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

From: Michael A. Garcia, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM: National Fire Academy (NFA) 2015 Course Call

Recommended Actions: Discussion/Information

Background Information:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training (SFT) continues to partner with local Fire Service agencies to host and assist in the delivery of National Fire Academy sponsored courses conducted throughout the State annually. These courses are either two-days and up to six days in length. The NFA provides qualified instructors and pays the associated costs for delivery of these courses. Typically, a total of eight courses are provided to California each year.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The course call open enrollment period is from March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 for courses delivered from October 2014 onward (based upon the Federal fiscal calendar). SFT will advertise the course call period to all departments that have interest and can provide the local support to conduct these courses. SFT splits the number of courses equally between northern and southern California. SFT staff, Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Mike Garcia will maintain coordination between host agencies, SFT and the NFA, with DSFM Rodney Slaughter continuing to develop and monitor grant funding for this statewide program.