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**Date:** April 12, 2019

**Attachment 1**

**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

**From:** Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal  
State Fire Training

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Fresno Fire Department  
Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend Fresno Fire Department remain an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the re-accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on March 11, 2019, at the Fresno Fire Department Headquarters located at 911 H Street in Fresno, California. The Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with agency hosts Deputy Chief Jonathan Chew, Battalion Chief Lawrence French, Fire Captain Emmanuel Chavez, and Training Officer Manuel Graves 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:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with 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 Fresno Fire Department successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy 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. Academy staff utilize a video-based testing system for evaluation purposes, with all student records maintained in a compliant and confidential manner.

Fresno Fire Department is expanding its training efforts by partnering with neighboring agencies and facilities to provide comprehensive training evolutions for participants. A new training tower is planned for the near future that will incorporate a regional training focus. Fresno Fire Department continues to be a staple in the State Fire Training system via member participation in curriculum development cadres, feedback provision, and stakeholder involvement. Given its progressive nature, the Department possesses a need for additional administrative support for continued growth and innovation of its already expansive training division.

The Fresno Fire Department has demonstrated a steadfast devotion to fire training, safety, and standardization, efforts reliably demonstrative of this historical and exemplary leader of the California fire service. It is recommended that Fresno Fire Department continue to be designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system.



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**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From:** Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal  
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**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** San Francisco Fire Department  
Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend the San Francisco Fire Department remain an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the re-accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on March 14, 2019, at the San Francisco Fire Department training tower located at 2310 Folsom Street in San Francisco, California. The Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with agency hosts Assistant Deputy Chief and Director of Training Joel Sato, Acting EMS Section Chief Nick Payne, Recruit Training Captain Theresa Kwan, Special Operations Training Captain Clyde Christobal, and Training Lieutenant Andrew Murtagh 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:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with 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 San Francisco Fire Department successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy 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.

The San Francisco Fire Department boasts a technical and challenging training academy with ongoing needs for equipment and facility maintenance. The Treasure Island training area serves as a main training site for the academy and, given its constant usage, has noted needs in upkeep and preventative maintenance to its generator power supply and building structures. The San Francisco Fire Department is a leadership partner amongst neighboring agencies and learning institutions with devoted effort toward overall statewide fire service enhancement. The Department continues to be a steadfast participant in the State Fire training system via member participation in curriculum development cadres, regulatory provision review, feedback provision, and ongoing stakeholder involvement.

The San Francisco Fire Department has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to fire service training in California. The agency's expansive history is complemented by its progressive energy and leadership, where innovation and proud tradition combine. It is recommended that San Francisco Fire Department continue to be designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system.



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**From:** Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal  
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**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Los Angeles Fire Department  
Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend the Los Angeles Fire Department remain an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the re-accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

A re-accreditation site visit was conducted on March 29, 2019, at the Los Angeles Fire Department training tower located at 14355 Arminta Street in Los Angeles, California. The Site Evaluation was conducted by Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Fowler and Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with agency hosts Assistant Chief Steve Hissong, Battalion Chief Steve Skelly, and Captains Shawn Tukua and Justin Moore 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:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with 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 Los Angeles Fire Department successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy 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.

The Los Angeles Fire Department boasts a thorough and challenging academy, incorporating comprehensive, timely, and relevant training. The LAFD training and education program establishes, and builds upon, the knowledge, skills, and abilities of its members to safely and effectively perform all the functions within their positions with the utmost professionalism. The agency maintains a strong focus on employee development, emphasizing career-long training and education opportunities. LAFD continues to be a steadfast participant in the State Fire training system via member participation in curriculum development cadres, feedback provision, and ongoing stakeholder involvement.

The Los Angeles Fire Department has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to fire service training in California. The agency's extensive and unique history is complemented by its pride in caliber of training and service provision. A true neighbor, LAFD is a leadership partner with devoted effort toward overall statewide fire service enhancement. It is recommended that Los Angeles Fire Department continue to be designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system.



