

FY 2022

ANNUAL REPORT



OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
STATE FIRE TRAINING





CHIEF'S MESSAGE



As California's newly appointed State Fire Marshal, I want to share my unwavering commitment to your training and education. I continue to be inspired by what the CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) State Fire Training team has accomplished during these past three years. As with so many leaders in our industry, I am in awe of what we have ALL been able to achieve and overcome. Through it all, this team has been deeply committed to supporting the continuous delivery of statewide training and education, engaging with our accredited academies, all while navigating the unique needs of the California Fire Service.

In 2022, State Fire Training added three new administrative personnel and one new manager to the team. Their commitment is to improve the timelines for the scheduling and processing of courses, certification examinations, instructor registration, and the issuance of certifications. State Fire Training also has increased its Field Operations team with the addition of two new Deputy State Fire Marshals who will support the program mission and increase stakeholder engagement statewide.

Time and time again, State Fire Training has continuously pivoted to meet our training needs, seamlessly processing thousands of certifications, course requests, variances, and course returns. They have been developing new curriculum, improving business processes, and conducting accredited academy site assessments, all while looking to the future of the program with the development of Blueprint 2030. They have been here for us, so we can be here for every Californian during this extraordinary time in our history. I share my deep gratitude with the State Fire Training Team and with you, for all that you do every single day.

I would like to thank Chief Mike Richwine, State Fire Marshal (Retired), for his ongoing support and leadership with State Fire Training throughout his time at the OSFM. Chief Richwine now serves as the Chair of the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC).

I would also like to thank Chief John Binaski for being the Chair of STEAC from January 2020 through June 2023. Under Chief Binaski's leadership, State Fire Training has experienced significant achievements and milestones, including 11 new courses, 29 course updates, two new certification programs, 12 new ARTP/ALAs, 44 ARTP/ALAs re-accreditations, and he chaired 14 STEAC meetings.

Lastly, I want to leave you with a short reflection on the legacy of former State Fire Marshal Ronny J. Coleman, who sadly passed away in September 2023. Chief Coleman's contribution to the fire service, and in particular training, is truly unmeasurable. In addition to the lengthy list of achievements, awards received, and committees he chaired, Chief Coleman led our STEAC for nearly 15 years. The work he championed during his tenure, leaves us a legacy and a foundation that we can now together build upon.

Thank you for your participation in State Fire Training, and for your continued support of fire service training.

DANIEL BERLANT
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

STATE FIRE TRAINING OVERVIEW



CALIFORNIA FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION SYSTEM (CFSTES)

■ Courses.....	56
■ Certifications.....	27
– NFPA Based.....	23

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (FSTEP)

■ Courses.....	110
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CALIFORNIA FIRE ACADEMY SYSTEM

■ Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTPs):	41
■ Accredited Local Academies (ALAs):	27

