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

**From:** Eddie Aguilar, Deputy State Fire Marshal

**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Fire Control 3: Structural Fire Fighting (2018) - Amend Maximum Class Size and Instructor/Student Ratios

**Recommended Actions:**

Approval of amending the maximum class size and instructor/student ratio for Fire Control 3: Structural Fire Fighting (2018).

**Background Information:**

To align with increased student enrollment numbers, it is the recommendation of SFT that the maximum class size and instructor/student ratios be aligned with enrollment needs.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

To simplify and align the course scheduling and delivery processes, SFT recommends amending the course's maximum class size to 30 students, amending the instructor/student lecture ratio to 1 Primary Instructor for 30 students, and amending the instructor/student demonstration ratio to 2 Primary Instructors for 30 students.

The Fire Control 3: Structural Fire Fighting (2018) course is requested and processed by SFT approximately 110 times yearly. Nearly 25% of these classes are issued a variance to increase their maximum class size in compliance with *19 CCR § 1980.06 - Petition for Alternative Application to Methods and Procedures*. The current maximum class size is 25 students. The amendments above do not affect the instructor/student activities/skills ratios for live fire training; therefore, the change will not increase the risk to student safety or reduce the quality of training.