

FY2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT

STATE FIRE TRAINING



OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Mike Richwine,
State Fire Marshal

In July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal - State Fire Training Division accomplished several remarkable goals that have enhanced the State Fire Training system for our stakeholders. This annual report highlights those exceptional efforts in the essential areas of the program.

The State Fire Training staff manage the California Fire Service Training and Education Program, which includes the California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES), Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP), and the California Fire Academy System. State Fire Training is a self-funded division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, whose services are provided through the fees paid by the participants. The Division coordinates various voluntary training systems designed to provide basic and advanced training and certification for Fire Fighters, Fire Apparatus Driver-Operators, Fire Officers, Fire Prevention Officers, Registered Instructors, Fire Investigators, Emergency Vehicle Technicians, and Technical Rescuers.

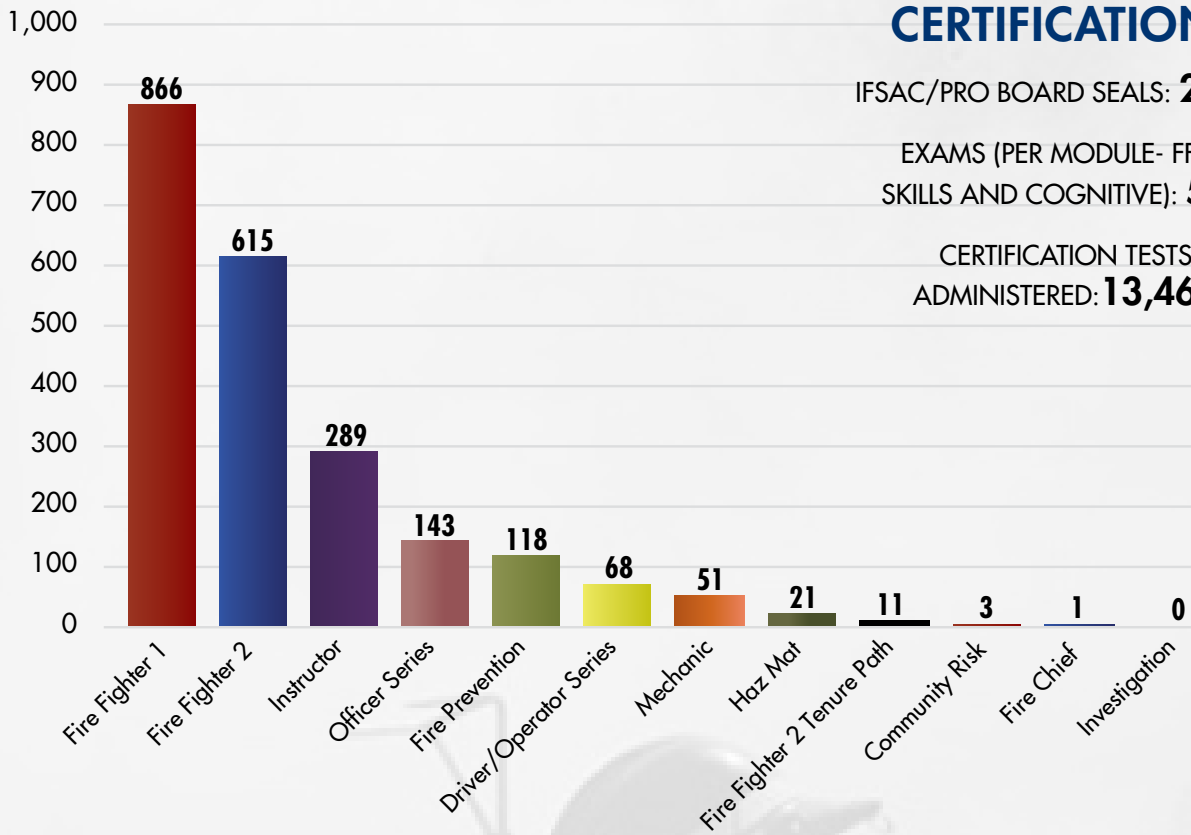
To support and maintain this program, State Fire Training implemented a fee adjustment in January 2021. Developed over the course of four years, this fiscal improvement ensures that State Fire Training will continue to support the California Fire Service with curriculum development and updates, while maintaining adequate staffing, designing program expansion and program improvements.

As with many agencies and programs, State Fire Training saw a reduction in the use of our system during COVID-19. Staff continues to work with the Accredited Academies to deliver courses in both online and hybrid formats while maintaining excellence in training and education standards.