FY 2022 STATISTICS

TOTALS

COURSES **3,049**

UNIQUE STUDENTS **26,466**

TOTAL DIPLOMAS **55,677**

STUDENTS HOURS **1,156,575**



COURSES

COURSES
TOTAL 3,049



66% ■ FSTEP: 1,921
34% ■ CFSTES: 1,128

HOURS
TOTAL
1,156,575



60% ■ FSTEP: 694,630
40% ■ CFSTES: 461,945

TOTAL
DIPLOMAS
TOTAL 55,677



68% ■ FSTEP: 38,129
32% ■ CFSTES: 17,548

CERTIFICATION AND EXAM

PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATES

8,602 NATIONALLY
ACCREDITED

4,806 CALIFORNIA
SPECIFICS

EXAMS

10,101 TOTAL
STUDENTS

INSTRUCTOR

6,797 COURSE
REGISTRATIONS

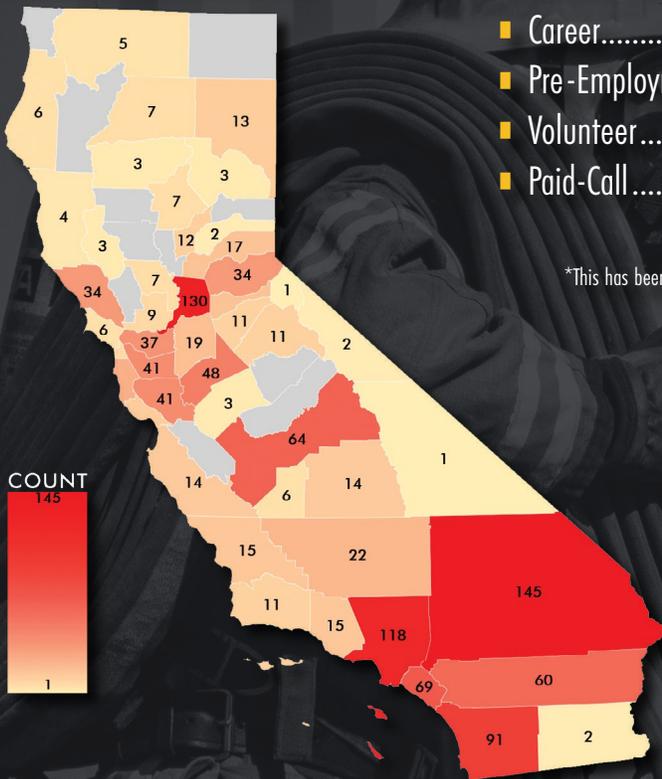
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CFSTES

TRAINING BY REGION



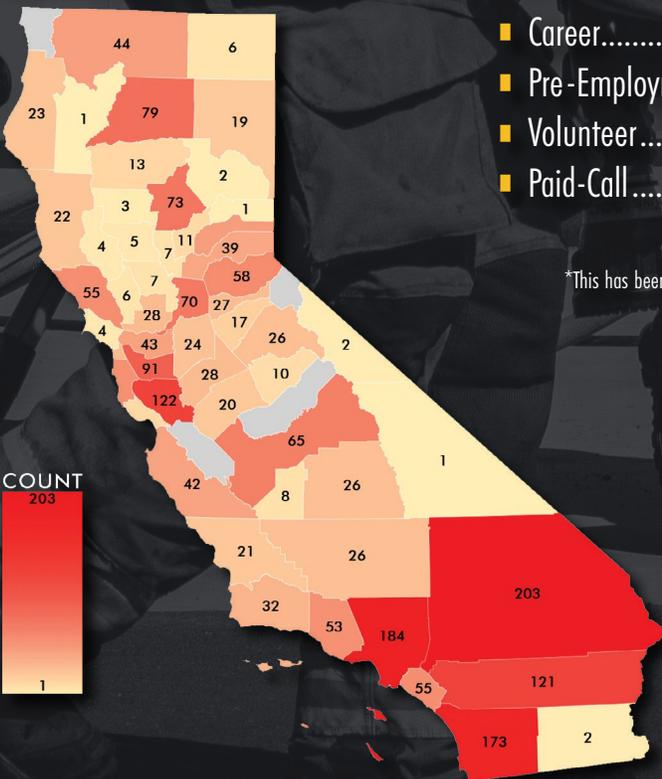
EMPLOYMENT TYPE*

- Career..... **94%**
- Pre-Employment **3%**
- Volunteer..... **2%**
- Paid-Call..... **1%**

*This has been self reported.

FSTEP

TRAINING BY REGION



EMPLOYMENT TYPE*

- Career..... **64%**
- Pre-Employment ... **30%**
- Volunteer..... **4%**
- Paid-Call..... **2%**

*This has been self reported.

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

State Fire Training (SFT) is a nationwide leader in fire service training and education, with recent updates aligning with nationally recognized professional qualifications. We include your voices as the subject-matter experts (SMEs) with a specialized focus on the needs of the California fire service. Particular attention is paid to the unique hazards faced by our stakeholders as well as the advanced level of training required for our level of service.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)-based curriculum is updated every five years, which is in alignment with NFPA Standard updates. While some changes are non-substantial, other NFPA amendments serve to enhance the training and safety of fire service personnel. Those major changes require curriculum revision. When curriculum is revised and/or updated, SFT establishes a diverse cadre of subject matter experts (SMEs), which are representative of the California fire service. As you may have seen with eNews, SFT publicizes the upcoming cadre opportunities via the website and social media. We encourage stakeholders of all ranks to apply and participate in the curriculum development process. Each application is thoroughly reviewed, with attention paid to ensuring diversification and statewide representation. The best candidates are then selected to take part in updating or creating the course(s) content. We deeply appreciate the fire departments, college programs, and SMEs that support SFT by keeping us current and relevant.

STATEWIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STEAC)

The Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) serves as an advisory committee to the State Fire Marshal on matters pertaining to training and education in the California fire service. They review and recommend action regarding standards and curriculum, instructor requirements, Accredited Local Academy (ALA) and Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) accreditations, policies and procedures, and strategic direction. You, as a stakeholder, are empowered to contact your respective representative(s) to directly engage in the discussions and decisions that take place at the statewide level.

REPRESENTATIVES:

- California Fire Chiefs Association (CalChiefs)
- California Fire Technology Directors Association
- CalChiefs - Training Officer Section
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
- Fire Districts Association of California
- Metropolitan Fire Chiefs
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- California State Firefighters' Association
- California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee
- League of California Cities
- FIRESCOPE
- California Professional Firefighter



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CURRICULUM PROJECTS

NEW:

- Marine Firefighter for the Land-Based Fire Fighter
- Incident Safety for the Agricultural Land and Livestock Producers
- Machinery Rescue Technician
- Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician
- Home Ignition Zone, Defensible Space Inspector

UPDATED:

- Common Passenger Vehicle (formerly Vehicle Extrication)
- Confined Space Awareness and Operations/Technician
- Structural Collapse Specialist Operations and Technician (formerly Rescue Systems 1, 2, and 3)
- Trench Rescue Technician
- Fire Fighter Survival
- Fire Fighter Rescue and RIC Operations
- Fire Control 4

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

- Acadis Feature Enhancement Project: State Fire Training (SFT) has invested in a feature for the SFT User Portal that supports digital payments and online invoicing for course delivery within the SFT User Portal. This feature aims to streamline the course return and invoicing process, reducing the time it takes for invoice generation. This project is nearly complete and is anticipated to roll out in 2024.
- Expansion of IFSAC and Pro Board – SFT, under the advice of STEAC, continues to evaluate which programs are optimal for expansion into IFSAC/Pro Board accreditation. Currently, only Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2 are recognized outside of California and stakeholders have requested additional expansion, beginning with Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2. SFT has initiated and will be forming stakeholder groups to develop the exam requirements, and anticipates being accredited by early 2025.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Peer to Peer Support – The development of training standards for a peer-to-peer course that supports full-time, part-time, paid-call, reserve, retired, volunteer personnel, and support staff in emergency services.
- Fire Fighter 1 and 2 – Update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series – Update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1010. This includes the Aerial Apparatus, Pump Apparatus, Tiller Apparatus, Water Tender Apparatus, and Wildland Apparatus
- Fire Inspector 1 and 2 – Update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1030.
- Plan Examiner – Update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1030.
- Fire Marshal – Update to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1030.
- Company Officer, Chief Fire Officer, and Executive Fire Chief Officer – Update to the 2019 edition of NFPA 1033 and the 2022 edition of NFPA 1140: Standard for Wildland Fire Protection.
- Fire Control 1 and Fire Control 2 – updates to reflect revised content in Fire Control 3.



