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ATTACHMENT 2

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To: State Board of Fire Services

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Report on accreditation of 4 colleges as Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) and accreditation of 2 fire departments as Accredited Local Academy (ALA).

Recommended Actions:

Seeking SBFS approval for reaccreditation of Porterville Community College, College of the Sequoias, Lake Tahoe Community College, South Bay Consortium as Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP's).

Seeking SBFS approval for San Diego Fire - Rescue and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department to be recognized as new Accredited Local Academies (ALA).

Background Information:

STEAC approved each of these accreditations at their October 16, 2015 meeting. In accordance with State Fire Training Procedures Manual (2008), State Fire Training (SFT) staff conducted re-accreditation site visits for each of the above training facilities. Fire Academy coordinators introduced SFT staff, to college administration, fire academy staff, college instructors, cadets and/or former cadets and members of the respective fire advisory committees. SFT was given a tour of the facilities and training grounds. SFT Staff could visually confirm the availability of apparatus, tools, equipment and PPE, along with burn props and training towers. Staff conducted a review of documents, curriculum, and reviewed security of all class data.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

In every case, the above facilities showed capacity for the delivery of the Firefighter I (2001) training program and each are in the process of upgrading to the Firefighter 1 (2013) curriculum. Each of these facilities meets, and/or exceeds, the requirements established by the OSFM. SFT Staff were unequivocal in their recommendation for reaccreditation of these training partners.