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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
State Board of Fire Services

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Contra Costa County Fire Protection District be reaccredited as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for an accreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

An Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on June 6, 2021, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD) training facility located at 2945 Treat Boulevard in Concord, CA. Deputy State Fire Marshal III Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, met with Assistant Chief of Training Lon Goetsch, Battalion Chief Dave Watson, and Captain Jesse Ingram who provided an overview of the ALA. A review of the Department's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed with agency representatives present, with requirements for supplemental documentation noted. Said documentation has since been received and has met the requirements as set forth by State Fire Training policies and procedures. The review of the SAR was followed by a review of all classrooms and training facilities.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The training facility indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning and compliant training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program. The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for certification testing for its Training Academy.

The training facility presents several appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits will be provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors within the agency participate in the Academy

delivery and the Department will focus on hosting additional State Fire Training courses at their facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. All student records are maintained in a compliant and confidential manner in accordance with State Fire Training requirements.

- The current staffing is at its capacity having tasked existing staff with excessive workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. There is an identified need for additional staff members and clerical personnel to lessen the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.
- The site further lacks stationary locker rooms, shower facilities, and extractors to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended cleansing stations and shower facilities be constructed to ensure student safety.

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is a model fire agency that has proudly demonstrated great interagency cooperation. The CCCFPD has demonstrated a strong devotion to training that is indicative of a progressive organization through provision of comprehensive training evolutions focused on relevant and timely foundational practices, utilizing cutting-edge techniques and equipment with a focus on wellness and safety. Routine professional development and in-service training specific to the jurisdiction are provided all members, including a growing list of State Fire Training courses. Eager to meet the needs of the region, the agency has become an active participant in the SFT system.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for an Accreditation period of five (5) years.