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**To: State Board of Fire Services**

**From: Andrew Henning, Acting Division Chief, State Fire Training**

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Chief Fire Officer Standards and Curriculum Update

**Recommended Actions:**

Approve the update to the Chief Fire Officer Standards and Curriculum

**Background Information:**

At the June 15, 2017 SBFS meeting, SFT staff presented the SFT Curriculum Update Package report. The report outlined that updated curriculum that has editorial and/or non-substantial changes would be added as a SBFS consent item. After staff review it was found that the changes were only editorial. The curriculum update was approved by STEAC on July 14, 2017.

In July of 2013 State Fire Training issued a task order to rewrite the Chief Officer Certification, now known as Chief Fire Officer, through our contract with the Sacramento State University, College of Continuing Education. A Development Cadre was formed with six fire service personnel representing organizations from around the state. The members of the cadre were Deputy Chief Greg Barton, Beverly Hills FD, Fire Chief Mark Bisbee, Watsonville FD, Battalion Chief Kevin Bouillon, Travis AFB FD, Division Chief Scott Henry, Cal Fire Academy, Battalion Chief Antoine McKnight, Los Angeles FD, and Fire Chief Todd McNeal, Twain Harte Fire & Rescue. The Development Cadre first met in July of 2013 and finished their work after two multi-day meetings concluding in September 2013. The cadre created the Chief Fire Officer Certification Training Standard (CTS) and four Course Plans. Once the Development Cadre finished their work, a Validation Cadre was convened in November 2013 to review and validate the content of the documents created by the Development Cadre. The Validation Cadre consisted of twelve members of the fire service from throughout the state along with a representative from the community colleges. The curriculum was approved by STEAC on April 18, 2014. Additionally, the State Board of Fire Service approved the curriculum on November 20, 2014.

The State Fire Training's Chief Fire Officer certification is a combination of NFPA's Fire Officer III and Wildland Fire Officer II based off of NFPA1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1051 Standard for Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.

The 2016 edition of NFPA 1051 went effective on December 4, 2015.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

In June 2017, the changes between the 2012 and 2016 editions of NFPA 1051 were evaluated to determine if the Chief Fire Officer curriculum needed to be revised based on changes to the professional qualifications. After a staff review there were only editorial changes to the Chief Fire Officer professional qualifications. SFT updated all referenced documents (CIRM, Course Plan, Task Book, CTS Guide) to reflect the edition changes due to NFPA 1051. SFT staff did not find any changes that would increase the course time or cost.