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**ATTACHMENT 7**

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To: State Board of Fire Services

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Approval of Incident Management of Major Fires Curriculum

Recommended Actions:

Seeking SBFS approval of Incident Management of Major Fires Curriculum and Materials

Background Information:

After analysis of the entire State Fire Training Chief Officer Certification Training Standards in 2009, the review Cadre recommended that three specific levels of Chief Officer certification be developed. STEAC and the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) had previously approved this recommendation.

All new curricula has been developed, validated and approved by STEAC and SBFS that were identified as priorities by State Fire Training (SFT). During the process of moving numerous Certification Training Standards through the curricula/standards process a discussion developed around the certification process. Changes in curricula hours for didactic instruction, determined that State Fire Training (SFT), should look seriously at the development of FSTEP courses for continuing education or professional development. This concept of developing FSTEP courses from the legacy courses or new curriculums was approved by STEAC on April 18, 2014. Accordingly, the classes were identified with cadre leads assigned and an overview of those classes was presented to STEAC as an informational only process. One of those classes identified was the Fire Command 2A, Command Tactics of Major Fires. This course had been revised as a second edition in 1985.

A designated cadre of experienced Chief and Training Officers were selected from various departments and backgrounds in the mission to update, revise and/or change the content to translate into an FSTEP course. This course was approved unanimously by STEAC on July 17, 2015.

The development of the Course Plans did not require the development of a Certification Training Standards (CTS) because this course is established as a FSTEP course. However, Terminal Learning Objectives are established from the Job Performance Requirements (JPR'S) that typically would be in the CTS. In this case, several NFPA (spell out) standards were utilized. The majority

of the TLO's and the supporting Enabling Learning Objectives (ELO's) were developed from NFPA 1561 Standard - Emergency Services Incident Management System and Command Safety, 2014 Edition. The other NFPA Standards were used as supporting documents while establishing the Course Plans. These Standards included 1500, 1021 and 1521. Several of the cadre members are State Fire Instructors and facilitate the legacy course Fire Command 2A, Command Tactics of Major Fires. With the alignment of the new course plans with the NFPA standards it was unanimous among the cadre members to change the new course new to Incident Management of Major Fires.

The 40-hour FSTEP course is as follows:

Incident Management of Major Fires	
Didactic	16 Hours
Simulations	24 Hours

The development cadre insisted that the standards for the instructors of this course meet or exceed the minimum requirements to facilitate the legacy course Fire Command 2A, Command Tactics of Major Fires that presently is included in the present Chief Officer Certification to terminate on December 31, 2016.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Following is an analysis of the major differences between the old legacy SFT courses and the new FSTEP courses being developed.

1. This class is consistent with the existing SFT courses with the exception that the core of the content has utilized NFPA 1561,1500,1021 and 1521 standards, which is in alignment with other courses presently being developed by SFT. Any professional or volunteer fire service Officer will benefit greatly with the design and content of this course.
2. The current Fire Command 2A course will be retired on December 31, 2016, when the new Certification for Chief Fire Officer will be implemented. To avoid potential confusion with the legacy course the implementation of the new FSTEP course could be utilized on a temporary basis to fill a currency gap option for the year 2016 for the existing Chief Officer Certification (until the new Chief Fire Officer Certification is implemented on January 1, 2017). State Fire Training and STEAC recommend either course be accepted during the implementation period to the end of year 2016.
3. The cadre was adamant about the instruction level of this course. The instructor should meet all the requirements for any level 2 course through the PACE process. In particular, the instructor should have a strong background education and experience in managing multi alarm fires and incidents.
4. Following the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 definition and requirements for ICS training, the cadre agreed that I-300 Intermediate Incident Command System falls in line with the requisite level command training for a course at this level. In addition, it is in alignment with any Company Officer or Chief Fire Officer course at this level in the future.