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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:**

Fresno City College Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend Fresno City College be provided Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for a period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

A Reaccreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on May 20, 2022, at the Fresno City College Fire Academy training facility at 2930 E. Annandale Avenue in Fresno, CA. The accreditation visit was conducted by Deputy State Fire Marshal III (Specialist) Caryn Petty, State Fire Training. The College's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was reviewed and discussed with Academy Coordinator Peter Cacossa, 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 assess training course records and equipment complement.

**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. The College utilizes the Fire

Fighter (2019) curriculum and possesses all necessary materials for successful and complete Certification Examination delivery.

The College facility exhibits appropriate California Fire Code-compliant classrooms 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 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 locker rooms, shower facilities, 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.
- Continued progress of training facility construction at campus. This project is underway and is essential for curriculum delivery and student training.
- Finalized procurement of apparatus including water tender and wildland engine.
- Consideration of ARFF expansion at new training facility site as a future goal.
- It is recommended that procurement exploration be conducted for the following:
  - o Mobile devices (tablets) for supplementation of instructional delivery and Certification Exam participation

Fresno City College is a statewide leader in the training and development of fire service professionals, recruiting from local high schools and diversification outreach programs to generate and maintain career interest in young adults. The College provides numerous continuing education opportunities for those seeking career advancement, offering a growing array of specialized courses and training events. The College maintains a dedication to providing a strong fire training program to the communities it occupies, focusing on outreach efforts to reach underserved populations, student and staff recruitment, and cooperation with neighboring agencies and training programs. Fresno City College possesses a strong and devotion to student development through innovative, robust, and progressive training. All participants, staff, and students adhere to the strong program standards that have served as the foundation of this model fire service training program.

State Fire Training recommends continued recognition of Fresno City College as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training system for a Reaccreditation period of five (5) years.