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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)
State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Glendale Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Glendale Fire Department remain an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on April 1, 2021, at the Glendale Fire Department located at 421 Oak Street in Glendale, California. The Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with agency hosts Battalion Chief Ed Foster and Captains Jeff Brooks and Ara Hoonanian present throughout.

A review of the Department's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed, 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 tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, and equipment to accommodate a fire academy training program as supplemented by satellite training sites and locations. The Glendale Fire Department has successfully transitioned to the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

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The training facility presents an appropriate academy classroom equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits are 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 continue hosting additional State Fire Training courses at the facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. All student records are maintained in a compliant and confidential manner.

- The Department delivers a technical and challenging training academy with ongoing needs for equipment and facility maintenance and expansion. The training grounds generate extensive use, and improvement and renovation needs have been individually identified.
- The current staffing is at its capacity with workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. The Department has identified a specific need for additional clerical personnel to lessen the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.
- Additional SFT course deliveries to meet the needs of the region and agency are recommended.
- It is additionally recommended that the Department begin exploring financial allocation for training grounds renovation and the feasibility of constructing a designated training center to be utilized by the agency recruits and partners.

The Glendale Fire Department is an accomplished organization serving a uniquely diverse and thriving community. Well-rounded and experienced personnel provide for expansive response capabilities with a steadfast focus on serving the needs of the region. The Department provides comprehensive training evolutions focused on relevant and timely techniques. The Glendale Fire Department has become an established participant in the State Fire Training system via member participation and communication, advisory committee participation, and feedback provision. The Department strives to be a professional, progressive, and compassionate agency with a high standard of excellence focused on service, dedication, and commitment to the community.

The Glendale Fire Department has demonstrated a steadfast devotion to fire training, safety, and standardization, efforts reliably demonstrative of this exceptional member of the California fire service. It is recommended that Glendale Fire Department continue to be designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.