



FIRE & EMS NEWS

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Fire & EMS News! Some of the highlights of this issue include:

- Chabot College Fire Technology Program – important information!
- Numerous firefighter employment opportunities!
- CPAT testing information!
- Paramedic program information!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – various EMS classes and opportunities
- Various fire related training opportunities!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

For reaching various career goals and/or milestones:

- **Tony Bertuccelli** has accepted a position as a Firefighter with the [Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department](#).
- **Joel Di Mauro** has accepted a position as a Firefighter/EMT with the U.C. Santa Cruz Fire Department
- **Michael Franklin** has accepted a position as a Firefighter with the [Union City Fire Department](#).
- **Frank Nunez** has accepted a position as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the [Mountain View Fire Department](#).

IMPORTANT CHABOT COLLEGE FIRE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM INFORMATION –

If you are planning on entering the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy, you will first need to complete the Fire Technology 89 class. Now, plan ahead as many people who take the Fire Technology 89 class for the first time are failing the class for various reasons. So, don't wait until the last minute and plan on taking it immediately before you want to enter the Firefighter 1 Academy! Give yourself some cushion in case you have to take the course again. **For more info regarding the Fire Technology 89 class, the Firefighter 1**

Academy, and why students are failing the Fire Technology 89 class as well as the academy, go to www.chabotfire.com/Academy.htm

Here is some important information from Bob Buell, the Chabot College Fire Technology Coordinator:

In future semesters, we will offer two FT-89 courses mid-semester before registration begins for the following semester: one course on the Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday schedule, and the other on the new Wednesday-Friday-Sunday schedule.

Any student who has successfully completed Fire Technology 50, 51, 52 and EMT (e.g., Health 81) may register for Fire Technology 89. Also, any student who has not completed one or more of these four courses, but is currently enrolled and attending (not dropped from) the courses this semester, may register for the FT-89 course.

CRN: 33273
Course: Fire Technology 89
Section: E72
Date/Time/Room: Tuesday April 17, 2007 - 5-8:50pm / 2642 (Chabot College)
Thursday April 19, 2007 - 5-8:50pm / 2904 (Chabot College)
Saturday April 21, 2007 - 8:30am-12:20pm / 2904 (Chabot College)
Saturday April 21, 2007 - 1-4:50pm / 2642 (Chabot College)

BEYOND THE RED LIGHTS & SIRENS – An Interactive Recruitment for Fire, Rescue, and Prehospital Emergency Medical Service Careers!

Come visit Chabot College and find out more about becoming a firefighter and / or working in the Emergency Medical Services professions! Bob Buell (Fire Technology Coordinator), Brian Stewart (EMT Program Director) and Mary Pastore (Fire Science Conditioning Instructor) and other fire service professionals will be on hand to answer questions about the career of firefighting and other EMS fields, as well as provide valuable information to help you best prepare for the career of your dreams!

On **Saturday May 12**, Chabot College will host this exciting and educational event, from 10 am to 2 pm.

This activity will provide participants with an opportunity to experience many of the skills and abilities necessary to succeed in the fire, rescue and emergency medical professions through interactive demonstrations. Local firefighters and EMS professionals will be present to discuss requirements for employment in these prospective fields, and what it takes to be successful in those careers. The educational opportunities available through the Chabot College Fire Technology, Health and Physical Education Divisions will be highlighted.

Chabot College is located at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward, California – 94545, just off of Freeways 880 and 92. For Mapquest directions, [CLICK HERE](#).

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Tacoma Fire Department:

The following information was taken for the City of Tacoma website regarding their upcoming firefighter recruitment. For more information, go to www.cityoftacoma.org and read below:

*****The City of Tacoma Human Resource Department will be accepting applications for the position of entry-level firefighter March 5, 2007 through May, 18 2007.*****

Applications will be available during this period at the City of Tacoma's Human Resource Department, located in the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St. Room #1336. Candidates can also download applications from the Employment section of the city's web site – www.cityoftacoma.org

It is the **candidate's responsibility** to return the completed application to the City of Tacoma's Human Resource Department. Applications **will not** be accepted at any Tacoma Fire Department fire station or facility. In addition, applications will only be accepted during the specified application period.

The written exam is tentatively scheduled for June. Information regarding study material for the written portion of the exam will be provided with the application.

Tacoma Fire Department Minimum Job Requirements

You must meet the following criteria to be eligible for employment with the Tacoma Fire Department:

- 18 years of age at time of application.
- Possession of a valid Washington State Driver's License at the time of appointment.
- High School diploma, GED or equivalent.
- A non-smoker/tobacco user within the last two years.
- Applicants must pass all portions of the selection process, which includes:
- Written examination
- Physical Abilities Test (PAT) [click here for PAT Course description](#)
- Oral examination
- Medical examination
- Background check including driving record, criminal history, credit history

Applicants must pass all portions of the selection process, which includes a background check and the following: written, physical abilities test, oral interview and a medical physical.

Who Should Apply?

We are seeking disciplined individuals who would like to serve their community and are drawn to challenges. The Department encourages participative decision-making, equal opportunity and personal growth.

The Tacoma Fire Department is an equal opportunity employer.

All qualified persons will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, marital status, or disability status and/or veteran status.

We are made up of a highly skilled, diverse workforce. The Tacoma Fire Department values the uniqueness and diversity of each of our 400+ members. We believe our strength lies in our ability to reflect the community we serve.

Opportunities/Career Paths

There are many career paths and opportunities available to members of the Tacoma Fire Department. In addition to working as part of a team on an Engine or Ladder company, there are many specialized areas within the department. Some of these specialized areas include: Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Unit, Fire Prevention and Education, Firefighter Training, Firefighter Safety and Fire Communications. There are also excellent opportunities to advance through the ranks to Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain and Battalion Chief.

