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

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Los Angeles Fire Department, Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Los Angeles Fire Department remain an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the reaccreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on February 27, 2024, at the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Training Tower located at 330 South Ferry Street in San Pedro, California. The Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training with agency host Battalion Chief Shawk Tukua serving as site host and representative.

The LAFD Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was reviewed and 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:

An evaluation of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning and compliant training facility complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program. LAFD utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful Certification Examination delivery. The training grounds exhibit appropriate a California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy

training. Several Registered Instructors and Evaluators participate in the Academy and Certification Exam delivery making the agency self-sustaining and the Department will focus on hosting additional State Fire Training courses 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.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- Consistent participation at training officer and ALA meetings is recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Improved locker rooms, shower facilities, and decontamination stations with extractors will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that procurement of additional facilities be explored to ensure student and instructor safety.
- The agency may benefit from utilization of Distance Education delivery of SFT courses. As an ALA, this is an option available that should be explored.
- Ongoing outreach via fire camps and community events is recommended for continued diversifications efforts.

The Los Angeles Fire Department boasts a thorough and challenging academy, incorporating comprehensive, timely, and relevant training. The LAFD training and education program establishes, and builds upon, the knowledge, skills, and abilities of its members to safely and effectively perform all the functions within their positions with the utmost professionalism. The agency maintains a strong focus on employee development, emphasizing career-long training and education opportunities. LAFD continues to be a steadfast participant in the State Fire training system via member participation in curriculum development cadres, feedback provision, and ongoing stakeholder involvement.

The agency has demonstrated a strong devotion to training and education that is indicative of a proud, professional, and progressive organization. The agency's extensive and unique history is complemented by its pride in caliber of training and service provision. State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of the Los Angeles Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.