Date: April 10, 2009

To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

From: Christy Owen, Manager of Certification & Registration

Subject/Agenda Action Item: On-Line Hybrid Delivery Implementation Strategy

Recommended Actions:
Review for comment/input. Fire Technology Directors should provide to their respective curriculum review committees for approval.

Background Information:
The one-year beta test of the on-line hybrid delivery of Level 1 Fire Officer courses was completed in 2008 and the final report was accepted by STEAC at the October 2008 meeting. Since that time, State Fire Training (SFT) staff met with two members of the original STEAC subcommittee to discuss the final report findings and issues surrounding the future delivery of courses in this format. The results of that meeting are provided in the Analysis/Summary of the Issue below. Changes to the SFT Procedures Manual and applicable course request forms are underway. We anticipate opening these classes to Accredited Regional Training Programs in the Fall of 2009.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:
State Fire Training will move forward with the delivery of this format at the Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) level. Interested ARTPs will need to complete an agreement, which makes them responsible for the following:
- Maintaining records of the qualifications of their SFT registered instructors to teach in the on-line format, subject to the review of SFT staff upon request
  - Instructors will only be allowed to teach in this format after having taught the specific class in traditional classroom format
  - Instructors must have completed training in the platform in which the class will be delivered (i.e. – Web CT, Blackboard, etc.)
Each class must allow SFT access to review/monitor as SFT deems appropriate.

- Student evaluations will include on-line portion of the class and will be provided to SFT at the end of each class.
- Platform used must be able to track and provide reporting for web statistics upon request by SFT.
- Students shall be notified that their grades and information may be shared with SFT prior to each class, allowing them to agree or decline. If declining, they will not be allowed in the class as an SFT student.

All course requirements listed in the Course Information and Required Materials Manual (student-to-instructor ratio, class size, minimum number of hours, curriculum, prerequisites, etc.) must be met, regardless of format.

SFT will require receipt of all course content from the beta test prior to accepting any agreements from ARTPs for the purpose of sharing amongst all ARTPs who are interested in delivering classes in this format.

As was approved in the beta test, the only classes approved for delivery in this format are Level 1 Fire Officer courses, with Prevention 1A/1B being the only classes approved for full on-line delivery.
STATE FIRE TRAINING
ON-LINE HYBRID COURSE DELIVERY AGREEMENT

Date:
ARTP Name:
Requestor:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:

Online Platform Used:
Version:

Please describe the training required for instructors before being allowed to teach an
online class:

Please describe your evaluation process for online instructors:

As the authorized representative of the above listed Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP), I understand and agree to abide by the
Procedures of State Fire Training (SFT) as well as the requirements listed in the Course Information and Required Materials Manual. In
addition, by signing this agreement, I am authorizing State Fire Training staff to audit the delivery of on-line hybrid courses as they deem
appropriate for the purposes of quality improvement. All students will be notified in advance that State Fire Training may be allowed access
to the class and their information.

Instructors selected to deliver SFT online-hybrid courses must be currently registered to teach the subject matter and must have taught the
course in traditional classroom format before teaching online. Records of their instruction must be on file with the ARTP. In addition, the
ARTP must maintain files for each instructor to document the training they have received to teach in the platform being used for delivery.

I agree to provide SFT with reports on Internet statistics when requested. These reports will be provided in the format required by SFT.

I understand that failure to comply with any of the terms listed above may void this agreement and will result in losing the privilege of
delivering courses in this format.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________ Printed Name ___________________________

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