For more information about the **City of Tacoma**, visit their website at: www.cityoftacoma.org

For more information about the **Tacoma Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?nid=168

For more information about the **Tacoma Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Union Local 31**, visit their website at: www.iafflocal31.com

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

The [San Francisco Paramedic Association](http://www.sfpaa.org) is looking for volunteers for the following upcoming EMS related classes:

**Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Classes -
Volunteers Needed**

Dates / Locations / Times:	- Thursday April 26	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Friday April 27	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Tuesday May 15	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Thursday May 17	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Thursday May 24	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Friday May 25	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Tuesday August 21	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Wednesday August 22	from 1230 to 1730 hours

	<p>**Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.</p> <p>NOTE: <i>All of the above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)</i></p>
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a trauma emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
Contact person(s):	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or email them at director@sfparamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php

Advanced Medical Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday May 10 from 1230 to 1700 hours - Friday May 11 from 1030 to 1630 hours - Thursday August 23 from 1230 to 1700 hours - Friday August 24 from 1030 to 1630 hours <p>NOTE: <i>All of the above classes will be held at the San Francisco Paramedic Association – 657 Mission Street, Suite 302, San Francisco, CA 94116</i></p> <p>*** Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.</p>
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a medical emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
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PARAMEDIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION **INFO – Northern California Training Institute**

Northern California Training Institute (NCTI) is holding pre-entrance examinations for their upcoming Paramedic classes around the State.

The following information was provided to me by Jennifer Reed, their Bay Area Manager (also Lead Paramedic) for NCTI:

Steve:

I am hoping you will assist me in getting the word out by printing and posting this flyer for the fall Hercules Paramedic class. The entrance exam dates are 4/9/07 and 4/16/07 at the Livermore Classroom. The class will be held in Hercules and is on Mondays and Thursdays from 0900 to 1800 hours.

Many EMT students are looking for a class but do not realize how early they must plan in order to get into a class months from now. We also offer the Anatomy and Physiology class that is required to enter a paramedic program. Thanks for your assistance!

HERCULES PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ENTRANCE EXAMS

Exam Dates:

- Monday, 4/9/07 9am - Noon
- Monday 4/16/07 1pm – 4pm

Exam Location:

NCTI Classroom
7543 Southfront Rd.
Livermore, CA 94551

PROGRAM START:

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Register at www.ncti-online.com

Call Glenda Lee Bryce, Marketing & Student Relations Manager
With any questions.
888-609-6284 ext. 110
888-609-6285

NCTI is the nation's largest provider of paramedic education, graduating more than 500 new paramedics each year from numerous West Coast locations. All NCTI paramedic programs in all locations require prospective students to first sit for the HOBET entrance exam and obtain a passing score in order to be eligible for enrollment.

Here is more information I downloaded from their website:

NCTI holds the HOBET entrance exam for all paramedic program placements. NO late arrivals are allowed at the exam. Please make arrangements to arrive early. All application information is accessible from the NCTI homepage at www.ncti-online.com – ***Please return all materials prior to the test date!***

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course fulfills all of the training requirements set forth by the State of California for Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the National Registry Exam which NCTI hosts throughout the year at our Roseville Campus. This certification can lead to employment in a wide range of fields, to include ambulance or fire paramedic, E.R. technician, special functions paramedic, sporting events, concerts, etc. NCTI is owned by American Medical Response, Inc. (AMR) and direct employment referrals are a benefit reserved for NCTI students.

TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Complete an approved Anatomy and Physiology course within the last 5 years
- Possess a current CPR card and a current EMT-1 or EMT II certification
- Applicants whose certification expires less than twelve (12) months prior to the enrollment date are also eligible

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING

PHASE I - (Didactic & Lab)

400 Hours (approx. 6 months)

Course days and times will be announced at a later date.

PHASE II - (Clinical Rotations)

160 Hours (approx. 2 months)

individually, as arranged for each student, at one of several acute care hospitals in the area.

Guaranteed placement by NCTI.

PHASE III - (Field Internships)

480-720 Hours (approx. 4 months)

Depending on experience and performance individually, as arranged for each student.

Guaranteed placement by NCTI. (This is a key selling point when shopping around for paramedic schools!)

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

General knowledge of first aid and the ability to handles stressful situations and/or prior experience as an EMT with an ambulance or fire service provider agency.

ADMISSION TESTING

\$50.00 entrance exam fee (non-refundable / non-transferable)

COURSE FINANCING

Tuition may be paid by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover.

TESTING DATES & TIMES

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Livermore, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Thursday September 13, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday September 20, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Roseville, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday June 6, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday June 13, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday October 3, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday October 10, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom

For their **Paramedic Course** held in Santa Barbara County, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday August 8, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
- Wednesday August 8, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Milpitas, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Thursday May 10, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday May 17, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Emeryville, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Monday June 4, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday June 11, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Hercules, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Monday April 9, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

- Monday April 16, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

FOR MORE INFORMATION - Visit their website at www.ncti-online.com – also, for links to those above tests and classes, [CLICK HERE](#).

This is not meant to be an endorsement or recommendation of their program. It is listed as a service and a resource for you to evaluate and determine on your own.

For a listing of other EMT and paramedic programs being offered around the state, go to the website LINKS section of our website at www.chabotfire.com/Links.htm - there you will find numerous locations offering such training.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

The following training seminars are available through Fire Nuggets – a.k.a. www.firenuggets.com – a great fire service training and education resource offering not only training seminars around the country, but also training and education resources on their website from noted fire service authors/personnel.

One of the benefits of Fire Nuggets is that you only pay \$9.95 per year and have access to numerous fire service training and educational articles from some of the leading fire service experts!

Some of their numerous upcoming training seminars include:

S-404 (Safety Officer), taught by Mike Bryant, Deputy Chief with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

- April 3, 4 and 5, 2007 – Seaside, California

OR:

- April 24, 25 and 26, 2007 – Napa, California

Commanding the Mayday and RIC Operations, featuring the rescue of Captain Gary Morgan, taught by Mike Bryant, Deputy Chief with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

- May 1, 2007 – Puyallup, Washington

OR:

- May 10, 2007 – Salinas, California

Fire Fighting Command, taught by Mike Bryant, Deputy Chief with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

- June 2 and 3, 2007 – Eureka, California

For more information on any of the above classes, including how to register, go to www.firenuggets.com/seminars05.htm



2007 DENVER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

The following classes will be presented in Denver, Colorado at the PPA Event Center. Fire Nuggets is offering the Professional Development Series individually at \$95 or all five classes for \$350. Cost includes lunch, class materials, and certificate. For attendance at all five classes, a special certificate will be presented. [Click here for a printable brochure describing all five classes.](#)



April 27, 2007

WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE'RE GOING

Register

Friday, April 27, 2007 — Division Chief Pat McGrail, Denver Fire Department (ret.); Chief George Godbach, West Metro Fire Rescue, Lakewood, Colo. (ret.) and Fire Department, City of New York (ret.); Lieutenant Phil Miller, Denver Fire Department; and Lieutenant John Ciriello, Fire Department, City of New York — [WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, WHERE WE'RE GOING](#)

This seminar will feature several speakers from different generations of the American fire service. Attendees will learn about where we've been, including an inside look at what it was like to be an urban firefighter during the "war years" from two of the most experienced firefighters of that generation. We will hear about where we are, including the perspective of two highly experienced fire officers in today's fire service. Finally, we will take a look at where we're going, the future of the fire service, including the thoughts from members of today's generation of firefighters. This multi-generational presentation will illustrate real life mentoring, and how tomorrow's firefighter is a product of the example that each of us sets today. The presentation is about real life leadership, with a focus on our fireground and emergency service operations. Attendees will leave with real solutions, proven over the past 100 years, which will help guide them successfully into the 21st century. Numerous topics will be covered, including case studies, with fireground video and photos to stimulate thought provoking questions.



