



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:

- Summer and Fall 2007 Chabot College Fire & EMS related course offerings!
- 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!

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](#).

SUMMER 2007 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE:

Presently, the following fire-technology related courses are scheduled to be offered this summer:

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy Introduction)	TBA	TBA
FT 95 (Work Experience) **Must also be registered in FT 96	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) **Must also be registered in FT 95 Note: Class only meets on the following dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 31	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (EMS First Responder)	Mondays (am) & Wednesdays (am)	0900 – 1340 hours

Registration for the summer 2007 semester will begin as follows:

- **Continuing Students** - April 30, 2007
- **Chabot Early Decision Students** - May 12, 2007
- **New and Former Students** - May 14, 2007

NOTE: The above information is to the best of my knowledge as of the time this went to print. For the most up-to-date information (including room numbers & registration numbers) regarding Summer 2007 scheduling, check the Chabot College web site at www.chabotcollege.org

FALL 2007 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE:

Registration for the Fall 2007 semester will begin as follows:

- **Continuing Students** - April 30, 2007
- **Chabot Early Decision Students** - May 12, 2007
- **New and Former Students** - May 14, 2007

Presently, the following fire-technology related courses are going to be offered this Fall:

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (am)	0800 – 1150 hours
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
FT 51 (Fire Operations)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1)	Tuesday (am)	0900 – 1150 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1)	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 53 (Fire Behavior & Combustion)	Wednesday (pm)	1600 – 1850 hours
FT 54 (Fire Prevention Technology)	Thursday (pm)	1900 – 2150 hours
FT 56 (Building Construction for Fire Protection)	Wednesday (pm)	1900 – 2150 hours

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy introduction) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: - October 10, 12 and 14 (Wed/Fri/Sun) - October 23, 25 and 27 (Tue/Thu/Sat)	Mon & Wed (pm) or Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 90A (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90B and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90B (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90C (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90B**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2150 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 91A (Wildland Interface Firefighting) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: November 18, 20, 27, 29, December 1 and 2	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 91B (Haz Mat 1 st Responder-Operations) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: December 4, 6, 8, 9	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 91C (I-200; Basic ICS) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: November 13, 15, 17, 18	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 95 (Work Experience) **Must also be registered in FT 96**	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) **Must also be registered in FT 95** Note: Class only meets on the following dates: August 22 September 25, October 3, November 28 and December 19	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Monday (mid)	1400 – 1750 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Friday (am)	0830 – 1220 hours
Health 81 (EMT) **Must also be registered in Health 83**	Wednesday (all day)	0800 – 1720 hours
Health 83 (Extrication and Triage) **Must also be registered in Health 81**	Saturday (one day only – TBA)	0830 – 1620 hours
Health 85 (EMT Refresher) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: December 4, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 15	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2200 hours 0800 – 1700 hours
PHED2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Mon & Wed (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours
PHED2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Tuesday (pm)	1730 – 2020 hours
PHED2FIC (Fire Science Conditioning-Intermediate)	Mon & Wed (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours
PHED2FIC (Fire Science Conditioning-Intermediate)	Tuesday (pm)	1730 – 2020 hours

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My suggestion to everyone is to register as soon as you are eligible to. Classes fill up very quickly, and I with more people wanting to become firefighters, I don't see our numbers of students decreasing, only increasing.

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

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.

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 handle 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 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:

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



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.](#)

2007 DENVER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES	
 June 15, 2007 <u>THE FIREHOUSE TO FIRE FLOOR</u> Register	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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:

Chabot College is offering:

