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**Date:** January 3, 2013

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

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

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** College of the Desert Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Staff recommends that the SBFS approve the College of the Desert as an Accredited Regional Training Program. This recommended action was approved by STEAC on July 20, 2012.

**Background Information:**

The accreditation site team, Chuck Knapp, STEAC Representative, Tomas Turner, Fire Technology Directors and Rodney Slaughter, State Fire Training, interviewed college administrators and members of the fire technology advisory committee regarding the college's application and self-assessment report for accreditation. The site team toured the campus facilities then reconvened at the fire training center to tour the facility, classrooms, training tower, training props, tools, and equipment. The site team found that all documentation that was submitted and all facilities meet the standards established for an Accredited Regional Training Program.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

There is a lot of support among the college administrators for the fire technology and fire academy training programs at College of the Desert. This support is bolstered by an active fire advisory committee and support from the local fire community in terms of resources such as donated equipment and a supply of qualified SFT instructors. The site team agrees that this facility and meets the State Fire Training standard for accreditation.