is in the middle of a mission alignment process, part of this process is a realignment of all state certification tracks to their corresponding NFPA standard. The Task Force that is working on this assignment has reviewed all of the NFPA standards and has set a priority list of programs for consideration at a later date by STEAC. But until this list has been adopted there exists a need for Aerial Operations training within the State. Void of a CTS which will be used to identify the certification levels for this certification track, the placing of this course within the FSTEP series provides our customers with a State recognized training program, thus meeting the near term needs. The new course outline for this program has been built in the new format which will allow this course to migrate over into CFSTES if it is identified in the new CTS (see attachment – Course Plan).

To summarize: a training need was recognized for a course on Aerial/Tiller Operations. The Los Angeles County Fire Department has made development of a course meeting this need a priority within their organization. This course can be customized like other FSTEP courses to meet the needs of any organization. It has been developed in our new course outline format making it very easy to transition it into a certification track in the future, if appropriate.