Driver/Operator 1A



- Description:** This course is designed to provide the student with information on driver techniques for emergency vehicles and techniques of basic inspection and maintenance of emergency vehicles, including actual driving exercises under simulated emergency conditions.
- Certification:** Each student who completes the class and passes the final written exam will be given a certificate by State Fire Training. This course is part of the requirements for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Certification within the State of California.
- Prerequisite:** Class B (Noncommercial Firefighter Exempt) Driver Permit issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Hours:** 40
- Credits:** Unfortunately, we are not able to offer college credits for this course.
- Cost:** \$200.00 (cost includes CSFM Certificate and Student Supplemental Manual. Student must obtain IFSTA, Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook separately.)
- Location:** Emeryville Fire Dept., Station #2 - 6303 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA
- Instructor:** John Arenz, Captain – Emeryville Fire Department
John is a 21-year veteran of the Emeryville Fire Department, having worked nine years as a Firefighter, six as an Engineer, and six as a Captain. Since promoted to Captain, he has been the Apparatus Officer for the Emeryville Fire Department and has been responsible for maintenance, training, policies, Engineer promotional tests, and design and specification of several apparatus.
- He has a Bachelor's degree in business from Saint Mary's College and a Master's Degree in Emergency Administration from California State University at Long Beach.

John is a California State Certified Fire Instructor 1 and has taught state curriculum ICS, Driver/Operator, Management, and Command courses on multiple occasions as well as NWCG courses and bloodborne pathogens courses. He has also developed curriculum for building collapse and apparatus classes within the Emeryville Fire Department.

- Time:** 0830 to 1700 hours each day
- Dates:** Monday, April 30, 2007 to Friday, May 4, 2007
- Registration:** **Register online** by visiting the Community Education website at <http://chabot.augusoft.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=1011&CategoryID=2&SubCategoryID=9>
Or contact Kim Bononcini, Community Education Coordinator at (510) 723-7531 or kbononcini@chabotcollege.edu
- More Info:** Contact Bob Buell, Chabot College Fire Technology Coordinator at (510) 786-7565 or bbuell@chabotcollege.edu or visit www.chabotfire.com & click on the **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** link.
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Chabot College is offering:

Driver/Operator 1B



- Description:** This course provides the student with information, theory, methods, and techniques for operating fire service pumps. Subjects include: Types of pumps, engine and pump gauges, maintenance, unsafe pumping conditions, pressure relief devices, cooling systems, water supplies, drafting, field hydraulics, and pumping operations.
- Certification:** Each student who completes the class and passes the final written exam will be given a certificate by State Fire Training. This course is part of the requirements for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Certification within the State of California.
- Prerequisite:** Driver/Operator 1A (recommended).
- Hours:** 40
- Credits:** Unfortunately, we are not able to offer college credits for this course.
- Cost:** \$200.00 (cost includes CSFM Certificate and Student Supplemental Manual. Student must obtain IFSTA, Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook separately.)
- Location:** Emeryville Fire Dept., Station #2 - 6303 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA
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Time: 0830 to 1700 hours each day

Dates: Monday, May 21, 2007 to Friday, May 25, 2007

Registration: **Register online** by visiting the Community Education website at <http://chabot.augusoft.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=1011&CategoryID=2&SubCategoryID=9> - Or contact Kim Bononcini, Community Education Coordinator at (510) 723-7531 or kbononcini@chabotcollege.edu

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FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Sacramento Fire Department:

The [Sacramento City Fire Department](#) 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

[Print Job Information](#) | [Apply](#)

[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/

FREE FIRE PREPARATION INFORMATION,
COURTESY OF THE DON McNEA FIRE SCHOOL!

Some more firefighter written examination testing tips courtesy of the [Don McNea Fire School!](http://www.donmcneafire.com/)

How to become an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)

Emergency Medical Technicians (known as EMTs) are trained to provide emergency care, including ambulance services. Peoples' lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of EMTs. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drownings, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs provide the vital attention as they care for and transport the sick and injured to a medical facility.

In an emergency, EMTs are typically dispatched to the scene by a 911 operator and often work with police and fire department personnel. Once they arrive, they determine the nature and extent of a patient's condition while trying to ascertain whether the patient has preexisting medical problems. Following strict rules and guidelines, they give appropriate emergency care and, when necessary, transport the patients.

At the medical facility, EMTs help transfer patients to the emergency department, report their observations and actions to emergency room staff, and provide additional medical treatment.

EMT Basic (also known as EMT I) represents the first component of the Emergency Medical Technician system. An EMT I is trained to care for patients at the scene of an accident while transporting patients by ambulance to the hospital under medical direction. An EMT I has the emergency skills to assess a patient's condition and manage respiratory, cardiac and trauma emergencies.