June 15, 2007

**THE
FIREHOUSE
TO FIRE
FLOOR**

Register

Friday, June 15, 2007 — Lieutenant Bob Pressler, Fire Department, City of New York (ret.), currently Captain, Montgomery VFD, New York — [THE FIREHOUSE TO FIRE FLOOR](#)

This class is designed to cover all aspects of firefighting. Starting in the firehouse, before the alarm even hits, the class looks at the pre-fire aspect of firefighting. The first segment includes a look at the American fire service, firehouse life, training issues, and the P.A.T.H. to being successful. Everything we do on the fire ground starts with the foundation that is assembled in the firehouse.

The 5-Point Size-up or BELOW segment takes the common 13-point size-up most of us use and narrows it down to the most critical points that a first-to-arrive company officer and firefighters must address. The fire building is looked at by type construction as well as by occupancy. Smoke and fire conditions are observed and "read" to gather information to determine how to attack and subdue the fire. Engine and truck operations based on these observations are expanded upon for an efficient and effective operation.

Finally, the Suburban Firefighter segment takes a look at our most common fires, private houses, stores and garden apartments, and discusses pre-planning, training, setting up apparatus and operations based on limited staffing.



**August 10,
2007**

**DEVELOPING
FIREGROUND
TACTICAL
EXCELLENCE**

Register

Friday, August 10, 2007 — Chief Robert Halton, Editor, *Fire Engineering* magazine; chief, Coppell, Texas, Fire Department (ret.) — [DEVELOPING FIREGROUND TACTICAL EXCELLENCE](#)

In this interactive program, Bobby will present today's thoughts on fireground decision making based on the latest in the field of decision making research. Bobby will review the factors which effect fireground survival and success. Using incident scene simulations, case studies and post incident reviews, participants can develop techniques and tools to help learn more from the contextual decisions of others. Bobby will review and discuss the dynamics of the fire scene and the rapid decision making skills necessary for today's fire officer.



**October 26,
2007**

**BACK TO
BEING A FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

Register

Friday, October 26, 2007 — Deputy Chief Tracy Raynor and Deputy Chief George Webb, Boise Fire Department — [BACK TO BEING A FIRE DEPARTMENT](#)

With the wide range of services that a modern fire department must provide, the word "Fire" in our name, "Fire Department" has far too often been given a lower priority. Chiefs Raynor and Webb are two fire service leaders that have not forgotten about our primary mission. The Boise Fire Department serves as a model in the American fire service, as the BFD is a full service organization that has not lost its ability to provide our most fundamental service, fire suppression.

This seminar provides valuable advice and guidance for attendees on how they can achieve excellence in their organization. Topics will include fireground and emergency service operations with limited resources, with a central focus on the importance of ongoing, quality training programs. The BFD leads the industry with their innovative and cutting edge training methods, from instilling tradition, trust, and teamwork in their recruit firefighters, to educating countless firefighters from across the American fire service at the annual Boise Fire Safety Symposium.

Handling emergencies from single-family dwellings to the major incidents will be discussed, with an emphasis on how the BFD trains and prepares their members for battle. Chiefs Raynor and Webb will highlight how attitude and mindset play a major role in your fire department's overall success and safety, and how you can keep your organization moving in the right direction. The BFD hires good people and asks them to do great things. This seminar will offer ideas you might use to meet that goal.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH CHABOT COLLEGE:

Bob Buell, Fire Technology Coordinator at Chabot College has advised me he is almost done with finalizing the flyers for the following State Fire Marshal certified courses that will be offered through Chabot College over the next couple of months. Registration has not yet opened, so please don't contact us requesting registration information. All that I have for now is below. As soon as I receive the registration flyers, I will post them on the TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES section of our website. Go to www.chabotfire.com and click on TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES to find valuable information on these classes as well as many other fire service training opportunities currently available or soon-to-available.

Registration flyers coming soon for the following classes:

Driver/Operator 1A (Emergency Vehicle Operations):

Monday through Friday: Monday April 30 through Friday May 4, 2007

Location: Emeryville Fire Department, Fire Station #2, 6303 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA

Registration flyer coming soon - will be posted at www.chabotfire.com/Training.htm as soon as it is finalized. Registration flyer will have information regarding how to register. Until then, mark your calendars and thanks for your patience!

Driver/Operator 1B (Pump Operations):

Monday through Friday: Monday May 21 through Friday May 25, 2007

Location: Emeryville Fire Department, Fire Station #2, 6303 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA

Registration flyer coming soon - will be posted at www.chabotfire.com/Training.htm as soon as it is finalized. Registration flyer will have information regarding how to register. Until then, mark your calendars and thanks for your patience!

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY –
Sacramento Fire Department:

The [Sacramento City Fire Department](http://www.sacramento.gov) is one of the larger fire departments in the State. They are a full-service fire department that includes ALS transporting ambulance service. They will be testing quarterly for the position of **FIRE RECRUIT**.



- **July 14, 2007** Cut off for filing for this test is June 15, 2007
- **October 13, 2007** Cut off for filing for this test is October 13, 2007

Note: Cut-off deadlines and test dates are tentative and are subject to change without prior notification.

Job Title: **Fire Recruit**

Salary: \$16.67 - \$16.67 hourly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Sacramento, California

[Description](#) [Benefits](#) [Supplemental Questions](#)

Exam# 05083-07-1

Fire Recruit is a training-level classification used for the 16-week Sacramento Regional Fire Academy. Incumbents undergo a formal training program in the Academy where they receive basic training in fire fighting methods, equipment operation, medical aid, and physical fitness. This Academy must be completed even if similar training has been completed elsewhere. Upon successful completion of the training and graduation from the Academy, the Fire Recruit will attain probationary status as a Firefighter with a monthly salary range up to \$6,195.21 (based on a 56-hour work week), which includes incentive pay for paramedic and/or educational achievements. (Failure to complete the Academy successfully will be cause for termination.)

