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**Date:** November 20, 2014

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

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

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Approval of Fremont Fire Department Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

(Discussion/Action)

Seeking SBFS approval for reaccreditation of Fremont Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy.

**Background Information:**

The site team consisted of Chris Jelinick, Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) Representative; Dave Brown, Fire Technology Director; Kevin Conant and Rodney Slaughter from State Fire Training (SFT). The site visit was conducted on September 2, 2014. Fremont Fire Department originally received status as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in February 1997.

Fremont Fire Department conducts a fire academy for new recruits as well as in-service training for their staff. SFT classes are open enrollment to keep the variety of training programs offered viable. The department does not compete with other accredited academies in that there are no Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP's) serving in this area.

The site team met with Fremont Fire Training staff led by Chief Ron Maize. After initial introductions and a review of the self-assessment report, the site team was given a tour of the classroom facilities and had an opportunity to review the course records at Fremont Fire Department headquarters.

The administrative staff is very familiar with SFT business processes and procedures and they are very mindful of the changes occurring in the system.

The team then had an opportunity to tour the Fremont Fire Department Tactical Training Center on Stevenson Boulevard while an academy class was in progress conducting hose drills.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The training facilities at Fremont Fire Department are well stocked, clean and maintained. The site team noted that the training staff maintained detailed records of student cadets. These records are then filed and maintained by the administrative staff in a secure filing system.

With slightly fewer personnel, the demographics of the Fremont Fire Department are practically un-changed since they reported on their 1993 base line records. The training staff discussed, with the site team, topics that included recruiting members of underserved populations and the difficulty in doing so.

The site team was impressed with the state-of-the-art training facility and tower. The department has all the tools and equipment to properly conduct a Fire Fighter I academy. The site includes a 5 story training tower and a variety of hazardous materials and rescue training props..

The Fremont Fire Department has several best practices. They include detailed class records and records retention system and the ability to keep a low student to instructor ratio-- at almost a 2 to1 student/instructor ratio.

The site team was unequivocal about Fremont Fire Department continuing as an ALA. STEAC approved this reaccreditation request at their meeting on October 17, 2014.