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**To: State Board of Fire Services**

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Sacramento Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Application

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend that Sacramento Fire Department becomes an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training (SFT ) system.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on August 30, 2016 at the Sacramento Training facility located at 2409 Dean Street Building 686 McClellan, CA 95652 and the training facility located on Shelter Road. The site team consisted of Bradley Arganbright, STEAC member, Andrew Murtagh, San Francisco Fire Department, Dennis Mathisen, State Fire Marshal, Steve Spinharney, Cal Fire Academy, and SFT staff.

Sacramento City Fire Department has been in service since the 1850's. They were the first paid fire department west of the Mississippi in 1872, they now cover a service area of 146.3 square miles. The department is one of 28 FEMA Urban Search & Rescue task forces in the country and one of 8 in California. With two major rivers in their jurisdiction, the Sacramento Fire Department also maintains a water rescue program among several other specialty services.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities revealed ample classroom and training ground spaces. The Department has several classrooms, along with ample tools, equipment, props, and apparatus that can easily accommodate a Firefighter I (2013) training program. The Department maintains records in accordance to SFT procedures along with summative test and answer keys that are kept safely secured. The department has access to old aircraft hangars to store equipment, apparatus, and even training props. At the time of the accreditation site visit SFT had just published the new procedures manual and the fire academy staff was in the process of transitioning from the old Fire Fighter I curriculum to the new. They had not at the point of the site visit printed up lesson plans for the use of the instructional staff, but have subsequently accomplished this. The site team and SFT staff support the accreditation of Sacramento Fire Department as an ALA.