At the Office of the State Fire Marshal, stakeholder participation is essential to achieving our mission, which is the protection of life and property through education, engineering, and enforcement in California. This stakeholder engagement includes the State Board of Fire Services, the Statewide Training and Education Committee, the curriculum cadres, Accredited Local Academies, Accredited Regional Training Academies, and numerous stakeholder groups and associations. The accomplishments of State Fire Training would not be possible without the partnerships and support that our stakeholders have so generously provided.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each of our employees in State Fire Training and their leadership team for all of their tireless efforts and dedication to the program. To our stakeholders and the public safety community statewide, you have my respect and admiration for all that you do to keep our communities safe.

FY 2019-20 STATISTICS



CERTIFICATIONS

IFSAC/PRO BOARD SEALS: **2,060**

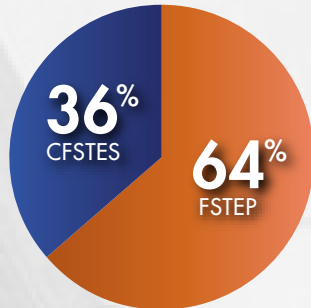
EXAMS (PER MODULE- FF1A SKILLS AND COGNITIVE): **504**

CERTIFICATION TESTS ADMINISTERED: **13,469**

State Fire Training is committed to providing the highest level of quality training and education to the California fire service community.

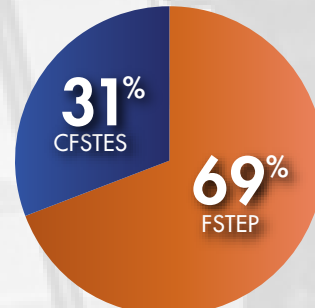
CLASSES TOTAL 2,172

UNIQUE STUDENTS:
18,406
COURSE RECIPROCALITY:
257



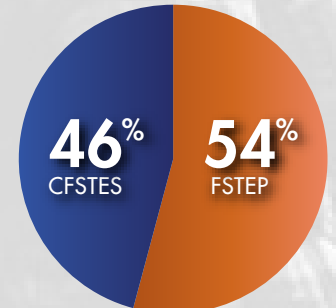
CFSTES 790
FSTEP 1,382

STUDENT COUNT TOTAL 41,901



CFSTES 12,857
FSTEP 29,044

STUDENT HOURS TOTAL 876,375



CFSTES 400,967
FSTEP 475,408

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FY20 Certifications and Courses

CFSTES

- Fire Fighter 1 (2019)
 - » Fire Fighter 1A: Structure
 - » Fire Fighter 1B: HazMat
 - » FRA/FRO
 - » Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland
- Fire Fighter 2 (2019)
 - » Fire Fighter 2A: Structure
- Fire Fighter 2 (2013)
Tenured Path
- Fire Inspector 1 (2014)
 - » Fire Inspector 1A: Duties and Administration
 - » Fire Inspector 1B: Fire and Life Safety
 - » Fire Inspector 1C: Field Inspection
- Fire Inspector 1D: Field Inspection – California Specific
- Fire Inspector 2 (2014)
 - » Fire Inspector 2A: Fire Prevention Administration
 - » Fire Inspector 2B: Fire and Life Safety Requirements
 - » Fire Inspector 2C: Inspecting New and Existing Fire & Life Safety Systems and Equipment
 - » Fire Inspector 2D: Hazardous Materials, Operations, and Processes
- State-Certified Prescribed-Fire (CA-RX) Burn Boss (2020)

FSTEP COURSES

- CA-219: Wildland Firefighting - Firing Operations (2019)
- Chief Fire Officer 3D: Command of Expanding All-Hazard Incidents (2019)
- Ethical Leadership for Instructors (2018)
- River/Flood Rescue Technician (2019)
- River/Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2018)

Continuous Improvement Plans

IFSAC/PRO BOARD ACCREDITATION

- SFT received international accreditation for Fire Fighter 2 in 2020 from IFSAC and Pro Board.

STATE FIRE TRAINING USER PORTAL

SFT implemented the Acadis Readiness Suite in 2016, and transitioned to the new system in 2016. Some of the benefits of this investment include:

- SFT Certification Exams through the SFT User Portal
- The SFT User Portal was launched in 12/2018. Users can access SFT Training Records 24/7, print course diplomas, training history reports, and certifications. Official transcripts can be emailed.
- Instructors are required to submit all course returns through the SFT User Portal.

STATE FIRE TRAINING REGULATIONS UPDATE

The regulations governing the California Fire Service Training and Education Program can be found in Title 19, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 13, California Fire Service Training and Education Program. The SFT regulations were recently updated, including changes to incorporated references:

- State Fire Training Procedures Manual (January 2019).
- Course Information and Required Materials Manual (January 2019).

