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To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Jeff Seaton, Fire Service Training Specialist III - Steering Committee Chair

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:
Steering Committee Update/Recommendations

Recommended Actions:
Information Only

Background Information:

The Steering Committee was formed the Spring of 2017 and is comprised of the following Stakeholder Groups: California State Training Officers Section (North and South), California Fire Technology Directors Association (North and South), Accredited Local Academies (North and South). The California Professional Fire Fighters and Cal Fire each have a single representative.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

There have been challenges for our stakeholders surrounding various practices, policies, procedures and options to overcome some gaps that now exist with our certification of Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 as well as FSTEP classes or CFSTES tracks. We have discussed the following items brought to us and are working with SFT staff to bring you some solutions.

1. Self-Assessment process, seeking ways to streamline a portion of this to better meet the needs of our ALA stakeholders and their cities. Supervising Deputy Fowler is currently working with BC Jamie Brown from LAFD a member of the Steering Committee to develop a solution.
2. Steering Committee members continue to work with SFT staff towards finalizing a "Mid-career" process that is comprehensive and meets the needs for all stakeholders throughout the state.

3. The steering committee understands that SFT staff is in preliminary discussions with our ARTP's regarding the development of "Exam Proctors", the idea is to look at following the POST model where a "Lead Evaluator" would not need to be present for online/written exams. The current Policy of Lead Evaluators needing to proctor these exams is quite challenging logistically and financially for all our accredited academies.
4. SFT Stakeholders often have personnel who are Non-Fire Suppression based and are seeking a process that allows them to be further educated related to their duties with their fire agency. For example: Chief Fire Officer 3B: Budget and Fiscal Responsibilities. The Steering Committee recommends that a Fire Chief should send a letter to Chief Henning petitioning that their employee be able attend the class.
5. SFT staff and Steering Committee members are still discussing the feasibility of NWCG curriculum being adopted by SFT. Some curriculum, for example "S" classes can be adopted while leaving all curriculum intact. SFT staff will continue to look at how this might occur for other NWCG curriculum.
6. SFT staff is currently working with the ARTP's to create online curriculum for RIO and Skills Evaluators.