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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:**

Yuba College  
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend Yuba 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 28, 2025, at the Yuba College Fire Training Facility located at 2088 Beale Road in Marysville, California. The Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Academy Coordinator Robert Stoddard serving as site host and representative.

The Yuba 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. Yuba 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. Procurement of live-fire training props (Phase 4, Phase 6) is strongly recommended to ensure facility safety and longevity.
- As the program continues its development and robust course delivery model, procurement of additional apparatus and props are recommended. This shall include, but is not limited to, Type 2 apparatus with mobile deployment capabilities and a design-built confined space/confidence course prop.
- 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. Exploration of additional clerical staff, full-time faculty, full-time coordinator, and program-specific counseling service provider(s) designations is strongly recommended.
- 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.
- The program shall initiate succession planning efforts for continued ARTP support, sustainability, and growth.

Yuba College has an energetic and revolutionary approach to program enhancement with a strong focus on diversifying student populations. The College is an excellent cooperator, working in seamless cohesion with neighboring agencies. It possesses an unwavering devotion to complete student development, serving students and fire service professionals, alike. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training system, maintaining excellent working relations with SFT on many levels including instructional delivery, academy enhancement, and instructor development. The energetic instructors, diversification, and innovation within this program makes it a standout leader in the California fire service training and education program and as an ARTP.

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