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**ATTACHMENT 7**

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To: **State Board of Fire Services**

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Fire Fighter I Certification Examination Implementation Update

**Recommended Actions:**

Information/Discussion

**Background Information:**

At the February 18, 2016, State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) meeting staff provided an update on the successful peer review site team visits by both IFSAC and Pro Board. Subsequently, the Pro Board conferred accreditation for our Fire Fighter I program at their annual conference on January 15, 2016, and IFSAC conferred accreditation at their annual conference on April 30, 2016. After the successful peer review site visits mentioned above, staff began implementing the certification examination process on a statewide basis. The purpose of this report is to provide the SBFS with a status report on this implementation.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

On December 10, 2015, staff transmitted a letter to all ARTPs and ALAs updating them on our pending accreditation from IFSAC and Pro Board. Further, the letter asked them to complete an on-line questionnaire designed to help us understand each agency's need for training on the certification examination process. In January we reviewed this information and began scheduling Certification Examination Evaluator Training and Ethical Leadership in the Classroom Training. Concurrently, our beta test curriculum for Certification Examination Evaluator Training was updated and finalized. An instructional cadre was established consisting of the following Fire Service Training Specialists: Joe Bunn, Jim Eastman, Nick Pavone, Mark Romer and Ken Wagner.

The first training sessions were conducted on February 23-25, 2016, for Mt. San Antonio College and Santa Ana College. The Table #1 below lists the training sessions that have been conducted to date and those that have been scheduled:

Table #1

Host	Date(s)	Evaluator Attendance	Ethics Attendance
February 23, 2016	Mt. San Antonio College	58	--
February 24, 2016	Santa Ana College	35	16
March 2-4, 2016	South Bay Regional	113	29
March 9, 2016	Sac Metro Fire	30	--
March 29-30, 2016	Victor Valley College	34	17
April 2-3, 2016	Santa Rosa JC	49	18
April 6-7, 2016	Sierra College	36	--
April 13-14, 2016	Allan Hancock College	60	16
April 20-21, 2016	Los Medanos College	56	25
April 20-21, 2016	Rio Hondo College	30	--
April 26-27, 2016	El Camino College	17	--
May 3-4, 2016	College of the Sequoias	50	17
May 10-11, 2016	Palomar College	50	17
May 18, 2016	Modesto JC	31	--
May 17-18, 2016	College of the Desert	18	9
May 25-26, 2016	Shasta College	31	13
June 8-9, 2016	Oxnard College	38	--
June 23-24, 2016	Moreno Valley College	20 est.	--
June 27-28, 2016	San Francisco City College	48	15
July 12-13, 2016	Fresno FD	36	23
July 20-21, 2016	Monterey Penn. College	43	29
August 3, 2016	San Diego FD	35 est.	--
August 8-11, 2016	Chabot College	111	48
August 23, 2016	CAL FIRE, Ione		
October 25-26, 2016	Bakersfield City College		
November 8-10, 2016	LA County FD		
TOTAL		1,029	292

To date, the following ARTPs/ALAs have conducted the new Fire Fighter I certification examination process for their candidates:

- Sacramento Metro FD
- South Bay Fire Regional Public Safety Training Center (SBFRPSTC)
- El Camino College
- Santa Ana College
- Victor Valley College
- Sierra College
- Mt. San Antonio College
- Santa Rosa Jr. College
- Palomar College
- South Bay (SBFRPSTC) on behalf of Palo Alto
- Solano College (Written Only)

Staff anticipates that this major effort to conduct the Certification Examination Evaluator Training courses will be concluded prior to the end of this calendar year. In the future, classes will be scheduled to accommodate newly accredited ARTPs and ALAs and the need for additional evaluators due to attrition.