Procedure Changes

Effective Date: October 1, 2019
Section Change: Updated section 3.2: Accredited Local Academy (ALA)
Justification: Based on recommendations from the Steering Committee, STEAC, and ALAs, SFT evaluated the ability for ALAs to conduct testing for non-employees who are employees of neighboring jurisdictions. ALAs would be allowed to test neighboring jurisdictions when they are testing their own employees. At least 51% of the exam candidates must be employed by the ALA, and up to 49% of the exam candidates can be from neighboring agencies. Pre-employment candidates and non-ALA Departments needing private testing will need to go through an ARTP.

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3.2: ACCREDITED LOCAL ACADEMY (ALA)

3.2.1: PURPOSE

A. An Accredited Local Academy (ALA) is defined as a partnership between a fire agency serving a specific authority having jurisdiction and Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to deliver approved State Fire Training (SFT) curriculum and Fire Fighter Certification Exams within a given region.
   1. ALAs are limited to only one fire agency (e.g., Oakland Fire Department).
   2. ALAs may only provide training to in-house personnel

B. An ALA shall provide the following delivery components in conjunction with the needs of its community:
   1. California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES)
   2. Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP)
   3. California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS)
   4. Fire Fighter Certification Exams

3.8: FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION EXAM DELIVERY

3.8.1: ACCREDITED REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM (ARTP) EXAM DELIVERY
A. An Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) shall provide the Fire Fighter Certification Exam in conjunction with the needs of its region.
   i. See Chapter 11: Fire Fighter Certification Exams for exam requirements.

3.8.2: ACCREDITED LOCAL ACADEMY (ALA) EXAM DELIVERY

A. An Accredited Local Academy (ALA) shall provide the Fire Fighter Certification Exam in conjunction with the needs of its agency.
   i. See Chapter 11: Fire Fighter Certification Exams for exam requirements.

B. An ALA can test candidates from neighboring agencies under the following conditions:
   1. ALA employees must make up at least 51% of the certification exam candidates
   2. Non-ALA participants may include up to 49% of certification exam candidates sponsored from neighboring agency
   3. Candidates from neighboring jurisdictions must be employed by the sponsoring agency