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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

State Board of Fire Services

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SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

FY 2024-25 Curriculum 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 FY 2024-25:

- 1. Courses and Certifications required per state statute:
 - None
- 2. Certification/Course Updates
 - **Fire Fighter 1** continue the update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010. Review Fire CTS Guide, Fire Fighter 1A: Structure course plan, certification requirements, skill sheets, and cognitive exam bank.
 - **Fire Fighter 2** continue the update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010. Review CTS Guide, Fire Fighter 2A: Structure course plan, certification requirements, skill sheets, and cognitive exam bank.
 - **Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series** update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010. Review CTS Guides, course plans, task books, certification requirements, etc.
 - This includes the Aerial Apparatus, Pump Apparatus, Tillered Apparatus, Water Tender Apparatus, and Wildland Apparatus certification tracks.
 - Fire Inspector 1 and 2 update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1030. Review NFPAs consolidation from three separate Fire Inspector levels to a single level for Fire Inspector and a separate level for First Responder Inspector. Review CTS Guides, course plans, task books, certification requirements, etc.
 - **Plan Examiner** update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1030. Review the CTS Guide, course plans, task books, certification requirements, etc.
 - **Fire Marshal** update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1030. Review the CTS Guide, course plans, task books, certification requirements, etc.
 - Company Officer, Chief Fire Officer update to the 2019 edition of NFPA 1033 and the 2022 edition of NFPA 1140: Standard for Wildland Fire Protection. This is an ongoing project from 2023 and may reviewed with a virtual cadre.
- 3. National Accredited Certification Expansion
 - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2— continued validation of the new grading rubrics/skill sheets and cognitive exam bank.
- 4. New Curriculum Development
 - 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. This will be a new FSTEP course(s).