



EL DORADO HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Serving the Communities of El Dorado Hills, Rescue and Latrobe"

April 30, 2023

Monica Pactol, Ph.D.
Vice President of Instruction
Folsom Lake College
10 College Parkway
Folsom, CA 95630

Subject: Letter of Support for Reestablishing the Fire Technology Program at Folsom Lake College

Dear Vice President Pactol,

On behalf of the El Dorado Hills Fire Department, we strongly support Folsom Lake College and its efforts to reestablish the Folsom Lake College Fire Technology Program. As a local fire department, we recognize the importance of well-trained and educated firefighters to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

The American Fire Service attributes improvements in training for firefighters to a decline in fire-related fatalities over the last decade. The Folsom Lake College Fire Technology Program, partnered with the El Dorado Hills Fire Training Center and the West Slope Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, will allow for the delivery of real-life, comprehensive training, strengthening the capabilities of our Departments and our Regional Partners.

We believe that Folsom Lake College's Fire Technology Program will significantly contribute to the development and advancement of the firefighting profession. The El Dorado Hills Fire Department is committed to assisting Folsom Lake College in establishing a comprehensive curriculum, combining theoretical knowledge and practical skills, enabling aspiring firefighters to be better prepared for the challenges they will face in their careers.

Reestablishing the Fire Technology Program at Folsom Lake College will benefit the local fire departments by providing a steady stream of qualified candidates and the entire Fire Service. These graduates will be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

In addition to our support, the El Dorado Hills Fire Department is committed to collaborating with Folsom Lake College by offering our facilities, resources, and expertise for the fire program's practical training exercises. We are committed to ensuring the success of this program and the development of the next generation of skilled firefighters.

We urge you to give your full support to the reestablishment of the Fire Technology Program at Folsom Lake College. Please feel free to contact us if you require any additional information or assistance in this regard.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to the positive impact that the Fire Technology Program at Folsom Lake College will have on our community and profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maurice Johnson".

Maurice Johnson, Fire Chief

CC: Christopher Morris, Ed.D.
Dean, Career Education
Folsom Lake College