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Las Positas College Fire Service Technology Program Receives FESHE Recognition *LPC becomes first in California to receive recognition*

(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College's (LPC) Fire Service Technology Program is the first program in California to receive the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) recognition.

Established by the United States Fire Administration and administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FESHE works with coordinators of two and four year academic fire and emergency medical services (EMS) management and degree programs to develop a network of emergency services-related education and training providers. The initiative additionally works to enhance the recognition of fire and emergency services as a profession and to reduce the loss of life and property from fire and other hazards.

"This is a monumental moment for the FST program," said Chief Chad McMullen, LPC Public Safety Manager. "Being the first FESHE recognized program in the state places the LPC FST program on the national map and allows our graduates to transfer to participating FESHE recognized four-year institution to obtain their bachelor's degree in fire management."

LPC was informed it had received recognition earlier this month. The process, spearheaded by LPC FST Program Coordinator German Sierra, included having FESHE review the LPC curriculum and student outcomes to verify they meet national standards. The program's ability to meet national standards also needed to be reviewed by the National Fire Academy.

LPC offers a Fire Service Technology associate in science degree, four Fire Service Technology certificates and the Las Positas Regional Fire Academy, which is accredited by the California State Fire Marshall, held in partnership with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and utilizes personnel from fire agencies throughout Alameda County. Visit laspositascollege.edu/fst/index.php for additional information on LPC's FST program.

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About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.