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

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

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Clovis Fire Department  
Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend Clovis Fire Department be reaccredited as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for an accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

An Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on March 19, 2025, at the Clovis Fire Department training facility at 3455 Lind Avenue in Clovis, CA. The Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Chief Chris Ekk, Deputy Chief Jim Damico, and Administrative Assistant Christina Madoyan serving as site hosts and representatives.

The Clovis Fire Department 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 an evaluation of all classrooms and training facilities with an opportunity to review training course records and equipment complement.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

An evaluation of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning and compliant training facility complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program. Clovis Fire Department utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful Certification Examination delivery. The training grounds exhibit appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All academy cadets are provided with sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the academy training. Several Registered Instructors and Evaluators participate in the academy and Certification Exam delivery making the program self-sustaining and the Department will focus on hosting additional registered SFT courses in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. All student records are maintained in a compliant and confidential manner in accordance with SFT requirements.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- Consistent participation at training officer's and ALA meetings is recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the state for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Improved decontamination stations with extractors will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that the procurement of additional facilities and equipment be explored to ensure student and instructor safety.
- The program may benefit from utilization of Distance Education delivery of SFT courses while garnering students from throughout the State. As an ALA, this is an available option.
- The program shall continue to explore outreach and recruitment opportunities for expanded diversification of the instructor cadre roster. Ongoing outreach via fire camps and community events is recommended for continued diversifications efforts.

The Clovis Fire Department is an accomplished organization serving a uniquely diverse community. Well-rounded and experienced personnel provide for expansive response capabilities with a steadfast focus on serving the needs of the region. The Department provides comprehensive training evolutions focused on relevant and timely techniques. Routine professional development and in-service training specific to the jurisdiction are provided to all members, including a growing list of SFT courses. The Clovis Fire Department has demonstrated a steadfast devotion to fire training, safety, and standardization, efforts reliably demonstrative of this exceptional member of the California fire service.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of the Clovis Fire Department as an Accredited Local Academy for an accreditation period of five (5) years.