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Attachment 3

To: John Binaski, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Sacramento Fire Department, Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Sacramento Fire Department continue to be recognized as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

An Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on March 3, 2020, at the Sacramento Fire Department training facility at 2409 Dean Street, McClellan, California, by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training. Introductions were facilitated by Training Captain John Clark which included Assistant Fire Chief Mike Taylor and Captain Dave Stoner, who were present throughout.

A review of the Department's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed with agency representatives present, with requirements for supplemental documentation noted. Said documentation has since been received and has met the requirements as set forth by State Fire Training policies and procedures. The review of the SAR was followed by a tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Sacramento Fire Department is a historic agency dedicated to consistent professionalism, tradition, and pride with a focus on diligent, well-rounded training. The Department constantly strives for improvement throughout its recruitment and development, with efforts focused on community service of the highest caliber. With unwavering standards and

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aggressive training, Sacramento Fire personnel are exemplary leaders in the California fire service.

A tour of the training facilities indicated a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program as supplemented by satellite and partnered training sites and locations. The Sacramento Fire Department successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing and can transition to the 2019 curriculum with ease. The training facility presents an appropriate academy California Fire Code-compliant classroom equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors within the agency participate in the Academy delivery and the Department will continue hosting additional State Fire Training courses at the facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. All student records are maintained in a compliant and confidential manner.

Given its progressive nature, the Department possesses a strong need for additional administrative support personnel and funding for program enhancement and sustainability. Academy cadre serve in both instructional and administrative capacities, resulting in an identified need for dedicated clerical staff to offset peripheral administrative tasks. Partial upgrades have been made to the existing classroom, with a remaining projection screen upgrade need identified.

The Academy drill ground is located on a neighboring section of the McClellan grounds, requiring transport of students and equipment for training. The classroom exists in a shared facility which, at times, results in limited space and parking availability. Upon review of the training grounds, there exists the space to accommodate one or modular classrooms adjacent to the training structures. By relocating the Academy classroom to this location, Academy delivery will more readily be focused on training and student proficiency. With provision of such classroom structures, SFD would be able to host additional State Fire Training courses and further expand its training opportunities with neighboring agencies and outside students. Electrical provision development is currently underway for enhancement of the existing training grounds to provide for night drills, a delivery that could be extended to accommodate proposed modular classrooms and support structures.

The Sacramento Fire Department is an accomplished organization serving a uniquely diverse community. Well-rounded and experienced personnel provide for expansive response capabilities with a steadfast focus on serving the needs of the region. The Department provides comprehensive training evolutions focused on relevant and timely techniques. Routine professional development and in-service training specific to the jurisdiction are provided all members, including a growing list of State Fire Training courses. The Sacramento Fire Department continues to be a staple in the State Fire Training system via member participation in curriculum delivery, advisory committee membership, and feedback provision.

The Sacramento Fire Department has demonstrated a steadfast devotion to robust training, safety, and standardization, efforts reliably demonstrative of this exceptional member of the California fire service. It is recommended that the Sacramento Fire Department continue to be designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for a re-accreditation period of five (5) years.