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

From: Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

Subject/Agenda Action Item: Solano Community College
Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Reaccreditation

Recommended Actions: Recommend that Solano Community College continue as an ARTP in the State Fire Training (SFT) System.

Background Information:

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on December 3, 2015 at the Solano Community College located in Vacaville, California. The reaccreditation site visit was conducted by Sean Gascie, Fire Tech Director, Merritt College, Wellington Jackson, Coordinator, Merritt College, Bradley Arganbright, STEAC Member and Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal-SFT. Solano Community College was the 30th academy accredited by the OSFM in 2004.

An interview with Stan Arterberry, Interim Superintendent / President of Solano Community College District and Vice President Dr. Leslie Minor along Marie Morinec, Dean of Applied Technology and Business revealed continued and enthusiastic support for the college's fire technology program and fire academy. The Fire Technology program is administered and managed by Brian Preciado. Fire Chiefs within the area have given Solano College their support. The team toured Dixon Fire Department training facilities where 80% of the fire academy training takes place. The College also has available to them live burn facilities at Travis Air Force Base. Training records are adequately and securely stored and safeguarded.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the college classroom and the Dixon Fire Department training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with a fully functioning training tower along with fire training props. The fire academy has an adequate supply of tools and equipment and apparatus to support fire fighter I training.

The academy has switched over to the new 2013 Fire Fighter I training program at the beginning of January 2016. The potential exists for Solano Community College to become a certification testing center. A computer lab for on-line testing can be used for the written test. The training facility at Dixon Fire Department is adequate to support manipulative skills testing. The relationship between the Solano County Fire Chiefs and the college is solid under the leadership of Brian Preciado. The college recognizes that a part time clerical position may not be adequate in the long run for the amount of paperwork required for the

new Fire Fighter academy and certification testing. Solano Community College meets all of the SFT requirements and it is the site team's recommendation to allow Solano Community College to continue as an ARTP.