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Attachment 1

To: John Binaski, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

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

Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Mount San Antonio College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Re-Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Mount San Antonio College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on February 26, 2020, at the Mount San Antonio College and partnered training facility located at 1100 North Grand Avenue in Walnut, California. The Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with College host Ray Mosack, Director of Public Safety Programs, present throughout.

A review of the College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was 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 a tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program as supplemented by satellite and partnered training sites and locations. Mount San Antonio College successfully adheres to

the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing and can transition to the 2019 curriculum with ease.

The training facility presents appropriate academy classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery and the College will be expanding its hosting of additional State Fire Training courses in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies.

The Mount San Antonio College fire academy is conducted on various sites in the region with the majority of delivery held at the main campus and off-site at the Chino Valley Fire District Training Center. Additional sites are contracted and used for specialized training delivery. The logistics surrounding student and equipment transport has created a desire for procurement of a college-specific training center to centralize structures, equipment, and apparatus, while providing the region with a single location for enhanced training course availability. Further, training sites are often shared, creating scheduling and use conflict. A designated College site would alleviate these issues and allow for the Academy delivery to focus on well-rounded training, student safety, and learning proficiency.

Although the program has sufficient staff, the current staffing is at its capacity with personnel working well beyond the typical work schedule and hours. This condition has tasked existing staff with excessive workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset through hiring of additional full-time faculty and clerical staff to lessen the workload and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties. Additional staffing would further provide for increased student training opportunities and overall program enhancement.

The safety equipment provided Academy staff is in need of improvement. Personal protective equipment (PPE) used during the Academy is nearing its NFPA-regulated expiration dates and there exists no allotted budget specific to these new ensembles. The equipment transport vehicle for the Academy is a pickup truck, which presents a safety concern when attempting to secure equipment in transit. A stake bed truck would most-appropriately and safely accommodate the transport of equipment and personnel. Apparatus used by the Academy for training is out-of-date and fails to provide complete career-preparation of the modern-day fire service as these apparatuses are noncompliant and obsolete. Current apparatus is staged in the outdoor elements without adequate battery charging capability or security fencing. Procurement of updated apparatus and an apparatus bay would serve to better prepare students for successful job placement and performance.

Mount San Antonio College has continually enhanced its programs to meet the needs of the regional growth for more than 75 years, boasting status as the state's largest, single-campus community college with overall student enrollment exceeding 65,000. The college-based fire service education program continues to grow exponentially, with continuously competitive Academy enrollment rates. The program is thriving with fire technology and

State Fire Training courses routinely being added to available curriculum, focused on reaching new students, incumbent fire personnel, and advancing officers. The College actively engages with neighboring agencies and colleges, intent on program enhancement locally and statewide. The Mount San Antonio ARTP is an up-and-coming participant in the state system with an exceptional program and staff indicative of leadership.

It is recommended that Mount San Antonio College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.