Date: October 13, 2017

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

From: Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Chabot College
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Reaccredit Chabot College as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on August 23, 2017 at Chabot located at 25555 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward, CA. as well as the Alameda County Fire Training Center located at 890 Lola Street in San Leandro, CA. The reaccreditation was conducted by Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, with the following representatives from Chabot College, Dr. Stacy Thompson, Vice-President of Academic Services, Dr. Kristin Lima, Dean, Applied Technology and Business, and Bob Buell, Fire Technology Program Instructor/Coordinator. A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

Chabot College was originally accredited in 1999 with two reaccreditations taking place since that date. Chabot College will begin training and instruction that will meet the Firefighter I (2013) academy I curriculum as well as continue to provide SFT CFSTES and FSTEP course training within the surrounding demographic areas.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities, located at the Chabot College campus and the Alameda County Fire Department Training Center indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter 1 (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements. Chabot College is integrated with CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit for the delivery of the Wildland Firefighter portion of the 2013 Firefighter I academy. A fire fitness-training program has been established with Chabot College Health/Kinesiology/Athletics Division to develop necessary physical skills and coordination for firefighting and physical ability performance that reduces injuries and dropout rates that were very common in the past decade.
As with other ARTP’s and ALA’s low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females and minorities is a continual focus of the program. The Applied Technology Technical Education and Business Division at Chabot College has invested in marketing opportunities to promote Career Technical Education programs including Fire Technology. Brochures provided describe the program opportunities and class scheduling for local high schools and adult schools. Integration with Eden Area ROP, expansion of physical ability training resources, and offering a daytime academy targeting men and women college athletes, and scheduled when not conflicting with their sports programs are just a few of the future goals for the Chabot College Fire Academy to promote women and minority recruitments.

Chabot College is in partnership with Alameda County Fire Chiefs’ Association, the Fire Departments of Alameda County and Hayward, and the Eden Area Regional Occupation Program to continue to enhance the existing fire service, along with those who wish to pursue fire service careers.

SFT is confident that Chabot College will continue to meet the SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of the Chabot College continuing as an ARTP SFT system.
Date: October 13, 2017

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

From: Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

Subject/Agenda Action Item: College of San Mateo
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Reaccredit College of San Mateo as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on August 17, 2017 at College of San Mateo located at 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd. San Mateo, 94402. Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist with representatives from College of San Mateo, conducted the reaccreditation. In attendance were Fire Science Coordinator, Christy Baird; College President, Michael Claire; Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Sandra Stafani-Comerford; Dean of Business and Technology, Heidi Diamond; Firefighter I Academy Co-Directors, Steve Cavallero, Robert Fisher, Ken Giacotto; Central County Training Chief, Bruce Barron and Fire Advisory Committee Members. A tour of the classrooms and equipment cache was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

The College of San Mateo was originally accredited in 1997. This is the first reaccreditation for the ARTP. Training and instruction by the College of San Mateo for the Firefighter I (2013) curriculum will begin in the fall as well as continuing to provide SFT CFSTES and FSTEP course training within the surrounding demographic areas.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities, located at the College of San Mateo, Foster City Tower, and the North County Training Facility indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter I (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements.

As with other ARTP’s and ALA’s low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females and minorities is a continual focus of the program. The College of San Mateo uses the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, disabled student programs, re-entry programs, single parent career placements, and disadvantaged and vocational student programs. ROP programs, career fairs, and inviting guest
speakers/former students from underrepresented groups are continually utilized to promote women and minority recruitment in the program as well.

The College of San Mateo is partnered with the San Mateo County Chiefs’ Association and the San Mateo County Fire Training Officers Association via signed agreement. Instructors for the fire academy are comprised of current employees or retired individuals from the local fire agencies.

SFT is confident that the College of San Mateo academy will continue to meet the SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of the College of San Mateo continuing as an ARTP in the SFT system.
Date: October 13, 2017

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

From: Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Modesto Junior College
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Reaccredit Modesto Junior College as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on August 10, 2017 at Modesto Jr. College Regional Fire Training Center located at 1220 Fire Science Lane Modesto, CA. The reaccreditation was conducted by Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist with Karen Hubbard, Assistant Dean, Mc Clellan/Public Safety Training Center as an observer. Representatives from Modesto Junior College included Ron Cripe, Director of Modesto Junior College Regional Fire Training Center, Dr. Jill Stearns, Modesto Junior College President, Dr. Al Ault, Vice President of College Administrative Services, Pedro Mendez, Dean of Career Technical Education and Matt Curless, Fire Academy Coordinator. A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache, was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

The Modesto Junior College was originally accredited in 1994. This is the first reaccreditation for the ARTP. Modesto Junior College will begin training and instruction that will meet the Firefighter I (2013) academy curriculum as well as continue to provide SFT CFSTES and FSTEP course training within the surrounding demographic areas.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities, located on the Modesto Junior College Regional Fire Training Facility, indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter 1 (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements. Workforce Development funding was granted for the Modesto College Regional Training Facility which will improve the 6-story burn tower thus opening up additional usage of the facility.

