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To: **State Board of Fire Services**

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Hayward Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Application

Recommended Actions:

Recommend that Hayward Fire Department becomes an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training (SFT) System

Background Information:

On January 13, 2017, the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) approved the application for Hayward Fire Department (HFD) as an ALA in the SFT System. An accreditation site visit was conducted on December 8, 2016 at the HFD Training Center located at 1401 West Winton Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545. The site visit was conducted by Shane Warner, Columbia College Fire Technology Director, Bob Buell, Chabot College Fire Technology Director, David Sprague, Training Coordinator, Berkeley Fire Department, and Rodney Slaughter, State Fire Training. Participating from HFD included: Garrett Contreras, Hayward Fire Chief, Eric Vollmer Deputy Chief, Scott Anderson, Deputy Chief, Steve Walsh Training Officer, Ryan Hamre Training Captain. The HFD has provided fire protection since 1876. HFD is an all-hazards progressive department active in Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), and Regional Occupational Program. Their involvement and impact in the community was instrumental in being upgraded from an ISO Class III to ISO Class II rating.

The HFD fire academy typically has 9 to 12 cadets annually. A tour of the training facilities revealed ample classroom and training ground spaces for the size of the HFD fire academy. HFD maintains a classroom, along with ample tools, equipment, props, and apparatus that can easily accommodate the number of cadets going through the Firefighter I (2013) training program. HFD maintains course records along with summative test and answer keys that are kept safely secured.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities revealed adequate classroom and training ground spaces for the size of the fire academy. The HFD maintains a classroom, along with ample tools,

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equipment, props, and apparatus that can easily accommodate a Firefighter I (2013) training program. Hayward FD maintains course records along with summative test and answer keys that are kept safely secured. Among the best practices is their ability to deliver AARF training and they have successfully started a water rescue program

The site visit team is unequivocal in their recommendation to accredit the HFD into the SFT training system as an accredited local fire academy (ALA).