Confined Space Awareness
Implementation of New Curriculum

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Confined Space Awareness Curriculum (2018), a replacement of the Confined Space Awareness (1995) curriculum. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise. **NOTE:** Special attention should be paid to this new updated FSTEP course, as it is NOT included in any of SFT certification tracks at this time.

Confined Space Awareness (2018) curriculum will replace the present Confined Space Awareness that was developed in 1995 and has not been officially updated since that time. The new Course Plan has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards, which includes NFPA 1006, Rescue Technician Professional Qualifications (2017), NFPA 1670, Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents, NFPA 1561 Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System and Command Safety (2014), CAL-OSHA CCR, Title 8, Articles 108 and 5157 respectively. This course meets the awareness level only, however is in alignment with FIRESCOPE, CAL OES, and FEMA National Urban Search and Rescue reference materials. Additionally, NFPA 1500, 1521, 1561 aided as supporting documents when creating the Course Plan. The Course Plan will be available on the SFT website.

Confined Space Awareness (2018) Change Timeline

**FULL IMPLEMENTATION**.................................................................Effective September 1, 2018
Effective August 31, 2018, Confined Space Awareness (1995) course will no longer be delivered and the curriculum will be retired.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS ............................................................. Effective September 1, 2018

Current registered instructors of the Confined Space Awareness (1995) course are authorized to instruct the new updated Confined Space Awareness (2018) course.

New instructors for Confined Space Awareness (2018) course shall meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor, and will be required to either take the course or apply for a Pace II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content.

Additionally, a new instructor of the Confined Space Awareness (2018), a FSTEP course, the following shall apply:

1. Rank and Professional Experience:
   a. Held the rank of suppression officer within a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of three years or;
   b. Worked as a volunteer suppression officer or paid call officer with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five years.
   c. Specific expertise in command level strategy and tactics at Technical Rescue Incidents.

SFT STAFF COORDINATION

This FSTEP course will replace the former Confined Space Awareness course developed in 1995.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing the existing Confined Space Awareness (1995) should have little or no impacts making the transition from the legacy course to the new update curriculum for training or operational implementation.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee/program sponsor, as appropriate.