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To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee
c/o State Fire Training

From: Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal
State Fire Training

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Bakersfield College
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Re-Accreditation

Recommended Actions: Recommend Bakersfield College remain an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the re-accreditation period of five (5) years.

Background Information:

An accreditation site visit was conducted on March 18, 2019, at the Bakersfield College Olive Drive Training Facility located 5642 Victor Street in Bakersfield, California. The Site Evaluation was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with College hosts Dean of Instruction Richard McCrow; Program Director Dr. Tommy Tunson; Bakersfield Deputy Fire Chief Trever Martinusen; Kern County Fire Chiefs Butch Acosta and Steve Shoemaker; Academy Coordinator Alexander Clark; and program staff Janet Mason and Karen Mattox present throughout.

A review of the College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed with representatives present, 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 a tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower complete with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire

academy training program as supplemented by satellite and partnered training sites and locations. Bakersfield College successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for continued certification testing.

The training facility presents an appropriate academy classroom equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery and the College will continue hosting additional State Fire Training courses at the facility in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies.

Bakersfield College boasts flourishing relationships with fire agencies in Bakersfield and Kern County, routinely attracting students statewide to its centrally located campus through its varied curriculum and specialty course offerings. The College has an energetic approach to program enhancement with a strong focus on diversifying student populations while maintaining an unwavering adherence to standardization. The students and staff are eager participants in the State Fire Training system, seeking opportunities maintain communication with SFT regarding instructional delivery, academy enhancement, and instructor development. Bakersfield College is further expanding its training efforts by providing comprehensive training evolutions for participants at all fire service education and experience levels. A Public Safety Training Facility equipped with upgraded classrooms, a burn building, a drill tower, and an emergency vehicle course is planned for the near future that will further enhance the institution's regional training focus.

Bakersfield College possessed a strong devotion to complete student development from entry-level firefighters to career advancing leadership. Great pride and effort is exuded by the training staff in their curriculum delivery and program maintenance. The College maintains admirably cooperative relationships with neighboring agencies with a steadfast focus on producing strong fire service professionals. It is recommended that Bakersfield College continue to be designated as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system.