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**To:** Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

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

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:**

San Diego Miramar Community College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP)  
Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend San Diego Miramar Community College be provided Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for a period of four-and-a-half years.

**Background Information:**

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on April 21, 2022, at the San Diego Miramar Community College Fire Academy training facility at 10440 Black Mountain Road in San Diego, CA. The accreditation visit was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with FIPT Program Director Darren Hall and Academy Coordinator Laz Lahera. The ARTP was provided a six-month Extension Provision in January 2022 and all noted requirements have been satisfied in alignment with SFT policies and procedures.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning and compliant training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program. San Diego Miramar Community College utilizes the Fire Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful and complete Certification Examination delivery.

The College campus exhibits appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy cadets are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery with members from regional partners complementing the need for Registered Instructors and Evaluators.

Area(s) of focus for growth and improvement:

- Continued Fire Advisory Committee/Board meetings are recommended to continue fostering the growing relationships in the region. This Committee should include varied members from the region for enhanced networking and partnership opportunities.
- Improved decontamination stations and multiple extractors will serve to accommodate a safe and healthy learning environment. It is recommended that procurement of additional facilities be explored to ensure student safety.
- For curriculum compliance and self-sufficiency, it is recommended that the College explore avenues for procurement of a wildland-specific apparatus.
- It is recommended that procurement exploration be conducted for the following:
  - o Mobile devices (tablets) for supplementation of instructional delivery and Certification Exam participation
  - o Full PPE for applicable instructors

Program coordinators recognize the underserved student and regional agency populations in the region and have an expressed desire to bridge the regional fire service training and education gap. This focus on providing education for all students is indicative of the training devotion serving as the foundation of the program. Academy personnel possess an energetic approach to program development with a strong focus on maintaining diversified student populations while adhering to the standards set forth by State Fire Training. The College is proactively building cooperative relationships founded on producing strong, well-rounded fire service professionals.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, and the *SFT Procedures Manual (2019)*, Accreditation Process, Section 3.1.6(E), a one-year Conditional Accreditation was granted in 2021. To ensure program stabilization while working toward sustainability, an additional six-month Extension was provided in January 2022. All requirements set forth by State Fire Training have been satisfied for Reaccreditation and there has been no lapse in accreditation.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of San Diego Miramar College as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of four-and-a-half (4.5) years.

Documentation available upon request:

- San Diego Miramar Community College ARTP Conditional Accreditation 2021
- San Diego Miramar Community College ARTP Extension Provision 2022