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Attachment 8

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:

Yuba Community College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Yuba Community College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on May 20, 2020, at Yuba Community College located at 2088 Beale Road in Marysville, California. The Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Chief David Ray, Fire Technology Coordinator, 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 an evaluation 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. Yuba College has successfully transitioned to the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

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.

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. The College has identified a specific need for additional full-time faculty staff members as well as placement of a Program Coordinator pending current personnel retirement. These positions would lessen the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties. At present, the current instructor/facilitator release time is a 60% core class instruction and 40% fire academy facilitation. Funding must be committed to the remaining 60% facilitation of the Yuba College Regional Fire Academy to ensure continued program success.

The College has an energetic approach to program enhancement with a strong focus on diversifying student populations. The College is an excellent cooperator, working in seamless cohesion with neighboring agencies. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training, maintaining excellent working relations with SFT on many levels including instructional delivery, advisory committee participation, academy enhancement, and instructor development.

Yuba Community College maintains an unwavering commitment to student development through its robust training Academy, with special attention paid to the needs of the region. It is recommended that Yuba Community College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.