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

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
FY25-26 Curriculum Development and Related Projects

Recommended Actions:
Information/Discussion

Background Information:

State Fire Training annually develops a curriculum development plan for courses to be updated or added to the California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) and Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP). SFT curriculum is developed using the State Fire Training Curriculum Development Model.

State Fire Training prioritizes projects based on the following order:

1. Courses and Certifications required per state statute
2. Certification/Course Updates (maintaining existing certifications and courses)
 - a. Certifications and courses already accredited by IFSAC and Pro Board
 - b. For certifications and courses based on NFPA Professional Qualifications, the goal is to update the course within two years of publication.
 - c. For certifications and courses not based on NFPA Professional Qualifications, SFT's goal is to update certifications and courses approximately every seven years (based on course relevancy and the number of students taking the course annually).
3. National Accredited Certification Expansion (IFSAC/Pro Board)
 - a. For a certification track to become nationally accredited, a cadre must be formed to develop testing instruments (i.e., skill sheets, cognitive exams) and procedures that meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements.

4. New Curriculum Development (projects evaluated based on the needs of the California Fire Service)
 - a. Certifications and courses based on NFPA Professional Qualifications.
 - b. Courses not based on NFPA Professional Qualifications.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The following are the proposed curriculum projects for FY25-26:

1. Certification/Course Updates
 - Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series – update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010. Review CTS Guides, course plans, task books, certification requirements, etc.
 - This includes the Aerial Apparatus, Pump Apparatus, Tillered Apparatus, Water Tender Apparatus, and Wildland Apparatus certification tracks.
2. FSTEP Course Updates
 - Ethical Leadership for Instructors (2019)
 - Instructor 3 Courses (combined)
 - Group Dynamics and Problem Solving (2017)
 - Employing Audiovisual Aids (2017)
 - Techniques of Evaluation (2017)
 - Incident Safety Awareness Training for the Hired Vendor (2018)
 - Fire Service Labor/Management Relations (2017)
3. OSFM Administered Courses
 - Statutes and Regulations (2015)
 - Motion Picture Television – Fire Safety Officer (2012)
 - Proximate Audience Pyrotechnics (2011)
 - Outdoor Aerial Public Fireworks (2014)
4. National Accredited Certification Expansion
 - Company Officer
5. New Curriculum Development
 - REMS (Rapid Extrication Module Support) - Pending completion of the above, SFT may adopt and adapt existing courses to meet a statewide need
 - Dive Rescue– Pending completion of the above, SFT may develop courses that meet or exceed the NFPA 1006 Dive Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician professional qualification levels. This will be a new FSTEP course(s).
6. Proposed Retirement of Outdated Courses
 - Basic Pump Operations (1993)
 - Fire Control 1 Basic Fire Chemistry (1996)
 - Fire Control 2 Basic Operations – Structural (1996)
 - Fire Control 5 Wildland Firefighting Essentials (1992)
 - Fire Control 7: Wildland Firefighting (1992)