As with other ARTP’s and ALA’s low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females and minorities is a continual focus of the program. Modesto Junior College will continue to have open houses to attract potential students; conduct high school site visits and advertise the MJC/RFTC programs;

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continue assisting the local high school fire programs and work with local agencies to promote women and minority recruitments.

The City of Modesto and the County of Stanislaus are in partnership supporting the Modesto Junior College Regional Fire Training Program via signed agreement. Instructors for the fire academy are from local area professionals employed by local agencies.

SFT is confident that the Modesto Junior College academy will continue to meet the SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of the Modesto Junior College continuing as an ARTP in the SFT system.
Date: October 13, 2017

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

From: Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Shasta College  
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Reaccredit Shasta College as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on August 8, 2017 at Shasta College located at 11555 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, CA. The reaccreditation was conducted by Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist State Fire Training with Tony Osa, Fire Technology Tech Director, College President Joe Wyse, Vice President Frank Nigro, Shasta-Trinity Unit Chief Michael Hebrard, Fire Chief City of Redding Gerry Gray and Ron Marley, Lead Instructor Shasta College in attendance. A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache, was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

Shasta College was originally accredited in 1995. This is the first reaccreditation for the ARTP. Shasta College will begin training and instruction that will meet the Firefighter I (2013) academy I curriculum as well as continue to provide SFT CFSTE and FSTEP course training within the surrounding demographic areas.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities, located on the Shasta College campus, indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter 1 (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements. A bond measure was passed recently that will provide a new Public Safety Training Center which will provide buildings and props which will enhance the existing program.

Shasta College utilizes local high school regional ROP programs as a recruitment source as well as career days and community events utilizing students enrolled in the fire academy. The local departments recruit successful academy students when hiring. As with other ARTP’s and ALA’s low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females and minorities is a continual focus of the program. Utilization of local print, radio and television media via the College Marketing Department will be utilized as recruitment tools to assist in recruiting females and students from diverse populations. Continued development of dual
enrollment agreements with Shasta Union High School District as well as reaching out to Tehama County ROP and Red Bluff High School to explore enrollment agreement possibilities in the future.

The support of the local agencies was evident at the site visit meeting. With representation of the local CAL FIRE Unit Chief and the City of Redding Fire Chief during the meeting, sharing their stories of their attendance with some of their current employees being graduates of the Shasta College fire academy showed the success of the program. Additionally, a fully staffed CAL FIRE station is located on campus that the Shasta College integrates cadets via agreements to participate in ride a longs during the fire academy to get a feel for the experience of a fire station and what it entails. The Director and instructional staff currently work for or are retired from local agencies with academy graduates being selected for employment in local agencies.

SFT is confident that Shasta College fire academy will continue to meet the SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of Shasta College continuing as an ARTP in the SFT system.
Date: January 12, 2018

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

From: Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

Subject/Agenda Action Item: American River College
 Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Reaccredit American River College as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on December 7, 2017 at American River College Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center Fire Technology Division located at 5146 Arnold Avenue McClellan, CA 95652. The reaccreditation was conducted by Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, State Fire Training with Karen Hubbard, Assistant Dean, McClellan/Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, Richard Payan, Assistant Chief, Training Division, Sacramento Fire Department, Dave Stoner, Captain Sacramento Fire Department, De Felkins, Captain Sacramento Fire Department, Thomas Green, American River College President and Lisa Lawrenson, American River College Vice President of Instruction. A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache, was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

The American River College was originally accredited in 1998. American River College will begin training and instruction that will meet the Firefighter I (2013) academy I curriculum as well as continue to provide SFT CFSTES and FSTEP course training within the surrounding demographic areas. American River College is the only campus out of four campuses in the Los Rios College District providing an Accredited Regional Training Program and Fire Academy, which fulfills the needs of the community.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities, located at Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter 1 (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements.

As with other ARTP's and ALA's low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females and minorities is a continual focus of the program, however, the latest complete statistical data, 2016-2017,
shows a participation of 6.6% females and 18% minority students in the American River College program. This demonstrates American River College’s commitment to open access and diversity. Proactive efforts include course advertisements in local newspapers, posting of flyers on campus, participation in non-traditional career events for women and minorities and hosting informational programs for college and high school counselors to enhance those statistics. The American River College provides an introduction course emphasizing the importance of diversity, preparation for the employment process and physical agility testing.

American River College is part of the JPA that includes the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, Los Rios College District, Regional Fire and Rescue Training Authority and the Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Authority.

SFT had a couple of concerns with CFSTES and FSTEP course offerings and open enrollee examinations, however, the college currently has classes in curriculum that are not offered due to lack of enrollment. Also, the College is in the process of updating the Chief Officer and Chief Fire Officer Series as it is currently being revised with the curriculum committee, anticipating completion by the end of January 2018. Open enrollee testing is conducted with an Instructional Services Agreement with Sacramento City Fire Department and the college could have instructors and stations available for testing as early as March 5-16, 2018. SFT recommends approval of American River College continuing as an ARTP in the SFT system as concerns have been addressed.