The EMT Intermediate (EMT II and III) have more advanced training that allows the administration of intravenous fluids, the use of manual defibrillators to give life-saving shocks to stopped hearts, and the applications of advanced airway techniques and equipment to assist patients experiencing respiratory emergency.

Working conditions: EMTs work both indoors and outdoors in all types of weather. They are required to do considerable kneeling, bending, and heavy lifting. Many people find the work of an EMT exciting and challenging and enjoy the opportunity to help others. EMTs employed by fire departments work 40-50 hours per week; those employed by hospitals frequently work between 40-60 hours per week; and those employed by private ambulance services work between 45-50 hours per week.

Training and other qualifications and advancement: Formal training and certification is needed to become an EMT. All 50 states have a certification procedure. To maintain certification, EMTs must register usually every 2 years. In order to register, an individual must be working as an EMT and meet continuing education requirements. Basic coursework typically emphasizes emergency skills such as managing respiratory trauma and cardiac emergency and patient assessment. Formal courses are often combined with time in an emergency room or ambulance. The program also provides for instruction and practice dealing with bleeding, fractures, airway obstruction, cardiac arrest, and emergency childbirth. Students learn how to use and maintain common emergency equipment such as backboards, suction devices, splints, oxygen delivery systems, and stretchers. Graduates of an approved EMT training program who pass a written and practical examination administered by the state certifying them with the title of Registered EMT Basic. This course is also a prerequisite for EMT Intermediate and EMT Paramedic Training. EMT Intermediate training requirements vary from state to state. Training commonly includes 35-55 hours of additional instruction beyond EMT Basic coursework.

Job opportunities: Employment needs for EMT is expected to grow faster than the average of all other occupations through 2012. Population growth and urbanization will increase the demand for full-time paid EMTs, rather than for volunteers in a department. In addition, a large segment of the population – the aging baby boomers – will further spur the demand for EMT services as they become more likely to have medical emergencies.

Opportunities for individuals will be best for those who have advanced certification such as EMT Intermediate and EMT Paramedic as clients and patients demand higher levels of care before arriving at the hospital.

Where can you find training to become an EMT? Almost all community colleges and some state colleges and hospitals offer training for Emergency Medical Technicians. This is usually a 3-month course that can be completed as part of other curriculum at a college.

For those of you who are in the process of becoming an Emergency Medical Technician and will be taking a certification test, please check their website periodically at the "EMT/Paramedic Review" link. They periodically update their examination questions database to help you pass this examination.

[View their list of over 650 Fire/EMT/Paramedic Colleges Across the County](#)

Since 1950, Don McNea Fire School has prepared over 40,000 fire applicants with their entry level seminars and products. Fireprep.com has over 250 pages of FREE information and careers articles to help you reach your goal of becoming a firefighter.

Go to www.fireprep.com and register for their free fireprep e-mail newsletter that features career articles by the countries top entry level authors. You will also be informed at no cost of firefighter examinations be given across the country.

While at their website don't forget to review our award winning 'Ultimate Firefighter Exam Package'. This product has help hundreds of fire applicants finish in the top 2% of the exam process. Go to the link below to review the ultimate firefighter exam package. www.fireprep.com/ultimate_firefighter_exam.html

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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.

From - 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 L.A. County 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/

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

- May 14 or 29
- June 11 or 23
- July 9 or 21
- August 6 or 18
- September 4 or 15

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

- May 1, 14, 15, 29 or 30
- June 11, 12, 23 or 26
- July 9, 10, 21 or 24
- August 6, 7, 18 or 21
- September 4, 5, 15 or 18

Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

TEST DATES

- May 5 or 17
- June 2, 14 or 30
- July 12 or 28
- August 9 or 25
- September 6 or 25

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

Southern California 2007 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- May 7 or 19
- June 4 or 16
- July 2, 14 or 30
- August 11 or 27
- September 8 or 24

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

- May 3, 10, 17 or 24
- June 2, 7, 14 or 23
- July 5, 12 or 21
- August 2, 9, 18 or 30
- September 6, 15 or 27

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

PRACTICE DATES

- May 1, 8, 15 or 22
- June 5, 12 or 19
- July 3, 10, 17 or 31
- August 7, 14 or 28
- September 4, 11 or 25

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 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.

