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

**From:** Chris Fowler, Chief, State Fire Training

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**  
FY26-27 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 FY26-27:

1. CFSTES
  - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1
  - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 2
  - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 3
2. FSTEP Course Updates
  - 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 Ariel Public Fireworks (2014)
4. National Accredited Certification Expansion
  - Company Officer
5. New Curriculum Development - Proposed
  - Professional Standards and Mediation (FSTEP)
  - REMS (Rapid Extrication Module Support) - Pending completion of the above, SFT may adopt and adapt existing courses to meet a statewide need (FSTEP)
  - 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. (FSTEP)