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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:**

Moreno Valley College, Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend Moreno Valley College remains an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the reaccreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on May 9, 2025, at the Moreno Valley College Fire Training Facility located at the Ben Clark Regional Public Safety Training Center in Riverside, California. The Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Academy Coordinator/Captain John Begg serving as site host and representative.

The Moreno Valley College 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. Moreno Valley College 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 College 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 California Fire Technology Director Association's meetings is recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Given the regional usage of the site, improved equipment and burn logs shall be established and maintained in accordance with SFT and NFPA requirements.
- The current staffing is at its capacity with workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. The College has identified a specific need for dedicated personnel to offset the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.
- The program may benefit from utilization of Distance Education delivery of SFT courses while garnering students from throughout the State. As an ARTP, 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.

Moreno Valley College provides a diverse student population with an affordable, robust, and well-rounded training program, bolstered by active recruitment and outreach efforts. The College provides an array of State Fire Training courses and a unique training facility, with various technical rescue and specialized courses being delivered. Current staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training system, maintaining excellent working relations with SFT on many levels including instructional delivery, advisory committee participation, academy enhancement, and instructor development.

SFT recommends continued recognition of Moreno Valley College as an Accredited Regional Training Program for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.