On the following page is a great offer from FireRecruit.com -



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FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – **Stockton, CA:**

Information obtained from the City of Stockton website - <http://www.stocktongov.com/> - shows that they will be testing for Firefighter Trainee the first week of May. File your applications quickly – they'll only be handing them out to the first 1000 candidates! Here is the information found on their website:

Job Title: **FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEE**
Salary: \$4,037.00 - \$4,037.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time (Regular)
Location: City of Stockton, California

[Print Job Information](#) |

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

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL NOTICE ONLY

The registration period for the position of Fire Fighter Trainee will open on May 1, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Stockton Civic Auditorium, 525 N. Center St., Stockton, CA 95202. Registration and informational packets regarding application procedures will be handed out to the **first 1000 candidates ONLY**. Interested applicants **must** appear in person and show proof of identity. You may **not** designate a proxy to pick up the packet. (Overnight camping at the Civic Auditorium will **not** be permitted.)

NOTE: The packets will not contain hard copy applications. All eligible applicants **MUST apply on-line to be considered. Failure to apply on-line within the specified time frame will be cause for rejection. (Handwritten or paper applications **will not** be accepted for this recruitment.)**

Veteran's Preference Points will be awarded for veteran's submitting DD-214 member 4 copy.

Under direction, to graduate from a fire academy with demonstrated abilities to respond to alarms and to protect life and property; to participate in active fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical training; to perform station, apparatus, and equipment maintenance and to perform related work as assigned.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS:

This position is an apprentice-level, non-sworn safety position in the Fire Department. Incumbents at this level are assigned to the Fire Academy and, under close supervision, learns and performs a variety of active fire fighting assignments. With training and experience, the work becomes more diversified and difficult. This class must satisfactorily pass all of the requirements of the Academy before becoming candidates for the sworn position of Fire Fighter. Possession of the California Emergency Medical Technician I Certification must be obtained within one year of employment. Assignment to this classification is temporary and incumbents are expected to progress to the higher level after successfully completing a fire academy.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES (Illustrative Only):

Attends and successfully completes a fire academy with demonstrated abilities to perform the full range of active fire fighting duties as follows:

1. Works in fire suppression handling ladders and hose lines.
2. Applies forcible entry tools and hooks up engine to hydrants.
3. Participates in active fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical training under supervision.
4. Lays and connects hose, holds nozzle and directs water stream; raises and climbs ladders.
5. Uses chemical extinguishers, hoses, hooks, lines and other equipment.
6. Performs salvage operations such as sweeping water and removing debris.
7. Provides first responder medical emergency response at the basic life support level, including initial patient and situation assessment, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and trauma emergency medical care.
8. Prepares patients and assists paramedics in advanced life support emergency medical care.
9. Lifts and places patients on stretchers, loads stretchers into ambulances; may be required to drive department ambulance and transport patients to medical facilities.
10. Participates in fire drills, attends classes in fire fighting, first aid, and subjects necessary to prepare for advancement to Fire Fighter.
11. Performs general maintenance on Fire Department property; cleans, washes, paints walls and floors; makes minor repairs.
12. Maintains and cares for fire equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education/Experience:

Possession of a high school diploma or GED. Some college-level fire science course work and previous fire fighting experience in a volunteer or paid capacity is desirable.

Other Requirements:

- Must possess and maintain a valid California Class C driver's license.
- Must obtain a California Class B Restricted driver's license within one (1) year of appointment.
- Must possess or be able to acquire and maintain, within one year of employment, current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician/Level I issued in San Joaquin County.
- Must be willing to work shifts as structured in the Fire Department.

