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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

State Board of Fire Services

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

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Accreditation Expiration, Antelope Valley College

Recommended Actions:

Information Only

Background Information:

The Antelope Valley College (AVC) Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) expired in August 2020. Following a six-month extension, in compliance with the *State Fire Training Procedures Manual (2019)*, the College has declined to apply for Re-Accreditation. The Academy is in the process of replacing the recently retired Coordinator and restructuring the program.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Antelope Valley College was provided ARTP expiration notification from SFT in June 2019 via email and postal mail. In preparation for the Re-Accreditation process, there was correspondence with then-Coordinator Bill Bailey and incumbent staff Michael Hutchinson regarding the process and timelines. After additional discussions regarding compliance with the Accreditation process, it was decided by College administration that AVC will pursue a new Initial 3-Year Accreditation at a later date.