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ATTACHMENT 3

Date: February 18, 2016

To: State Board of Fire Services

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Alameda County Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Application

Recommended Actions:

(Discussion/Action)

State Fire Training (SFT) staff recommends that Alameda County Fire Department become an Accredited Local Academy (ALA).

Background Information:

On January 15, the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) approved the application for Alameda County Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy in the SFT system. An accreditation site visit was conducted on December 9, 2015 at the Alameda County Fire Training Tower located at 890 Lola Street San Leandro, California. The accreditation Site Evaluation Team (SET) included Chief's Melinda Drayton, Oakland F.D., Michael Thomas, Fremont F.D. and Rodney Slaughter, State Fire Training. Initial introductions were made by Terence Carey, Training Division Chief, Alameda County F.D. his training staff and former cadets. Review of the self-assessment report and course records was made by the accreditation site team. Also, a tour of the classrooms and training facilities was conducted by the review team.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space, a fully functioning training tower, and all necessary props, tools, equipment and vehicles to enable a fire academy training program. Alameda has transitioned to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and is positioning itself to participate in certification exam testing. This facility has the space and props to enable certification exam testing.

The team traveled to Alameda County Administrative Offices located at 6363 Clark Avenue in Dublin; the team reviewed files of student records secured at the Clark Avenue location. The files are kept secured and the records retention system is impressive. Computer labs located at this facility would enable on-line certification exam testing.

The best practices observed by the SET include a dedication to training and the cooperative relationship maintained with other fire entities in Alameda County. Student evaluations for the fire academy are collected and reviewed by the Human Resources. These actions are best practice that can be communicated to other ALA's.

The SET is unanimous in the recommendation of Alameda County Fire Department being accredited as a local fire academy in the State Fire training System.