Special Requirements:

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:

- Ability to work in hazardous situations; must maintain adequate physical strength, agility and stamina to carry out rescue duties in inclement weather, from heights, tunnels, water or other potentially risky conditions.
- Must possess strength and stamina sufficient to lift and carry equipment and patients weighing up to 165 pounds and be able to wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Must administer life support or life saving treatment to emergency patients or victims of fire.

Knowledge of:

- English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation;
- Basic principles and practices of emergency medical care at the basic life support level;
- Safety practices and precautions pertaining to the work.

Skill in:

- Following oral and written directions;
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those encountered in the course of the work;
- Maintaining accurate records and preparing clear and concise reports and other written materials;
- Remaining calm, making sound decisions, and responding appropriately in emergency situations.

Ability to:

- Learn the principles, practices, procedures, laws and ordinances, terminology, and operation of equipment used in firefighting.

The Examination:

Applicants who qualify, will be invited to participate in the examination process, which may include a written examination weighted 100%. However, the City reserves the right to utilize alternative testing methods if deemed necessary.

Candidates must receive a minimum passing score of 70%, as determined by the relative performance of all candidates in all portions of the examination. In the event of identical ratings, candidates' names will be arranged in order of application date/time, and, if the same, then arranged alphabetically.

ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE COMPLETED FULLY AND SUBMITTED ON-LINE ONLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE REJECTED AND CANNOT BE REVISED AFTER SUBMITTAL ON OR BEFORE THE FINAL FILING DATE. POSTMARKS, FACSIMILES, AND PHOTOCOPIES OF THE CITY'S EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. RESUMES ARE WELCOMED BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT STATE "REFER TO RESUME".

For more information about the **City of Stockton**, visit their website at: www.stocktongov.com

For more information about the **Stockton Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.stocktongov.com/fire/

For more information about the **Stockton Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 456**, visit their website at: www.stocktonfirefighters.com

RESERVE FIREFIGHTER OPPORTUNITY – Alameda County Fire Department:



The [Alameda County Fire Department](#) is accepting applications for the position of Reserve Firefighter!

Last day for filing: Monday May 7, 2007

NOTE: Applications must be in the possession of the Human Resources Department by 4:30 p.m. on the Last Day for filing! Postmarks are NOT accepted.

THE POSITION:

The [Alameda County Fire Department \(ACFD\)](#) is recruiting for the position of Reserve Firefighter. The Department serves the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, the City of San Leandro, the City of Dublin, and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. The area comprises approximately 500 square miles and serves a population of 234,500. The Fire Department has a budget in excess of \$50 million with a staff of 250 firefighting personnel and 18 fire stations.

OVERVIEW

The Alameda County Fire Department Reserve Firefighter Education and Training Program's primary goals are to improve the quantity and quality of training for prospective professional Alameda County firefighters. It has proven itself an innovative and respected leader in developing future firefighters. The Alameda County Fire Department Reserve Firefighter Education & Training Program emphasizes the value of recruiting well-trained and qualified firefighting personnel from all areas of society because firefighters protect all of the community.

Applicants entering the Alameda County Fire Department Reserve Firefighter Education & Training Program can expect to enter the program as a reserve candidate. After an evaluation of previous education and training, candidates are placed into a three-tiered training program. Once a candidate completes the third level of training, they are qualified to become an Alameda County Reserve Firefighter. The focus of Level I is career and educational guidance for candidates interested in the fire service. Level II provides further career and educational guidance for candidates with some education or background in the fire service or emergency medical services. In Level III, the candidate is prepared in an academy environment to become an active Alameda County Reserve Firefighter that is capable of responding to incidents.

Alameda County Fire Department Reserve Firefighters continue to participate in training and education that assist the reserve firefighter in becoming a professional firefighter. Reserve firefighters can expect to participate in firefighter training, meetings, and work-experience and public education/relation opportunities within the community alongside professional firefighters. Reserve firefighters are also required to respond to emergencies, when requested, to support the efforts of professional firefighters.

To apply: Applications may be obtained at Alameda County Human Resource Services, 1405 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612. It is also available on their website at www.acgov.org or you can visit the Alameda County Fire Department website at www.acgov.org/fire/index.htm

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The Fine Print:

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