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**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Bakersfield College  
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Re-Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend Bakersfield College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the re-accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on March 18, 2019, at the Bakersfield College Olive Drive Training Facility located 5642 Victor Street in Bakersfield, California. The Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with College hosts Dean of Instruction Richard McCrow; Program Director Dr. Tommy Tunson; Bakersfield Deputy Fire Chief Trever Martinusen; Kern County Fire Chiefs Butch Acosta and Steve Shoemaker; Academy Coordinator Alexander Clark; and program staff Janet Mason and Karen Mattox present throughout.

A review of the College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed with 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:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with 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. Bakersfield College successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy 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 participate in the Academy delivery and the College will continue hosting additional State Fire Training courses at the facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies.

Bakersfield College boasts flourishing relationships with fire agencies in Bakersfield and Kern County, routinely attracting students statewide to its centrally located campus through its varied curriculum and specialty course offerings. The College has an energetic approach to program enhancement with a strong focus on diversifying student populations while maintaining an unwavering adherence to standardization. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training system, seeking opportunities maintain communication with SFT regarding instructional delivery, academy enhancement, and instructor development. Bakersfield College is further expanding its training efforts by providing comprehensive training evolutions for participants at all fire service education and experience levels. A Public Safety Training Facility equipped with upgraded classrooms, a burn building, a drill tower, and an emergency vehicle course is planned for the near future that will further enhance the institution's regional training focus.

Bakersfield College possessed a strong devotion to complete student development from entry-level firefighters to career advancing leadership. Great pride and effort is exuded by the training staff in their curriculum delivery and program maintenance. The College maintains admirably cooperative relationships with neighboring agencies with a steadfast focus on producing strong fire service professionals. It is recommended that Bakersfield College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system.





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**From:** Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal  
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**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Sierra College  
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Re-Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend Sierra College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the re-accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on March 19, 2019, at the Sierra College training facilities at 213 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley, and 2030 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, California. The Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with guest accompaniment by STEAC representative Taral Brideau, Education and Training Director of Cal-JAC. Introductions were facilitated by Fire Technology Program Coordinator Tim Palmer that included Nevada County Campus Executive Dean Stephanie Ortiz, Vice President of Instruction Rebecca Bocchicchio, Business and Technology Dean Amy Schutz, Business and Technology Associate Dean Darlene Jackson, Nevada County Campus Academy Director Josh Sunde, Campus Operations Supervisor Donna Brazil-Bloche, Grass Valley Fire Chief Mark Buttron, Logistics Officer and Instructor Dean Morra, Instructor and CFTDA President Matt Jewett, Instructional Assistant Valarie Walker, Placer County Planning Section Chief John Palmer, and recent Academy graduate and campus Public Safety Club President Preston McMillan.

A review of the College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed with 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:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with 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. Sierra College successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy 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 participate in the Academy delivery and the College will continue hosting additional State Fire Training courses at the facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies.

Sierra College is a Northern California leader in the training and development of fire service professionals, recruiting from local high schools through ROP and dual-enrollment programs to generate and maintain career interest in young adults. The College provides numerous continuing education (CE) opportunities for those seeking career advancement, offering a vast array of specialized courses and training events. Sierra College boasts an exemplary retention and success rate among students, making it a noteworthy training destination.

The College maintains a dedication to providing a strong fire training program to the communities it occupies, focusing on outreach efforts to reach underserved populations, student and staff recruitment, and cooperation with neighboring agencies and training programs. Sierra College staff and students recognize the importance of fostering cooperative relationships and interagency partnerships.

The new Grass Valley fire academy site hosted its first academy in 2018 with full-time academies running concurrent to the Roseville part-time academies. Sierra College's Roseville students currently share training space in with neighboring agencies and occupants, a situation that is to be remedied by the voter-approved Public Safety Center to be housed on the Rocklin main campus. The Center will be equipped with lecture labs and classrooms, administrative offices, meeting rooms, fitness spaces, locker rooms, storage, an indoor shooting range, a fire training tower, an emergency vehicle course, and apparatus bays. The Center has been approved by voters and will begin construction soon.

Sierra College possesses a strong and devotion to student development through innovative and progressive training. All participants, staff and students alike, adhere to the strong morals, values, and ethics that have served as the foundation of this model fire service training program. It is recommended that Sierra College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system.