Date: July 14, 2017

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

From: Joe Bunn, Fire Service Training Specialist, State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Company Officer Standards and Curriculum Update

Recommended Actions: Approve the Update to the Company Officer Standards and Curriculum

Background Information:

This information was presented at the April 21, 2017 STEAC Meeting. This is the second reading and as of this date we have not received any feedback or input.

Fire Officer Certification was established in 1981 and included eight courses. The original courses were rolled over from courses that were currently being offered at the then, State Fire Academy at Asilomar. In 1984 the pre-requisite for Fire Officer Certification was changed to include Fire Fighter II, which is still required. The Fire Officer Certification course expanded through the years with the addition of co-requisites as well. Several of the courses were updated and were current.

The State Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) initially reviewed the Company Officer 2014 Certification Training Standards and Course Plans on January 17, 2014 and approved the Certification Standards and Course Plans on February 28, 2014. The State Board of Fire Services reviewed and approved the Certification Training Standards and Course Plans as presented on May 22, 2014.

The point of this informational update is to notify the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee that the current 2016 edition of NFPA 1051, Standard for Wildland Firefighting Personnel Professional Qualifications for Wildland Fire Officer I was published. On February 22, 2017 that portion of the Company Officer Curriculum was updated to establish current documents for State Fire Training and the Fire Service Community. This process establishes an updated and current curriculum for Company Officer Certification in it’s entirety.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

1. Upon review there were several editorial changes that were limited to some word changes and order of a JPR within a section, but no changes or additions to the JPR’s of the NFPA 1051 Standard (see attachment Z errata sheet).
2. The update of this Curriculum is a testament to the ease and efficiency of maintaining current Curriculum utilizing the NFPA applicable Standard for the State Fire Training Certifications.

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From: Andrew Henning, Acting Division Chief, State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Chief Fire Officer Professional Qualifications and Curriculum Update

   Recommended Actions: Motion to Approve Update to Chief Fire Officer Curriculum

   Background Information:

   In July of 2013 State Fire Training issued a task order to rewrite the Chief Officer Certification, now known as Chief Fire Officer, through our contract with the Sacramento State University, College of Continuing Education. A Development Cadre was formed with six fire service personnel representing organizations from around the state. The members of the cadre were Deputy Chief Greg Barton, Beverly Hills FD, Fire Chief Mark Bisbee, Watsonville FD, Battalion Chief Kevin Bouillon, Travis AFB FD, Division Chief Scott Henry, Cal Fire Academy, Battalion Chief Antoine McKnight, Los Angeles FD, and Fire Chief Todd McNeal, Twain Harte Fire & Rescue. The Development Cadre first met in July of 2013 and finished their work after two multi-day meetings concluding in September 2013. The cadre created the Chief Fire Officer Certification Training Standard (CTS) and four Course Plans. Once the Development Cadre finished their work, a Validation Cadre was convened in November 2013 to review and validate the content of the documents created by the Development Cadre. The Validation Cadre consisted of twelve members of the fire service from throughout the state along with a representative from the community colleges. The curriculum was approved by STEAC on April 18, 2014. Additionally, the State Board of Fire Service approved the curriculum on November 20, 2014.

   The State Fire Training's Chief Fire Officer certification is a combination of NFPA’s Fire Officer III and Wildland Fire Officer II based off of NFPA1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1051 Standard for Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.

   The 2016 edition of NFPA 1051 went effective on December 4, 2015.

   Analysis/Summary of Issue:

   In June 2017, the changes between the 2012 and 2016 editions of NFPA 1051 were evaluated to determine if the Chief Fire Officer curriculum needed to be revised based on changes to the professional qualifications. After a staff review there were only editorial changes to the Chief Fire Officer professional qualifications. SFT updated all referenced documents (CIRM, Course Plan,
Task Book, CTS Guide) to reflect the edition changes due to NFPA 1051. SFT staff did not find any changes that would increase the course time or cost.