

Memorandum

To: Frank Kobayashi, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development, American River College (ARC)

From: Aaron Wilcher, Director, Center of Excellence (COE), North-Far North region

Date: December 20, 2018

Re: Program endorsement request for Basic Law Enforcement Academy

Background

American River College requested a program endorsement request for occupations related to the basic peace officer academy, Level 1 program.

The COE recently provided an extensive report on public safety occupations to Woodland Community College that contained the relevant labor market information. American River College should include that report along with the present memo for the regional consortium application.

Findings

- The 3-county region surrounding Woodland Community College outperformed the wider Sacramento region for police and sheriffs patrol officers, registering an increase of 80 officers over the ten-year period. The wider region saw a slight decline for the same occupation between 2007 and 2017, from 5,800 jobs to 5,400 jobs.
- Police and sheriff's patrol officers are expected to have nearly 400 annual openings for the 9-county region (the 7-County Sacramento region, plus Colusa and Lake counties).
- The median wages for police and sheriff's patrol officers are \$46 per hour for the wider 9-county Sacramento region.
- Awards data shows just 80 average annual awards for the Sacramento region from the program category associated with Police Academy (TOP 21-0510). The lion's share of public safety-related awards, hundreds annually, come from completions of Administration of Justice. The present memo and report for Woodland Community College did not investigate the required education and training that specifically qualifies candidates for police and sheriffs.

Recommendations

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SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION (FOR RC APPLICATION)

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COE Recommendation		
Move forward with program	Program is not recommended	Additional information needed
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