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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist)
State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Cosumnes River College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend Cosumnes River College be provided Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for a period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on June 9, 2023, at the Cosumnes River College Partnership training facility campus at 10573 E Stockton Boulevard in Elk Grove, CA. The accreditation visit was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training. Introductions were facilitated by Kris Hubbard, Dean of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Health and Human Services. Attendees included Ed Bush, President of Cosumnes River College; Robert Montanez, Vice President of Instruction; Dana Wassmer, Associate Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development; and Rick Haas, Fire Technology Coordinator and Academy Director.

The College's 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 a tour of the training facilities with opportunity to assess training course records and equipment complement.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning and compliant training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program. The College utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful and complete Certification Examination delivery.

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The College campus exhibits appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery with members from regional partners complementing the need for Registered Instructors and Evaluators.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- Continued Fire Advisory Committee/Board meetings are recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region. This Committee should include varied members from the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Improved locker rooms, shower facilities, decontamination stations, and multiple extractors will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that procurement of additional facilities be explored to ensure student safety.

Cosumnes River College possesses a diverse student population with a focus on personalized student attention. Its strong focus on fire service education has resulted in a long-standing relationship with the Elk Grove Unified School District which serves as an emergency services pathway program to the College. CRC maintains a mission of respect and appreciation for student diversification and equity efforts, providing an affordable and accessible education for the adult learner. The close relationship between the College and the Cosumnes Fire Department creates a unique employment opportunity for students to serve the community through its internship program, from which the Department has hired many of its current personnel.

The Academy Coordinator and instructors are active participants in the State Fire Training system, engaged in curriculum and procedural development, stakeholder meetings, and instructor development. CRC possesses exemplary support from College administration and the Cosumnes Fire Department, support systems indicative of a program set for success.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of the Cosumnes River College as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of five years.