Firefighters are sworn to protect life and property by combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires as well as performing emergency medical assistance. The majority of their time is spent on medical emergency and non-emergency situations. Firefighters work 24-hour shifts with an average workweek of 56 hours; however, some assignments may require 8-hour shifts with an average workweek of 40 hours.

Fire Recruit is distinguished from the Firefighter and Firefighter-Paramedic in that it is a recruiting and training-level classification and incumbents do not perform emergency duties, while the Firefighter and Firefighter-Paramedic are journey-level and incumbents are expected to perform the full range of duties of a Firefighter or Firefighter-Paramedic.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Immediate supervision is provided by higher level Fire personnel.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Depending upon assignment, duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Attend training sessions to learn fire fighting methods.
- Learn basic concepts of fire science.
- Learn basic defensive driving techniques of fire vehicles.
- Learn equipment operation and maintenance procedures and practices.
- Learn to operate fire extinguishers, fog nozzles, and similar equipment in extinguishing fires.
- Learn to raise, lower, and climb ladders.
- Learn salvage and overhaul operations.
- Learn fire fighting safety practices.

- Learn basic emergency medical procedures.
- Learn the organization, chain of command, and rules and regulations of the Sacramento Fire Department.
- Receive and participate in physical fitness training.
- Learn other related courses or programs as required.
- Other related duties may also be performed; not all duties listed are necessarily performed by each individual.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- Basic arithmetic functions.

Ability to:

- Understand and learn fire fighting information from oral and written sources.
- Read and write the English language at a level necessary for efficient performance.
- Understand mechanical diagrams and concepts.
- Understand and follow oral instructions.
- Learn the physical layout and street system of the City of Sacramento.
- Learn a wide variety of fire fighting duties, methods, and procedures including the operation of fire fighting apparatus, equipment, and tools.
- Learn to perform physical and strenuous fire fighting work requiring physical strength, coordination, endurance, and flexibility.
- Establish and maintain cooperative relations with others.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

A high school diploma or GED equivalent -AND- 20 semester units (or 30 quarter units) from an accredited college or university -AND- Possession of a current Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I) Certificate or higher.

-OR-

A high school diploma or GED equivalent -AND- 3 years of experience as a paid professional firefighter -AND- Possession of a current Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I) Certificate or higher.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

•Age:

Must be at least 21 years of age by the test date.

- Citizenship:

Must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship. Must be a United States citizen within 3 years of the date of appointment to Fire Recruit.

- Medical Examination/Drug Test:

If considered for appointment, candidates must pass a medical examination and a drug test.

- Background:

If considered for appointment, candidates must pass a background investigation, which includes a criminal history check for job-related convictions, fingerprinting, polygraph test, credit check, and drug use history.

- Driver License:

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License at the time of appointment. Loss of the Class C License is cause for discipline. This requirement may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for individuals with disabilities. Must have the ability to obtain Class B Driver License with appropriate endorsements during the Sacramento Fire Training Academy. Failure to obtain the license will be cause for termination.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Paramedic Certificate:

Possession of a current, valid California Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Certificate (EMT-P), accredited by the County of Sacramento Emergency Medical Service Agency, prior to the completion of the Sacramento Fire Training Academy is mandatory for paramedic assignments.

- Respiratory Protective Equipment:

Work in this classification requires wearing respiratory protective equipment at times. When assigned to such work, facial hair must be shaven when it interferes with the safe fitting of respiratory protective equipment.

- Residency Requirement:

Must reside within a 35 air mile radius from the freeway interchange at W-X Streets, 29th-30th Streets within one year following appointment as a Firefighter.

- Physical Performance Requirement:

Those appointed to Firefighter as a result of this examination must pass an annual physical performance test. Refusal to take the test or failure to

pass it will subject a firefighter to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

•Tobacco Use Restriction:

Applicants in this classification are required not to smoke or use any tobacco products during the 12 months prior to the final filing date of the examination.

THE SELECTION PROCEDURE:

1. Application Review: (Pass/Fail) – All applicants must complete and submit a City of Sacramento Fire Recruit employment application **AND** a completed Supplemental Questionnaire to the City of Sacramento Employment Office by the cut-off deadline. All necessary paperwork must be submitted before the cut-off deadline. Incomplete applications and/or Supplemental Questionnaires will not pass the application review; omitted information cannot be considered or assumed. *The Fire Department may give preference to candidates who possess an active/current Paramedic License.*

2. Written Test: (100%) – The written test may include mathematical functions, reading comprehension, map reading/interpretation, interpersonal/customer service, and the ability to interpret mechanical and three-dimensional diagrams.

3. Physical Performance Test: (Pass/Fail) – Applicants who pass the written test will be required to complete and pass the physical performance test prior to entering the Sacramento Regional Fire Academy. This test includes several sequential events that must be completed within a specified time limit. [More Information](#).

CUT-OFF INFORMATION – Cut-off deadlines are by 5:00 p.m. on the date(s) listed below.

Cut-Off Date: June 15, 2007

Written Test Date: July 14, 2007

Cut-Off Date: September 14, 2007

Written Test Date: October 13, 2007

Cut-off dates and test dates are tentative and are subject to change without prior notification.

ABOUT THE ELIGIBLE LIST - If you meet the minimum qualifications and you pass the written test, your name will be placed on the Fire Recruit eligible list for one year (this eligible list may be extended for up to a total of four years). You may reapply one year after the date the eligible list is established.

CONTINUOUS FILING INFORMATION - Candidates that are not successful in the written test may reapply to take the test one year from the date of disqualification. Candidates whose names are placed on the eligible list may reapply one year after the date the eligible list is established.

QUESTIONS? - If you have specific questions regarding the Fire Recruit position, visit the Sacramento Fire Department website at www.cityofsacramento.org/fire or call them at (916) 433-1300.

For questions concerning this job announcement, log onto our website at www.cityofsacramento.org/personnel or visit the Employment Office, Historic City Hall, 915 I Street - Plaza Level, Sacramento, CA 95814-2604 or call (916) 808-5726.

What is the position of fire recruit?

The [Sacramento City Fire Department](#) is responsible for the protection of life and property and for providing EMS to the community. Fire Recruits attend the Sacramento Fire Training Academy for 20 weeks and receive basic training in firefighting methods, equipment operation and maintenance, physical fitness, fire science concepts, and a variety of other subjects.

