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To: Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
State Board of Fire Services

From: Chris Fowler, Chief of State Fire Training, CAL FIRE

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Incident Safety for the Hired Vendor (ISAHV) Curriculum Update

Recommended Actions:

Consent

Background Information:

In 2019, SFT developed the ISAHV curriculum in alignment with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards for wildland fire incident response.

This curriculum was developed for hired vendors working with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) or the United States Forest Service (USFS) on any active incident. It provides an awareness of fireline and incident safety to vendors who plan to engage in wildland fire suppression and other incident support activities. It includes an overview of hazards and safety issues, entrapment avoidance, incident organization, fire shelter deployment, and current issues.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

In a CAL FIRE Executive Board of Review (EBOR) in 2018, SFT was directed to add a video related to donning a dozer curtain to the Incident Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors. The project was started pre-pandemic and then deferred.

As of February 2024, the CAL FIRE Heavy Fire Equipment Operator (HFEO) video has been edited for content and ADA script. Following approval by State Board of Fire Services in July, the video will be added to the current ISAHV Course Plan on page 3 as a Required Resource for the instructor, and to page 33 Topic 5-1: Fire Shelter Deployment under Instructor Notes as a Required Video Clip.

Access to the video will be from the Cal Chiefs FSTEP webpage or alternative site to be coordinated by SFT. Current Registered Instructors will receive a direct email update through the Acadis system to advise them of this new requirement with implementation on August 1, 2024.

Link to video: <https://calfire.box.com/s/9jm245w807oit7kuny35q7j9lx6bqr3o>