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

**From:** Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Cosumnes CSD Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend Cosumnes CSD Fire Department be reaccredited as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for an accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

An Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on June 2, 2021, Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) Fire Department training facility located at 10573 E. Stockton Boulevard in Elk Grove, CA. Deputy State Fire Marshal III Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, met with Assistant Chief of Training Josh Freeman who provided an overview of the ALA. A review of the Department'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 review of all classrooms and training facilities/props.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The training facility 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. The Cosumnes CSD Fire Department utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for certification testing for its Training Academy.

The training facility presents several appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms 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 within the agency participate in the Academy delivery and the Department will focus on hosting additional State Fire Training courses at their

facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. All student records are maintained in a compliant and confidential manner in accordance with State Fire Training requirements.

- The current staffing is at its capacity having tasked existing staff with excessive workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. There is an identified need for additional staff members and clerical personnel to lessen the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.
- The site lacks stationary locker rooms, shower facilities, and extractors to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended cleansing stations and shower facilities be constructed to ensure student safety.

Cosumnes CSD Fire Department is an accomplished organization serving a uniquely diverse region. The 175 Department personnel are devoted to fire, emergency medical, wildland, and swiftwater and confined space rescue operations with a thriving Training Division concentrated on maintaining innovative and relevant training delivery programs at all levels of fire service education. The Department is a model fire agency that has proudly demonstrated great interagency cooperation, serving the diverse needs of the regional neighbors. There is a strongly demonstrated devotion to training that is indicative of a progressive organization. Eager to meet the needs of the region, the agency has become an active participant in the SFT system.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for an Accreditation period of five (5) years.