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Attachment 4

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:

Monterey-Peninsula College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Monterey-Peninsula 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 Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on June 2, 2020, at the MPC Public Safety Training Center located at 2642 Colonel Durham Street in Seaside, California. The Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Program Director David Brown, Division Chief/Academy Coordinator Greg Greenlee, and Firefighter/Equipment Manager Tyler Keisling 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 an evaluation 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. Monterey-Peninsula College has successfully transitioned to the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

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 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 current staffing is at its capacity with staff 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 with additional resources and personnel. The College has identified a specific need for additional full-time faculty staff members with the development of the new training facility. The College is currently evaluating transition of the Director position to a Dean of Instruction/CTE. A part-time fire academy coordinator is to be hired to satisfy the ARTP requirements.

The Academy exists in a unique and under-served region of the State that warrants upgrades to curriculum, training facilities, and equipment. Working cooperatively with neighboring agencies, MPC shares training space at a location separate from the campus classroom. This requires caravan of students between locations, resulting in instructional delays and increased liability. In its current state, this site is limited to daytime operations due to lighting. Although the College has purchased a portable light, it is recommended that the site be equipped with additional fixed commercial lot lighting to provide for increased safety. The program possesses aging apparatus that meet current needs of the Academy but will require replacement and/or upgrade in the coming years. For self-sufficient and comprehensive training to continue to grow, it is recommended that a Type III apparatus be procured and the existing light/air unit with cascade system be replaced or upgraded. The current site lacks appropriate locker rooms, shower facilities, and extractors to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended cleansing stations and shower trailers be procured to ensure student safety.

The current training grounds are dated and in need of improvement and enhancement. It is recommended that the College begin exploring the feasibility of procuring a designated training center to be utilized by the College emergency services students. Renovation of the existing training facility would bolster regional training and course access, and further diversify curriculum delivery.

Monterey-Peninsula College delivers a strong, challenging, and robust training Academy that routinely produces professional, well-rounded firefighters. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training, maintaining excellent working relations with SFT on many levels including instructional delivery, advisory committee participation, academy enhancement, and instructor development. The College is an excellent cooperater, working in seamless cohesion with neighboring agencies.

Monterey-Peninsula College possesses an unwavering devotion to complete student development, serving students and fire service professionals, alike. It is recommended that Monterey-Peninsula College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a reaccreditation period of five (5) years.