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

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Mount San Antonio College, Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Mount San Antonio College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) 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 20, 2025, at Mount San Antonio College located in Pomona, California. The Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Director of Public Safety Program Ray Mosack serving as site host and representative.

The Mount San Antonio College 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 an opportunity to review training course records and equipment complement.

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. Mount San Antonio College utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful Certification Examination delivery. The training grounds exhibit appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All academy cadets are provided with 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 program self-sustaining and the College will focus on hosting additional registered SFT courses in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. All student records are maintained in a compliant and confidential manner in accordance with SFT requirements.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- The accreditation is contingent upon all facilities, supplies, and equipment remaining readily available and accessible for instructional delivery. With the Chino Valley FD training site contract expiring, the College and its administration shall provide a contingency plan for the training location transition by August 2025.
- Consistent participation at technology director's meetings is recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Improved shower facility access and decontamination stations with extractors will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that the procurement of additional facilities and equipment be explored to ensure student and instructor safety.
- The current staffing is at its capacity with workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. The College has identified a specific need for dedicated personnel to offset the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.
- The program may benefit from utilization of Distance Education delivery of SFT courses while garnering students from throughout the State. As an ARTP, this is an available option.
- The program shall continue to explore outreach and recruitment opportunities for expanded diversification of the instructor cadre roster.

Mount San Antonio College is an active Southern California leader, engaging in pre- and in-service student development. Academy personnel possess an energetic and innovative approach to program development with a strong focus on maintaining diversified student populations while adhering to the standards set forth by State Fire Training with high student success and employment rates. The College recognizes the need for wildland firefighter training, having initiated one of few wildland-focused training academies in addition to its traditional Fire Fighter 1 Academy. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training system, maintaining excellent working relations with SFT on many levels including instructional delivery, advisory committee participation, academy enhancement, and instructor development.

SFT recommends continued recognition of Mount San Antonio College as an Accredited Regional Training Program for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.