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**To:** **State Board of Fire Services**

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Reaccreditation of Santa Ana College (ARTP)

**Recommended Actions:**

To reaccredit Santa Ana College as an ARTP in the State Fire Training System.

**Background Information:**

On January 13, 2017, the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) approved the reaccreditation application for Santa Ana College as an ARTP in the SFT System. An accreditation site visit was conducted on December 13, 2016 at the Santa Ana College campus and Central Net Training facility located at 18301 Gothard Street Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The site visit was conducted by State Fire Training Staff along with representatives of the college including Don Mahany, Assistant Dean Fire Technology, Suzanne Freeman, Department Chair, Gary Dominguez, Director of Fire Education, Fred Ramsey, Instructor, and Jeff Ash, Instructor. The site team also met with Dr. Linda Rose, President of Santa Ana College, Carlos Lopez, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Bart Hoffman, Dean of Human Services, Thomas Shultz, Fire Chief of Garden Grove FD and a representative of the Santa Ana college Fire Advisory Committee, Terri Wann, Director of the Wellness/Fitness program, along with former cadets Erik Giffin and Lukas Matthews. The commitment to the fire academy by both the administration and the local fire departments is without question.

Santa Ana College was initially accredited in 1993 and is a local processor. The College has been a strong partner and supporter of State Fire Training representing us well in Orange County as evidenced in their participation on a variety of curriculum development committees, PACE, STEAC and CFTDA.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities revealed ample classroom and training ground spaces. The college maintains several classrooms, along with ample tools, equipment, props, and apparatus that can easily accommodate a Firefighter I (2013) training program. The college maintains records in accordance to SFT procedures along with summative test and answer keys that are kept safely secured. Among the best practices is the Wellness-Fitness program administered through Continuing Education with 31 agencies participating. Cadets are required to maintain a "Job Drop Box" where all the required documents and certificates are kept to complete applications quickly. Cadets have an established history of community involvement including the restoration of a fire boat along with conducting oral histories, to name but a few projects. The self-assessment report compiled by the college was comprehensive.

State Fire Training staff support the re-accreditation of Santa Ana College as an Accredited Regional Training Program.