



**2015-16 Annual Report
Education & Training Committee**

Dan Stefano – Chairperson

Overview

The CSFA Education & Training Committee has continued to work on matters pertaining to fire service education, training, and professional development, while looking for and engaging in opportunities that provide support for the membership and the California Fire Service. Over this last year, we have been actively involved with statewide education and training programs and in assessing academic partnerships for the membership.

We have five members on the committee at this time and will be reevaluating the size, scope, and updating the participant involvement on the committee for next year.

- Dennis Frazier, Los Angeles City F.D. (retired)
- Samuel Hoffman, Berkeley FD (retired)
- Thomas Padden, Laguna Beach FD
- Richard L. Resurreccion, Long Beach FD / Chapman University
- Dan Stefano, Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue

Strategies and Goals of the Education & Training Committee

- *To strengthen the Education & Training Committee as a viable resource for CSFA membership.*
- *To promote the concept of professional development and recognition for firefighters.*
- *To research and monitor education and training programs regionally, statewide, and at a national level, which are relevant to California firefighters in terms of firefighter professional development, fire protection, and the California fire service.*
- *To share and promote educational and training opportunities for entry-level firefighters who are preparing for entry into the California fire service as well as training opportunities that will assist in the professional development of firefighters.*
- *To build educational and training partnerships in line with the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) and Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) related programs as well as with California State Fire Training.*
- *To build and promote CSFA's partnership with 2-3 regionally accredited and respected Colleges and/or Universities.*

Activities & Training

The Education & Training Committee works to establish collaborative partnerships with Educational and Training related organizations in order to expand and enhance professional development opportunities for CSFA members and the California fire service including, but not limited to: the Fire Service Training Institute (FSTI), California Community Colleges, California Public and Private Colleges/Universities, the California Fire Technology Directors Association (CFTDA), the California Fire Chiefs' Training Officers Association, California State Fire Training, and the National Fire Academy.

This year included a number of activities that have been continued from previous years, including active participation with State Fire Training through the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC), Mission Alignment, and the California Fire Chiefs Training Officers.

Additionally, this year included a partnership with the Retire Issues Committee to coordinate and assist in the deployment of social media training.

Looking Forward

The Education & Training Committee will look to partner more actively with our partners, in particular the California Community Colleges, FSTI, and other CSFA committees, while continuing to maintain a strong presence within the State Fire Training curriculum. Additionally, 2017 will provide the opportunity to update our mission, vision, and values as it relates to the direction the Board of Directors wishes to take.

Summary

The Education & Training Committee continues to move forward in a positive direction and there is much more that can be done, so if the Board of Directors have any specific suggestions or questions, please feel free to forward them to me. In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to President Shroud and Executive Director Gantt to discuss a future transition plan for me and our committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel A. Stefano', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daniel A. Stefano