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Attachment 2

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:

Oxnard College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Re-Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Oxnard College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on February 11, 2020, at the Oxnard College Public Safety Training Facility located at 104 Durley Avenue in Camarillo, California. The Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with College host Assistant Dean Matt Jewett and academy staff present throughout.

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 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, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program as supplemented by satellite and partnered training sites and locations. Oxnard College successfully adheres to the Fire

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Fighter I (2013) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing and can transition to the Fire Fighter 1 and 2 (2019) curriculum with ease.

The training facility presents appropriate academy classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors 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.

A new apparatus bay is currently under construction at the College with an anticipated completion date of November 2020. This new construction will provide necessary parking and storage on the already compact confines of the Training Facility. The College shares the space with neighboring agencies which, at times, results in limited training space availability. Academy schedules for all entities are impacted by the limited space and prop availability. Procuring College-specific props, equipment, and structures, would alleviate scheduling conflicts and allow for the Academy delivery to focus training and student proficiency.

The current staffing is at its capacity with staff working well beyond the typical work schedule and hours. This condition has tasked existing staff with excessive workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. Oxnard College has identified a specific need for a full-time faculty staff member to lessen the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.

Oxnard College has an energetic and revolutionary approach to program enhancement with a strong focus on diversifying student populations. The College is an excellent cooperater, working in seamless cohesion with neighboring agencies. The students and staff are eager participants in State Fire Training, maintaining excellent working relations with SFT on many levels including instructional delivery, advisory committee participation, academy enhancement, and instructor development. Oxnard College maintains a steadfast focus on the future and the need for personnel development as exemplified in its comprehensive course deliveries and fire service training and education outreach.

Oxnard College possesses an unwavering devotion to complete student development, serving students and fire service professionals, alike. The energetic youth, diversification, and innovation within this program makes it a standout leader in the California fire service training and education program and as an ARTP. It is recommended that Oxnard College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.