ACCREDITED ACADEMIES

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF ACCREDITED ACADEMIES:

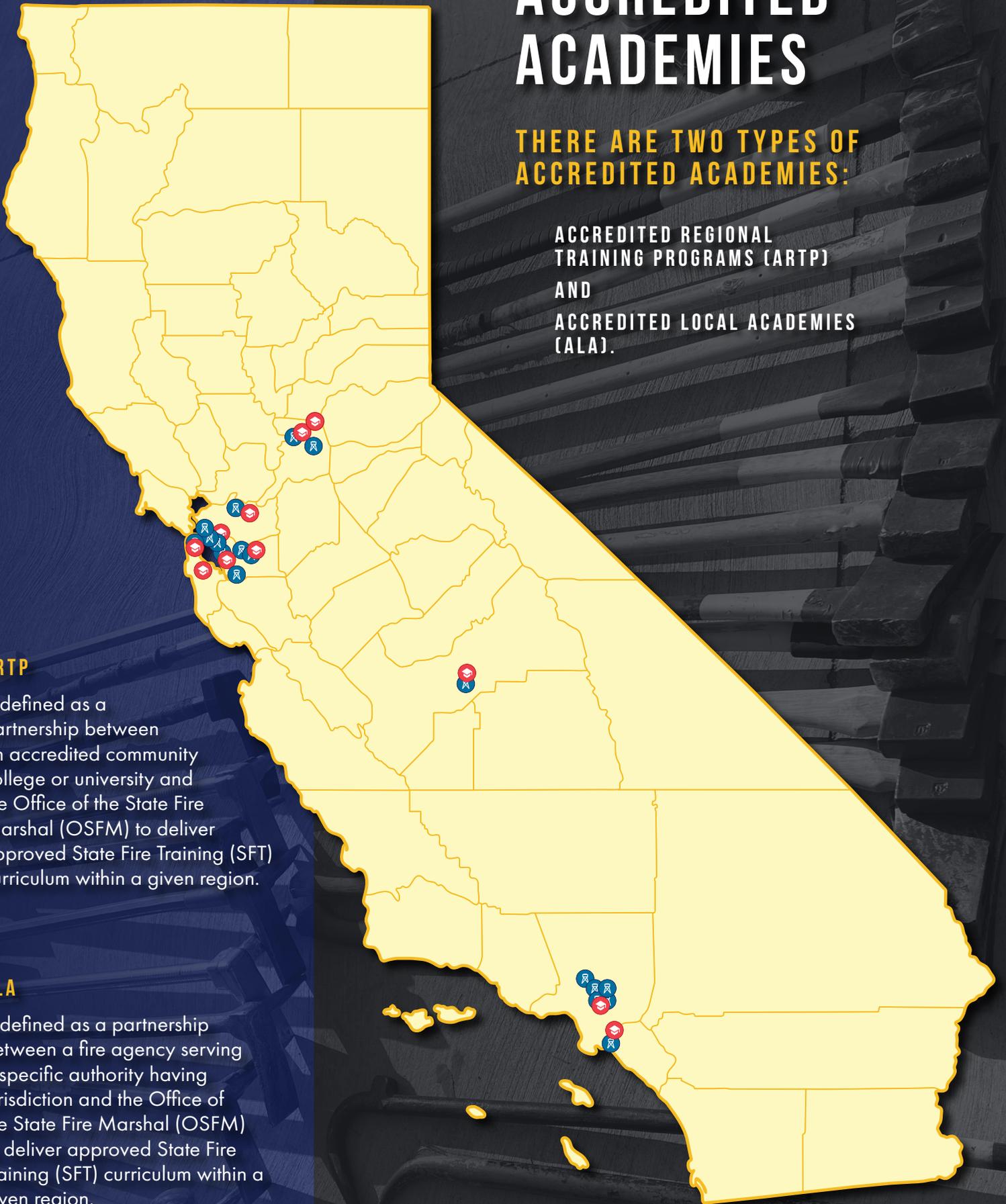
ACCREDITED REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS (ARTP) AND ACCREDITED LOCAL ACADEMIES (ALA).

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.

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.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The CAL FIRE - Office of State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training (SFT) is the division that establishes, develops, and delivers standardized training and education for the California fire service. The SFT website serves as a valuable resource and a one-stop shop for all things related to SFT.



Visit our website each month, as content is updated periodically. Also, join our E-newsletter and follow us on social media.



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Andrew Henning
Assistant Deputy Director

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Division Chief

Brandon Erickson
Staff Services Manager I

Kris Rose
Staff Services Manager I

OUR MISSION:

To enable the California Fire Service to safely protect life and property through education, training, and certification.