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## ATTACHMENT 5

**Date:** May 22, 2014

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

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

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Approval of Los Angeles Fire Department reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Discussion/Action

Seeking approval for reaccreditation of Los Angeles Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy

**Background Information:**

During the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) April 18, 2014 meeting, the committee approved Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) for reaccreditation as an Accredited Local Academy.

On March 18, 2014, State Fire Training conducted an accreditation site visit. The site team consisted of Ken Kehmna, STEAC Representative, Sam Di Giovanna, Fire Technology Director, Mike Garcia, SFT and Rodney Slaughter, SFT.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was originally accredited under a consortium of agencies called the Greater Los Angeles Regional Fire Academy (GLARFA); that consortium no longer exist and the LAFD is re-applying as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA). The department provides California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES), Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP), California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) classes to all their employees and occasionally provides open enrollment classes to other area fire departments.

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

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The site team met with Chief Corey Rose and Gregg Galvez at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center. A tour of the historic facility reveals capabilities that are being capitalized, such as the refurbished basement swimming pool which allows for water skills testing.

The LAFD has made a significant investment in training infrastructure, hardware and software, to meet the current and projected needs into the department's future. Using SFTs Blueprint 2020 and Mission Alignment they have been able to identify the resources they will need to keep pace with the changes in the SFT System.

The site team then toured Station 81 where a majority of the fire academy training takes place. Here, the commitment to state-of-the-art was even more evident. The fire academy issues notepad computers to each of the students. From these devices the student's progress in terms of test and exam score's, and assignments are recorded. Through the tablets students have up to the minute references and assignment materials and access to a wide array of training resources.

The training tower, training props, tools, equipment, and apparatus can easily support the size and maintenance needs of the LAFD Fire Academy. LAFD continues to show its commitment to fire training with a large staff reviewing and updating curriculum, developing instructional materials and providing skills evaluators.

The team returned to Frank Hotchkins Memorial Training Center and met with Dr. Sharon A. Johnson, Professor East Los Angeles College. She explained the contractual working relationship established with the Department to provide college credit of training programs that Fire Department members attend. The college further supports the fire department with a revenue share of student contact hours.

The site team did not note any deficiencies on the tour of the training center. The program has an adequate (and enviable) amount of tools, equipment, and props to adequately serve the students and the staff. The site team unanimously agreed that LAFD meets all the SFT criteria to become reaccredited as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA).