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Attachment 17

To: John Binaski, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal
State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Cosumnes River College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Initial Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Cosumnes River College become an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Initial Accreditation period of three (3) years.

Background Information:

An Initial Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on May 26, 2020, at the Cosumnes Fire Department Training Center located at 10573 East Stockton Boulevard in Elk Grove, California. The Evaluation was conducted by Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Fowler, State Fire Training; Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training; Division Chief Annie J. Rosales, CAL FIRE; and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Taylor, Sacramento Fire Department; with Fire Technology Coordinator Kris Hubbard present, throughout. Cosumnes Fire Department Battalion Chief Josh Freeman, Associate Vice President of Strong WorkForce Kim Harrell, Captain/Academy Instructor Rick Haas, and Engineer/Assistant Academy Instructor Rob Henkens were also in attendance.

A review of the College'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 an evaluation of all classrooms and

training facilities with opportunity to review training record management systems and equipment compliment.

Analysis/Summary:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program as supplemented by satellite and partnered training sites and locations. Cosumnes River College will implement the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for compliant certification testing.

The CSD training facility presents appropriate academy classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. Academy recruits will be provided sufficient study materials and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors will participate in the Academy delivery and the College will be expanding its hosting of additional State Fire Training courses in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies within the region. Cancer mitigation measures have been considered by ensuring accessible personal protective equipment extractors and personal cleaning measures be available to students throughout the Academy.

Cosumnes River College serves more than 14,500 students, with more than 176 degree and certification programs across 50 different occupational and transfer programs. The College possesses a diverse student population with a focus on personalized student attention. Its strong focus on fire service education has resulted in a long-standing relationship with the Elk Grove Unified School District which serves as an emergency services pathway program to the College. CRC maintains a mission of respect and appreciation for student diversification and equity efforts, providing an affordable and accessible education for the adult learner.

The ARTP is well-prepared to serve the training needs of the vast Sacramento region, with healthy relationships flourishing between the College and the area's greater fire service. The Academy will provide a much-needed avenue for underserved students to participate in a flexible course schedule with various career prospects upon completion. The close relationship between the College and the Fire Department creates a unique employment opportunity for students to serve the community through its internship program, from which the Department has hired many of its current personnel. The Academy will be both academically and physically robust with access to a unique and specialized training site.

The Academy Coordinator and instructors are active participants in the State Fire Training system, engaged in curriculum and procedural development, stakeholder meetings, and instructor development. CRC possesses exemplary support from College administration and the Cosumnes Fire Department, support systems indicative of a program set for success. It is recommended that Cosumnes River College be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for an Initial Accreditation period of three (3) years.