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## ATTACHMENT 2

**Date:** February 18, 2016

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

**From:** Mike Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Re-accreditation of three (3) colleges as Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) and one (1) fire department as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA).

**Recommended Actions:**

Discussion/Action

Staff is Seeking State Board of Fire Services approval for re-accreditation of Allan Hancock Community College, Miramar Community College, and Palomar Community College as ARTPs. Staff is also seeking the re-accreditation of the Los Angeles County Fire Department as an ALA.

**Background Information:**

The Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) approved each of these training programs at their January 22, 2016 meeting. In accordance with State Fire Training Procedures Manual (2008), State Fire Training (SFT) staff conducted re-accreditation site visits for each of the subjected training facilities. Fire Academy coordinators introduced SFT staff to college administration, fire academy staff, college instructors, cadets and former cadets, and members of the respective fire advisory committees. SFT was given a tour of the facilities and training grounds. SFT staff was able to visually confirm the availability of apparatus, tools, equipment and PPE, burn props, and training towers. Staff conducted a review of training documents, curriculum, and reviewed the security of all class data.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

In every case, the above academies showed capacity for the delivery of the Firefighter I (2001) training program. Each academy is in the process of upgrading to the Firefighter 1 (2013) curriculum. All subject academies meet, and/or exceed, the requirements established by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. SFT staff was unequivocal in their recommendation for reaccreditation of these training partners.