Candidates who satisfactorily complete the training and graduate from the academy are given probationary status and assignments as firefighters. Some graduates who hold current certification as paramedics may be assigned as Firefighter/Paramedics. In addition, all candidates must pass a background investigation, fingerprinting, medical examination, and drug testing prior to becoming a firefighter.

What are their requirements?

In order to qualify for entrance into the Recruit Academy, you must:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- Have a current EMT-1 certificate or higher.
- Have 20 semester units or 30 quarter units from an accredited college or university. Three years as a paid firefighter may be substituted for the above college units.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Pass a written examination.

Special qualifications:

- You have not smoked or used any tobacco products during the 12 months prior to testing.
- Possess a valid California Class C driver's license at the time of appointment.
- Ability to obtain a Class B driver's license with appropriate endorsements during the Sacramento Fire Training Academy. Failure to obtain license will be cause for termination.

- Wear respiratory protective equipment at times. When assigned to such work, facial hair must be shaved when it interferes with the safe fitting of such equipment.
- Reside within a 35 air mile radius from the freeway interchange at W-X streets and 29th – 30th streets within one year following appointment as a firefighter.
- Pass the physical ability test each year as a condition of employment

Additionally you must

Pass a physical ability test which includes the following events:

- Hose drag
- Hose Carry / Stair climb
- Hose Hoist
- Smoke Ejector
- Citizen Rescue
- Dry Hose Load

A videotape of the physical ability test is available at the following locations:

- Any branch of the Sacramento City or County library system.
- American River College Library, 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841
- Consumnes River College Library, 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95821

For more information you may contact:

- Sacramento City Personnel Department (916) 264-5726
- The Fire Recruit Hotline: (916) 264-8172
- The City 24-hour jobline: (916) 264-8568

To download an application - Go to the JOB OPPORTUNITIES section of their website at www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/jobopportunities.html

To find out more information about the Sacramento City Fire Department - Visit their website at www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/

To find out more information about the City of Sacramento - Visit their website at www.cityofsacramento.org

To find out more information about the Sacramento City Firefighters Association, LOCAL 522 - Visit their website at www.iaff522.org/

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING & SAFETY INFORMATION:

The following information comes courtesy of Nicol Juratovac, and I think is really worth sharing with all of you. This information may just save your life or the life of a fellow brother or sister firefighter!

Some months ago, I was asked by Women in the Fire Service, Inc. (WFS) to represent the organization in the 2nd Annual Firefighter Life Safety Summit, sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Gary Briese. See firefighternearmiss.com. Needless to

say, I was honored and privileged to represent such a terrific organization at such a worthwhile event on how we as Fire Service professionals can reduce Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (LODD).

The summit in Novato over the weekend was filled with a "who's who" of the American Fire Service. Notables such as BC John Salka of the FDNY (see <http://cms.firehouse.com/content/contributor/bio.jsp?id=2>). He is also the author of a best-seller, First In, Last Out: Lessons in Leadership where one of his famous quotes is "A good firefighter always thinks outside the box." Other Fire Service notables included Chief Billy Goldfeder (and Gordon Graham), founder of the popular website firefighterclosecalls.com, and Ron Siarnicki, executive director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation or NFFF (see <http://www.firehero.org/>), who were instrumental in inviting 225 Fire Service professionals and stakeholders, including the United States Fire Administration.

During the initial summit held in 2004, this all-powerful alliance came up with recommendations now referred to as the 16 Life Safety Initiatives. Many things have happened since then. Training programs have been established, the message has been shared at various national conferences and every fire department in the United States received a kit containing various tools such as PowerPoint presentations and videos to promote life-saving practices for firefighters.

The goal of the "Everyone Goes Home" Program (see evergoeshome.com) is to reduce the number of firefighter deaths by 25 percent in the next five years, and 50 percent within 10. The mission of the 225 participants - career and volunteer personnel, as well as representatives of all major fire service organizations - was to come up with an action plan for fire departments to be able to implement the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. "There's a need for a culture change in the fire service. But, that's not going to be easy," said Dennis Compton, NFFF vice-chairman. "The people here are passionate, intense."

The action plan was to do what fire departments are able to do now. And this is not to make anyone feel bad, but to inform firefighters that there are consequences to certain actions and behaviors on the fireground. We can all feel empowered to stop unsafe acts. To help in this endeavor, the phrase "If you see something, say something" was introduced by Chief Salka as part of a "Courage to be Safe Program." One must not allow an organizational culture that permits and perpetuates unsafe acts.

People were assigned to groups based on their expertise. The domains included health and wellness, prevention, structural, wildland, vehicles, training, and research. The gist of preventing LODDs boiled down to the following:

The decisions of an organization's top management contribute to some degree and in some cases to a firefighter's decision to take an action that results in a near miss or death. This concept is somewhat controversial since a large portion of fire service injury and death investigation revolves around the confines of actions on the street.

However, when the working groups applied this element, they often discovered elements in resource management, department climate and process that were as significant to the near miss or death occurring as the actions taken by the firefighter.

In this light, one of the general recommendations included the following: aggressive philosophies need to be transitioned to "intentional" actions philosophies. Blind freelancing acts are institutional climates that place firefighters in jeopardy.

The summit concluded that contributing factors in LODDs include the following (note that "training" is not a top contributor):

1. communication
2. situational awareness
3. decision-making

All of the above make up the principle of Crew Resource Management or CRM. CRM emphasizes the importance of teamwork. For CRM to succeed, leaders must make a commitment to change the department's traditional, standard operating culture. It requires leaders to remain flexible and receptive to input and be prepared for an initial shift in some perceptions of department structure.

The summit also addressed firefighter close calls or near misses and how they correlate to preventing LODDs. The "Loss Potential" of all near miss reports submitted by firefighters (researchers say that for every LODD, there are 300 close calls; so 100 LODDs on the average each year would mean 30,000 close calls each year) revealed that 55% could have been a life threatening injury and 35% resulted in lost time from work due to serious injury.

What was equally disturbing was that when the question was posed to all firefighters submitting near miss reports whether the incident could occur again, 50% declared that it could due to inaction by the fire department to hold people accountable. Most of the submission were from firefighters of municipal fire departments.

Unsafe acts that led to a near miss usually fall into two categories: errors and violations. Near miss reports show that over 80% of all near misses are as a reesult of errors or mistakes that occur within the rules and regulations.

