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To: State Board of Fire Services

From: Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Information Only

Recommended Actions: None Required

Background Information:

Kaplan University approached State Fire Training (SFT) with a request to review current SFT certification tracks for potential articulation with Kaplan College for credit. Kaplan University completed their evaluation and analysis of 29 of the CFSTES certifications which are equivalent to degree classes already offered through Kaplan University.

Kaplan College's program is designed to assist firefighters, with approved certification, to get college level credit for classes already taken. This would help shorten the number of additional classes that a firefighter would need to finish their Bachelor or Master degree and save them considerable money in the process. Kaplan University offers over 170 online degree and certificate programs including Fire Science and Emergency Management programs through their school of Public Safety.

Kaplan University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Kaplan University provides, undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education, in a wide range of disciplines. Kaplan University is a part of Kaplan Higher Education Corporation. To learn more about Kaplan University visit www.Kaplanuniversity.edu. To learn more about this new partnership visit www.cc.kaplan.edu/CADFFF

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Kaplan University's action places California's firefighter training a step closer toward the FESHE model that was spotlighted as a goal in Blueprint 2020. These approved classes will serve as a model for other educational institutions who would also like to articulate their classes with State Fire Training.