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ANNISTON FIRE TRAINING CENTER NAMED ACCREDITED SACSCOC GADSDEN STATE CAMPUS

ANNISTON, AL – Anniston City Leadership, in collaboration with the Anniston Fire Department, proudly announces the **official designation of the Anniston Regional Fire Training Center (ARTC) as a Gadsden State Campus with accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**. This designation and accreditation signify a monumental achievement in advancing education and training in firefighting within our community.

In September, Gadsden State Community College, accompanied by a distinguished team from the SACSCOC, visited the Anniston Regional Training Center as part of Gadsden State's expansion initiative. The team embarked on a comprehensive tour of the ARTC's cutting-edge facilities. The tour included engaging sessions with high school classes, equipment demonstrations, and insightful conversations with dedicated instructors.

"We are delighted to share the news of the official accreditation of our Anniston Regional Fire Training Center as a SACSCOC Gadsden State Campus," said Jeff Waldrep, Chief of the Anniston Fire Department. *"The SACSCOC team's visit was a tremendous success, resulting in an excellent report with no recommendations. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our dynamic Anniston Fire Department staff."*

As the year draws to a close, Anniston City Leadership and the Anniston Fire Department express sincere gratitude for the valuable partnership with Gadsden State Community College. The accreditation of the ARTC as a SACSCOC Gadsden State Campus solidifies the commitment to fostering educational excellence and professional development within the region.

"We appreciate the collaborative efforts that have led to this accreditation, and we eagerly anticipate building on this success and partnership to further serve the educational needs of our community," stated Mayor Jack Draper of the City of Anniston.

This accreditation not only recognizes the outstanding facilities and programs at the Anniston Regional Fire Training Center but also sets the stage for continued growth and success in providing exemplary training for future firefighting professionals.

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