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

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Alameda City Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Initial Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Alameda City Fire Department be provided Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Initial Accreditation in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for a period of three (3) years.

Background Information:

An Initial Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on August 31, 2022, at the Alameda Fire Department training facility at 950 West Ranger Avenue in Alameda, CA. The Accreditation Site Evaluation Team included Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training; Battalion Chief David Baldwin, Sacramento Fire Department, representing the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC); Battalion Chief Demond Simmons, Oakland Fire Department and Merritt College, and Captain Richard Haas, Cosumnes Fire Department and Cosumnes River College, both representing the Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTPs) and Accredited Academies system. Introductions were facilitated by Captain Alex Barbour that included Fire Chief Nick Luby, Deputy Chief Cody Moxley, and Administrative Assistant II Elayne Barreto.

The AFD Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was reviewed and 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 the training facilities with opportunity to assess equipment complement. The Site Team was provided the revised SAR for remote review prior to the event.

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Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities 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. AFD will utilize the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful Certification Examination delivery. The training grounds exhibit appropriate a California Fire Code-compliant classroom 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 will participate in the Academy delivery with members from regional partners complementing the need for Instructors and Evaluators.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- Consistent participation at regional training officer meetings is recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Expanded locker rooms, shower facilities, and decontamination stations will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that procurement of additional facilities be explored to ensure student and instructor safety.
- Exploration of electronic-based records management system (RMS) is recommended for ease of records maintenance.

Alameda City Fire Department is an accomplished organization steeped in rich tradition. Experienced personnel provide for expansive response capabilities with a steadfast focus on serving the rapidly increasing needs of the diverse community they serve. The Chief Staff expresses strong devotion to the care of their employees by ensuring functional fitness and personnel wellness remain a paramount focus of the growing agency. The Department provides comprehensive training evolutions focused on relevant and timely foundational practices, utilizing cutting-edge techniques and equipment required of its specific regional risks and hazards. Eager to meet the needs of the region, the agency has become an active participant in the SFT system.

The agency has demonstrated a strong devotion to training and education that is indicative of a proud, professional, and progressive organization. The Site Evaluation Team is unanimous in the recommendation of the Alameda City Fire Department being designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for an Initial Accreditation period of three (3) years.