Errors can be a result of a lack of skill, education, or training; poor decision-making; or misperception. Each of these classifications can further be broken down to omissions, failure to properly prioritize actions, poor technique in a skill-based area, misinterpretation of conditions, wrong responses to conditions, decision errors, and misjudgements. Violations are the willful disregard for rules and regulations.

Summit participants observed that firefighting operations, in too many cases, are conducted with inadequate organization, supervision, and self-discipline. The perceived urgency of the situation often results in firefighters disregarding basic principles and procedures and operating in a reckless and unstructured manner. Self-discipline was identified as a key issue in this regard. Firefighters must be trained to always conduct operations in a manner that incorporates standard principles and procedures and does not allow urgency to compromise safety.

Again, leadership skills were identified as a critical issue in the implementation of a safety culture in the Fire Service. Cultural leadership must start at the top. The Fire Chief and

officers must at every level be trained and educated to develop the desired culture, and must then be held accountable for its implementation and enforcement.

How is this accomplished? A strong emphasis must be placed on the need for continuing development of national training and certification standards.

After identifying specific issues, the following were recommended actions, as well as possible resources:

STRUCTURAL

- Stop rewarding unsafe behavior regardless of the outcome.
- Define responsibilities of every position.
- Challenge the definition of "hero."
- Teach firefighters the legal ramifications of engaging in unsafe practices.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Every fire department should implement a no tobacco use policy.
- Obtain vital signs on crew members on a regular basis, possibly at the beginning of the shift.
- Every fire department must have a medical screening/fitness program in place.
- DHS should establish criteria that only departments that have a medical program will be considered for grants.
- Firefighters' mental health also should be monitored, and counseling services should be available.

PREVENTION

- Public education and fire prevention should be included in fire department mission statements.
- A data collection system should be established, and incidents should receive a thorough investigation.
- Every firefighter should have training in public education and fire prevention.
- Personnel responsible for code enforcement should possess proper credentials.

WILDLAND

- Fire service administrators will make sure personnel are familiar with all the safety programs.
- Fitness programs should be established.
- Encourage firefighters to speak out.
- Participate in Fire Fighter Near Miss Program.

TRAINING AND RESEARCH

- Create a national data collection center.
- Provide chief with training to effectively communicate needs of the department to government officials.

- Firefighter death and injuries should be discussed on company level.
- Everyone should be held accountable for their actions, and the chief officers must lead by example.

VEHICLES

- Make safety a core value by supporting LACK (Leadership, Accountability, Communication and Knowledge).
- Require initial and refresher training for drivers.
- Champion the use of seatbelts.
- A best practices document for the fire service should be developed.

During the summit, there was also a National Fire Service Seat Belt Pledge being passed around for folks to sign. It was a contract that states the following:

Firefighter Christopher Brian Hunton, age 27, was a member of the Amarillo Texas Fire Department for one year. On April 23, 2005, he fell out of his fire truck responding to an alarm. He died two days later from his injuries. Brian was not wearing his seat belt.

The Pledge:

"I pledge to wear my seat belt whenever I am riding in a Fire Department vehicle. I further pledge to insure that all my brother and sister firefighters riding with me wear their seat belts. I am making this pledge willingly; to honor Brian Hunton, my brother firefighter, because wearing seat belts is the right thing to do."

Enjoy.

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FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES:

The following are various ways to further educate yourself on the fire service. Whether you are a future firefighter, or a current firefighter aspiring to either promote or just maintain your knowledge, skills and abilities, here are a wealth of website links to help you reach and maintain your goals:

[Fire Department Instructors Conference \(FDIC\):](#) Indianapolis, IN

- April 16 through 21, 2007

[Firehouse World:](#) San Diego, CA

- February 25 through March 1, 2007

- February 3 through 7, 2008

- February 15 through 19, 2009

- February 21 through 25, 2010

[Firehouse Central:](#) Orlando, FL

- October 11 through 13, 2007

[Firehouse Expo:](#) Baltimore, MD

- July 24 through 29, 2007

[Fire-Rescue International:](#)

- August 24 through 26, 2007 (Atlanta, GA)

- August 14 through 16, 2008 (Denver, CO)

- August 27 through 29, 2009 (Dallas, TX)

- August 19 through 21, 2010 (Philadelphia, PA)

[Fire Rescue Conference and Exposition:](#) Las Vegas, NV

- November 6 through 10, 2007

[California Training Officers Annual Symposium:](#) Fresno, CA

- November 12 through 16, 2007

[Battalion Chief Paul Lepore:](#) Long Beach, CA

- Promotional preparation information

[Firenuggets.com](#)

- Various classes for all levels of fire service personnel, around the United States, but with a west coast focus. Also numerous fire related articles for all ranks of personnel.

[California Fire Service Training Conference:](#) Los Angeles, CA

- September 7 through 11, 2007

[EMS Today Conference \(JEMS Magazine/ IAFC Sponsored\):](#) Baltimore, MD

- March 6 through 10, 2007

- March 2008

[Captain "Bob" Smith:](#) Pleasanton, CA

- Entry-level and promotional preparation information

[Don McNea Fire School:](#) Cleveland, OH

- Entry-level and promotional preparation information

[Public Safety Consultants:](#) California and the U.S.

- Various classes around CA and the U.S. including promotional seminars

Industrial Emergency Council: San Carlos, CA

- Various classes around the San Francisco Bay Area including promotional seminars

Fire Command Training: FDNY Battalion Chief John Salka

- Promotional preparation information and seminars

Digital Combustion: Huntington Beach, CA

- Fire/Emergency Scene Simulator Software

Vincent Dunn: FDNY Battalion Chief (retired)

- Promotional preparation information and seminars

Firefighter's Bookstore: Huntington Beach, CA

- Promotional textbooks

Chuck Wilson: Manhattan Beach Battalion Chief

- Promotional preparation seminars

Firefighter Inspiration Readiness & Education: Sacramento Metro Battalion Chief Anthony Kastros

- Promotional preparation seminars and information

Fire Presentations: Kim Alyn

- Promotional preparation information and coaching

Nobody Gets Left Behind Group

- Numerous training opportunities in a variety of firefighter safety and training related areas, including search operations, RIC operations, building construction, etc.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Los Angeles County Fire Department:

The following firefighter recruitment information was taken from the L.A. County Fire Department website – <http://fire.lacounty.gov>

Exam Update!

