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**To:** Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
State Board of Fire Services

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

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:**

Los Angeles County Fire Department Accredited Local Academy (ALA) Re-Accreditation

**Recommended Actions:**

Recommend Los Angeles County Fire Department remain an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.

**Background Information:**

A Re-Accreditation Site Evaluation was conducted on November 23, 2020, at the Los Angeles County Fire Department training facilities at 3325 Temple Avenue in Pomona and 28101 Chiquito Canyon Boulevard in Castaic. The Evaluation was conducted by Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Fowler and Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, State Fire Training, with Battalion Chief James Sullivan, Director of Training; Battalion Chief Mitch Diehl, Del Valle Regional Training Center; and Fire Captain Jamie Gabriel present throughout.

A review of the Department's Self-Assessment Report (SAR) was discussed, 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 an evaluation of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and equipment compliment.

**Analysis/Summary:**

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom spaces with fully functioning training towers 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. Los Angeles County Fire Department currently utilizes the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) and is adequately prepared to transition to the Fire Fighter 1 and 2 (2019) curriculum. The agency possesses all necessary materials for certification testing. In-house instructors are supplemented by SFT Regional Instructors from the region.

The training facility presents appropriate academy classrooms equipped with enhanced audio/visual equipment and necessary learning aids. Academy recruits are provided sufficient study materials and equipment for applicable success within the Academy training. Several Registered Instructors participate in the Academy delivery and the Department will continue to expand its hosting of additional State Fire Training courses in conjunction with cooperating and neighboring agencies.

- The Department delivers a technical and challenging training academy with ongoing needs for equipment and facility maintenance. The training grounds generate extensive use, and improvement and renovation needs have been individually identified.
- The current staffing is at its capacity with workloads beyond the Academy delivery that would be offset with additional resources and personnel. The Department has identified a specific need for additional clerical personnel to lessen the workload of existing staff and ensure the thorough delivery of the Academy free of peripheral assignments, tasks, and duties.
- A thorough budgetary review is recommended to ensure continued sustainability of the Training Division and the ALA Fire Fighter Academy.
- Consistent Fire Advisory Committee/Board meetings are recommended to improve the Training Division and associated programs.
- Additional SFT course deliveries to meet the needs of the region and agency are recommended.
- Improved locker rooms, shower facilities, decontamination stations, and 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.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides a robust training program, bolstered by active recruitment and outreach efforts. Well-rounded and experienced personnel provide for expansive response capabilities with a steadfast focus on serving the unique needs of the region. The Department provides comprehensive training evolutions focused on relevant and timely techniques.

Los Angeles County Fire Department has demonstrated a steadfast devotion to training, safety, and standardization. It is recommended that Los Angeles County Fire Department continue to be designated as an Accredited Local Academy in the State Fire Training system for a Re-Accreditation period of five (5) years.