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

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
Blueprint 2030

Recommended Actions:
Information/Discussion

Background Information:

As was reported to STEAC in April of 2020 in the Gap Analysis, the Blueprint 2020 was initiated in 2008. State Fire Training identified the action items listed under the five major goals that have been accomplished. The methodologies outlined in Blueprint 2020 indicated that much of the progress moving forward would be dependent on achieving a stable funding source for SFT. With the SFT Fee Adjustment implemented in January 2021, the program is ready to plan for its future in Blueprint 2030 and continue the alignment with the training and educational needs of the California Fire Service.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

State Fire Training is proposing a cadre that will represent a cross-section of STEAC and our stakeholders as a strategic planning steering committee. This group will have co-facilitators from State Fire Training. The proposed membership of the cadre will be representatives of:

- California Professional Firefighters (CPF)
- California Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Cal JAC)
- California Fire Chief's Association (CalChiefs)
- Metropolitan Fire Chief's Association (Metro Chiefs)
- Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC)
- CAL FIRE
- CalChiefs Training Officer's Section

- California Fire Technology Director's Association (CFTDA)
- California State University (CSU) System
- California State Firefighter's Association (CSFA)

The proposed topics will include and are not limited to:

- Future vision for SFT curriculum and delivery
- SFT Funding
- Registered Instructor continuing education and currency requirements
- SFT Certification continuing education requirements
- American Council on Education (ACE) Accreditation
- Expansion of IFSAC and Pro Board accredited certifications
- Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) integration of higher education of fire and emergency services professional development with a two-year Associate degree to Doctoral degrees.
- Partnership with the California State University system towards the long-term goal of a "brick-and-mortar" California Fire and Emergency Services Institute

This strategic plan will follow a two-track fiscal formula, with the intent to identify costs for any large goals requiring funding beyond current revenues. If current funding is not available, the goal may remain staged until funding is appropriated, then actively pursued.

A component of this strategic plan will be to create an implementation action plan that will identify regular intervals to check progress, priorities, and to adjust as a living document of guidance for SFT.

Once a rough draft is produced by the steering committee, it will be vetted and validated by both smaller focus groups and a larger stakeholder audience of fire service and allied-organization professionals.