The examination bulletin is now posted. You can [download the bulletin](#) and the application from our Open Positions page or you can [apply online](#).

As we anticipate a large number of applicants during the first few weeks, please take note of the following:

- There is no extra advantage to filing your application the first day or the first week.
- Online applications can be filed 24/7 so consider filing during non-peak hours.

- If you experience a slow system response time or delay, please be patient.
- Candidates will be randomly selected from the pool of applicants to take the next exam.
- Application filing will be open and continuous.

Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman

Congratulations on your decision to apply for the Los Angeles County Fire Fighter Trainee position. While we expect this exam to be competitive, we commend you for embarking on an exciting career option. The fire service is a proud and noble profession, and Los Angeles County firefighters enjoy an internationally renowned reputation for being the best. Each day, they play an increasingly important role in the communities in which they serve.

A Fire Fighter Trainee participates in an intensive training program in basic firefighting, and emergency medical treatment.

Additional information and links:

Class Spec's / CPAT Video / CPAT Test Locations / A Day at the Fire Station

For more information about the **County of Los Angeles**, visit their website at: <http://lacounty.info/>

For more information about the **Los Angeles County Fire Department**, visit their website at: <http://fire.lacounty.gov>

For more information about the **Los Angeles County Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 1014**, visit their website at: www.local1014.org/

FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT EXPO:

WANT AN EXCITING CAREER IN THE FIRE SERVICE?



Honor the Past, Inspire the Future

12th International Conference of Fire Service Women

Recruitment Expo

**Saturday, April 28, 2007
9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Everyone Welcome
(Women, Men, Teenagers)**

**Oakland Marriott City Center
1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607**

For info, call: 510-238-2375

or visit: www.wfsi.org
click on "more information"
then "activities" for "Recruitment Expo"

Admission to the expo is free for all potential job candidates. They will also be providing several "mini-seminars" on topics such as interview techniques and test preparation.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – Oakland, CA:

In addition to the above-mentioned recruit expo, the Women in the Fire Service will also be hosting their 12 International Conference of Fire Service Women in Oakland, at the Oakland Marriott City Center the week of April 25 through 29, 2007.

For more information, go to their website at www.wfsi.org

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Yosemite National Park:

I received the following request from one of our former Chabot College Fire Technology students, now working at Yosemite National Park as a Fire Captain:

I'm a past Chabot College student, and I've come in a couple of times to Chabot College to do a presentation on Federal fire jobs to the fire technology students. I am currently a station captain in Yosemite National Park.

I'm looking for temporary firefighters who are structure and wildland qualified, and current students so I thought of your work experience program. I am able to hire currently enrolled students very quickly through a simple process. If you wouldn't mind I was hoping you could pass this along to your students. For any that are interested I just need them to fax or email me a resume with their qualifications. This is primarily a wildland position but we cross staff structure engines and a hazmat, those who are qualified can be used on that equipment. Also there may be an opportunity for current paramedics to get experience as the park has an ALS program run through law enforcement. I am currently looking to fill up to 4 positions at the Yosemite Valley station. I am hoping to fill these jobs during April so they can start working in mid May.

Below is information on the department and how to apply.

Thank you,

Aaron

Aaron Woods
Valley Station Captain
Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park Fire Department



There are immediate openings for seasonal firefighters in Yosemite National Park.

Minimum qualifications are completion of a basic wild training program (either a CDF 67 hour academy or training that provided certificates for S130, S190, & I 100). Completion of a Firefighter 1 academy and current EMT certification are desirable qualifications.

Interested applicants can contact Captain Aaron Woods at 209-372-0416 or by email at Aaron.Woods@nps.gov. You may apply through USAJOBS at <http://www.usajobs.gov/> search for announcement DOI-FIRE-2007-006. Current students may apply immediately by sending a resume to Aaron.Woods@nps.gov.

The Yosemite National Park Fire Department is an all risk department providing fire, rescue, hazmat and EMS services to park residents and the over 3 million annual visitors.

The department operates out of 3 structural fire stations, 1 wildland station and a helitack base. Park resources include four type 1 engines, one type 2 engine, four type 3 engines, three type 4 engines, one type 2 hand crew, a light rescue truck, a hazmat truck and a type 2 helicopter.

Typically seasonal firefighters are employed from late May until the snow falls (usually October/November). Training opportunities are often available for seasonal firefighters.

CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT) **INFORMATION:**

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is a must have for any person planning on becoming a firefighter. More and more departments are requiring a candidate to possess a CPAT completion card (no older than one year) just to apply for their department. If you do not possess a current CPAT, you do not pass go, you do not collect two hundred dollars, and you miss out on the opportunity to compete for a firefighter position at many departments. The CPAT does not guarantee that you will be a successful firefighter. Successfully passing the CPAT means that you should be able to enter a firefighter academy at a reasonable level of fitness appropriate to the job. I encourage you to learn more about the CPAT, and also look into having this certificate on your resume. Trust me, this may be an eye-opener for some – many of you will not pass it the first time. Make sure you take advantage of the orientation and practice sessions and learn where your weak spots are so you can focus on those areas.

Basic Information For The CPAT Test

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be 18 years of age and must show government issued photo identification (i.e. drivers license, school or military ID; or a passport or visa). Candidates without a photo ID will not be allowed to take the CPAT.

APPLY EARLY

Applications are accepted in the order they are received. Applications are not accepted until the fee has been paid.

PAYMENT:

The fee to take your first test at their site is \$150.00. Your fee must be paid for your application to be accepted. This fee is non-refundable. Payment can be made with check, money order, Visa, or MasterCard. If you are paying by check, the check must clear your bank before you can take the CPAT. Make payments to “CFFJAC.” Your fee includes participation in an orientation session, related printed materials and test.

ORIENTATION SESSION:

Working with experienced CPAT proctors, you will be given the opportunity to try each of the 8 events and determine where you may need to strengthen yourself. You will be given a set of exercises to physically prepare yourself for the CPAT. If you elect not to participate in the orientation, you will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that the orientation was offered. There are no discounts if you elect not to participate in an orientation. The CPAT dress code is enforced for all candidates who attend an orientation.

TEST:

The registration form has a place for you to choose a preferred and second orientation day as well as a preferred and second test day. You will be notified by mail of the confirmation of your orientation and test dates. A group of candidates are scheduled every half hour to report to the CPAT center. Please be on time, but not excessively early. Space for waiting is limited. If for some reason you cannot attend your scheduled test day, please notify us as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to reschedule you to a test day that will fit your schedule.

