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Attachment 6

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

From: Caryn R. Petty, Deputy State Fire Mar

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend that Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District continue to be recognized as an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Re-Accreditation period of five years.

Background Information:

A re-accreditation site visit was conducted on November 1, 2018, at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Academy training facility at 7641 Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights, California. The Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted by State Fire Training personnel Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Fowler and Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty. Introductions were facilitated by Battalion Chief Adam House, Director of Training, and included Training Captain Kim Fong, Firefighter Aaron Todd, and Administrative Specialist Dana Lipps.

A review of the Department's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed with agency 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:

With the Mission of "providing professional and compassionate protection, education, and service to the community," Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District is a progressive agency dedicated to consistent professionalism. The District consistently strives for improvement throughout its recruitment and growth, with efforts focused on community service of the highest caliber.

"The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California."

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. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District successfully adheres to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and certification exam testing with all necessary equipment and props. The training facility presents an appropriate academy classroom equipped with necessary audio/visual equipment and learning aids. All Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials, devices, and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training.

Several Registered Instructors within the agency participate in the Academy delivery and the District will focus on hosting additional State Fire Training courses at their facility and in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies. Academy staff utilize a video-based testing system for evaluation purposes, with all student records maintained in a compliant and confidential manner.

To ensure continued success and compliance with Fire Fighter I testing, State Fire Training recommends that Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District witness and participate in the testing process with other experienced agencies or colleges in the region.

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District has demonstrated a strong devotion to training that is indicative of a progressive organization. The site team is unanimous in the recommendation of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District being re-accredited as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system.