FEE ADJUSTMENT

STATE FIRE TRAINING IS A SELF-FUNDED PROGRAM

SFT 2019 Fee Report

In 2019, the State Board of Fire Service (SBFS) and Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) approved the State Fire Training (SFT) Fee Report which outlined the need to adjust the fees for several SFT services. On September 3, 2020, these new fees were adopted into regulation and were filed with the Secretary of State, which became effective on January 1, 2021. Not all fees are listed.

The State Fire Training Fee Schedule.

COURSE DELIVERY

CFSTES Diploma	\$140
FSTEP Diploma	\$75

CERTIFICATION

Chief Fire Officer / Executive Chief Fire Officer	\$150
Community Risk Educator	\$100
Company Officer	\$100
Emergency Vehicle Technician / Fire Mechanic	\$100
Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator	\$100
Fire Fighter 1 Certification (2019)- certification included in price of Certification Exam.	
Fire Fighter 2 Certification (2019)	\$75
Fire Inspector / Plans Examiner	\$100
Fire Investigator	\$100
Fire Marshal	\$150
Hazardous Materials	\$100
Instructor	\$100

Participant fees are collected for services provided. The most recent fee adjustments were made in 2021 and 2008.

PEER ASSESSMENT AND ESTABLISHED EQUIVALENCY

PACE 2: Credential Evaluation (Instructors)	\$200
PACE 3: Course Equivalencies	\$200
Established Equivalencies	\$140

ACCREDITED ACADEMY FEES

ALA/ARTP Initial Accreditation	\$4,000
ALA/ARTP Reaccreditation	\$3,000
Fire Fighter 1 Exam Registration and Certification	\$150
Fire Fighter 2 Exam Registration	\$75
Custom Skill Sheets (per skill sheet)	\$100

INSTRUCTOR AND EVALUATOR

Evaluator Registration	\$50
Instructor Registration (maximum of three course registrations)	\$125

BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS



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OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

State Fire Training has accomplished many of the goals and objectives identified in the *Blueprint 2020 Gap Analysis*, published in April 2019. SFT has achieved this by identifying opportunities to improve the performance and quality of the State Fire Training system for our stakeholders. Review the links below to learn how we have redesigned and implemented some of these changes.

[Open Task Books](#)

[Skills Coach](#)

[Digital Certification](#)

[Mid Career](#)

[IFSAC/Pro Board Certification
Reciprocity for all levels](#)

[ALAs testing non-employees](#)

FY21 UPCOMING CURRICULUM PROJECTS

- Community Risk Reduction Educator
- Community Risk Reduction Officer
- Community Risk Reduction Specialist
- Company Officer
- Chief Fire Officer
- Executive Chief Fire Officer
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Aerial Apparatus
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Pump Apparatus
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Tiller Apparatus
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Water Tender Apparatus
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Wildland Apparatus
- Instructor 1
- Instructor 2
- Instructor 3



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CALIFORNIA FIRE ACADEMY SYSTEM

ACCREDITED ACADEMIES

There are two types of Accredited Academies; Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP) and Accredited Local Academies (ALA).

An Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) is defined as a partnership between an accredited community college or university and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to deliver approved State Fire Training (SFT) curriculum within a given region.

An Accredited Local Academy (ALA) is defined as a partnership between a fire agency serving a specific authority having jurisdiction and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to deliver approved State Fire Training (SFT) curriculum within a given region.



STATE FIRE TRAINING TEAM



Andrew Henning,
Chief



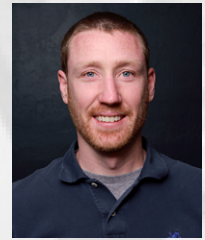
Chris Fowler,
Deputy State Fire
Marshal III, Supervisor



Kris Rose,
Staff Services
Manager I



Caryn Petty,
Deputy State
Fire Marshal



Brandon Erikson,
Associate Governmental
Program Analyst



Marisol Ramos,
Associate Governmental
Program Analyst



Rene Rose,
Staff Services Analyst



Kirsten Fonseca,
Staff Services Analyst



Frank Vue,
Staff Services Analyst



Diane Radford,
Office Technician



Kristahna Fiatarone,
Office Technician



Derek Lueth,
Office Technician



Joe Bunn,
Retired Annuitant



Mark Bisbee,
Retired Annuitant



Kevin Conant,
Retired Annuitant



Kevin Dickson,
Retired Annuitant



Jim Eastman,
Retired Annuitant



Rick Lum,
Retired Annuitant



Nick Pavone,
Retired Annuitant

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UP-TO-DATE**

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal protects life and property through the development and the application of fire prevention, engineering, education, enforcement, and regulations.