RETESTS:

If you have taken the CPAT at a CFFJAC monitored venue in the past and would like to retest, the fee is \$100.00.

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

For \$25.00, you can schedule a supervised practice on the CPAT course with a proctor. Your session is designed to meet your individual needs. A session may include: Training on the CPAT equipment, watching the instructional video, going through the course in its entirety. You also receive the benefit of mentoring: techniques, expert evaluation and conditioning advice from our CPAT proctors.

Refunds for cancelled or rescheduled practice days will not be given if requested after 10:00 am the day before your scheduled practice day.

WHAT TO WEAR:

The dress code is strictly enforced for safety. The CPAT dress code for the orientation, practice sessions and test is: Long Pants (no shorts), T-shirt or sweatshirt, footwear with no open heel or toe, and no loose or restrictive jewelry. Candidates must be in proper CPAT attire before being allowed to participate in the orientation, practice sessions and test.

PARKING:

When you arrive at the CPAT center, please park to the rear of the building and enter the front door.

NO SPECTATORS PLEASE:

There is limited space at the CPAT center. In order to accommodate a fair and standard testing process for all candidates, we will not be able to allow spectators on the CPAT course or in the facility.

CPAT TESTING CENTER LOCATIONS:**Southern California:**

626 N. Eckhoff Street
Orange, CA 92868

Northern California

6723 Sierra Court, Suite G
Dublin, CA 94568

Northern California 2007 Schedule:**ORIENTATION DATES:**

- April 2, 16, or 29
- May 14 or 29
- June 11 or 23

It is strongly recommended that an Orientation be attended at least 8 weeks prior to taking the CPAT Test. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hour for the orientation. There is no cost for the Orientation, it is include in the testing fee.

PRACTICE DATES:

- April 2, 3, 16, 17 or 18
- May 1, 14, 15, 29 or 30
- June 11, 12, 23 or 26

Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

TEST DATES:

- April 7 or 19
- May 5 or 17
- June 2, 14 or 30

Additional test dates will be scheduled as needed. Allow up to 1 hour to complete the process.

Southern California 2007 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- April 9 or 21
- May 7 or 19
- June 4 or 16

It is strongly recommended that an Orientation be attended at least 8 weeks prior to taking the CPAT Test. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hour for the orientation. There is no cost for the Orientation, it is include in the testing fee.

TEST DATES:

- April 12 or 28
- May 10 or 24
- June 7 or 23

Additional test dates will be scheduled as needed. Allow up to 1 hour to complete the process.

PRACTICE DATES:

- April 10 or 24
- May 8 or 22
- June 5 or 19

Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

For more information about the above orientation, practice sessions and tests, including how to sign up and find out more about the 8 events, visit their website at www.cpatonline.com

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – San Francisco, CA:

The [Northern California Training Officers Association](#) (Nor Cal TOs) presents the following firefighter safety and training seminar:

2 in/2 out and RIC Operations

*Don't Miss This One-Get the Real Scoop on the
CAL OSHA Respiratory Standard &
What Is Happening In RIC Operations Today Across the Nation*

Wednesday April 11, 2007

**0900 to 1700 hours
PG&E Building
245 Market Street @ Beale
(Right above Embarcadero BART & Muni Station)
1st Floor Main Auditorium
San Francisco, CA**

Panel Members

Captain Rick Kolomay – Author of “Firefighter & Rescue Survival”

Assistant Deputy Chief Tom Siragusa – San Francisco Fire Department

Battalion Chief Steve Cavallero – Redwood City Fire Department

District Chief Dave McGrail – Denver Fire Department

Don Abbott – Phoenix Fire Department

Deputy Chief Mike Bryant – Los Angeles County Fire Department

Battalion Chief George Healey – FDNY

Battalion Chief TJ Welch – Alameda County Fire Department

Bob Nakumura – Cal-OSHA

\$25 per person - Lunch will be provided

Pre-registration is required due to security issues with location!

Call 415-558-3655 M-F or
Email dlfrank03@comcast.net

Make Checks out to NOR-CAL T.O. Association

Send Check to:
NOR-CAL Treasurer Jim Passadore
2783 Jennifer Drive
Castro Valley, CA 94546

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

If you want to become a firefighter, have you started taking fire department examinations yet? If not, what are you waiting for? If you say you're not ready, you'll probably never be ready. If you want to wait until you finish your degree, then you're going to have wasted about two (or more) valuable years that could have been spent learning how to master the fire service testing process. You should be taking every fire service exam you qualify for – what's the worst that can happen if you take a test? If nothing else, you will hopefully start to learn your strengths and weaknesses and what it takes to become a firefighter.

Don't rely on me to provide you with every fire department that is accepting applications. I only send out a small fraction of the current open firefighter positions across the United States. If you truly want to become a firefighter, put your money where your mouth is and subscribe to a fire testing service that will notify you when fire departments across the United States are accepting applications.

Two of the best fire testing notification services I have seen are:

- www.firecareers.com
- www.firerecruit.com

For less than \$100.00 per year (each), those companies (run by firefighters) will provide you with valuable testing information to help save you time and effort. Becoming a firefighter is not an easy task, and the badge will not drop from the sky into your lap. Don't wait for your friends to tell you about testing opportunities or expect to hear about them from me. That is not my job, to replace such companies.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Chabot College Fire Technology & EMS web site: www.chabotfire.com
Chabot College web site: www.chabotcollege.edu

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WORKERS*****

The Fine Print:

- If you would like to be added to our mailing list (no, I won't give your email address out to others), email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and I will add you to the list. Benefits of being on the mailing list include being notified when the latest Fire & EMS news is published, and being notified of firefighter testing opportunities, volunteer opportunities, or training opportunities.
- If you know of someone who wants to receive this newsletter (as well as other updates) email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and I will place them on the mailing list.
- If you want to take your name off of the mailing list, just send me an email at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and in the subject heading, and type in "unsubscribe from mailing list" and I will remove your name.
- If you are subscribed to my email mailing list and you are not receiving anything (a problem some earthlink, aol, hotmail and yahoo users have at times), make sure you add my name – Steve Prziborowski and the email address I use to send this newsletter and other fire and EMS related news items out – sprziborowski@aol.com to your address book, safe list, white list, etc. Since I mass mail items to thousands of people, some email providers may think these items are spam or junk mail, even though they are not. If you have not received anything from me in over two weeks, email me to let me know so that I can attempt to troubleshoot the issue.