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

- Firefighter Preparation Tip of the month – Written Examination focus courtesy of the Don McNea Fire School!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – various EMS classes and opportunities
- Fire related courses still available for registration at Chabot College – hurry, register soon!
- 2006 California Fire Training Officers Training Symposium in Fresno, CA!
- Firefighter employment opportunities – Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Berkeley Fire Department, Seattle Fire Department, and the Alameda County Fire Department!

***FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION –
Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department***

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Announces an
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR

FIREFIGHTER and FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

*** FIREFIGHTER ***

Salary -\$5,033 to \$6,423 Per Month

Probationary Firefighter salaries will be set from \$5,033 to \$5,826 per month depending on qualifications.

Applications and all required materials must be submitted in person on Monday, December 4, 2006 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only. Applications will only be accepted at the following location:

**LPFD Headquarters
3560 Nevada Street
Pleasanton, CA 94566**

THE COMMUNITIES

Livermore (population 80,725) is a growing and progressive community. Known for its world-class wineries, Livermore's agricultural and ranching traditions contribute to its community spirit and country-living ambiance. The well-planned development of business parks, high tech development, and scientific research institutions combined with affordable, quality housing, good public school system, and community college are attracting a growing number of new residents and businesses.

One of Northern California's premier residential and business communities, Pleasanton (population 67,700) is well regarded as an attractive and friendly city with a strong heritage, active and involved residents, a wide variety of services, well planned business areas, a historic downtown and well-cared for homes in family oriented neighborhoods. Schools are considered a community asset, receiving state and national recognition.

LIVERMORE-PLEASANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) believes in a commitment to caring and has a strong dedication to safety, dignity and respect for all. The Department was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement in 1996 and serves a combined residential population of approximately 148,425. There are 10 stations, 111 suppression personnel, 8 engine companies, 2 Quint/ladder units and a mix of 3 to 4 person crews. First responder paramedics are staffed on all 10 companies. Last year, the Department handled over 10,350 calls for service.

The Department provides specialty rescue and hazardous materials response units, a large fully equipped training facility, maintains a certified Rescue Systems I training site and has specialized rescue equipment. Currently, the Department is also completing the installation of new CAD, RMS and mobile data system technologies throughout its facilities.

The Department has a large, full service fire prevention bureau, including three inspectors responsible for CUPA hazardous materials enforcement. The Department's diverse public education program demonstrates its approach and commitment to fire safety using an interactive "safety-training trailer" for use at public events. Various disaster preparedness coordination and community training programs are also provided for both communities.

THE POSITION

Under supervision, a ***Firefighter*** responds to all types of fires, emergency medical, hazardous materials releases, rescue, and other calls in the protection of life and property; operates and maintains vehicles, apparatus, equipment, stations and communication systems; teaches fire safety to public; participates in physical fitness and career development programs; and performs other duties as required.

- The department employs "constant staffing".
- 24-hour shift, 56-hour workweek schedules.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: High School graduation, GED, or equivalent.

Licenses: Possession of appropriate, valid California Driver's License and, when required, a valid Medical Examiner's Card must be maintained. Possession of a valid California Class B Driver's License is required within 18 months of employment.

Certificates: Current National Registry EMT or California equivalent and current CPR certification required at time of appointment. Alameda County certification required by completion of LPFD academy.

Experience: One year paid full-time firefighter experience; or, two years paid full-time firefighter experience in a seasonal agency; or, one year of recent experience (within the last three years) as a volunteer reserve, in good standing, with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A valid CPAT card dated within 12 months of the closing date of this announcement must be submitted with application.

For your convenience, CPAT testing centers are listed below.

CPAT Testing Center – North

6723 Sierra Court, Suite G
Dublin, CA 94568

CPAT Testing Center – South

626 North Eckhoff Street
Orange, CA 92868

Toll Free Number:

(877) 648-2728

www.CPATonline.org

TENTATIVE RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

- Applications Accepted: 12/4/06
- Written Exam: Week of January 2-5, 2007
- Oral Board Dates: TBA

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- **\$5,033 to \$6,423 Per Month**
- **2.5% EMT Pay**
- **7.5% pay in lieu of all holidays**
- **3% @ 50 PERS Retirement (City pays employee contribution)**
- **Choice of One of Three Comprehensive Health Plans** (Available only in specific geographic areas of Northern California)
- **Dental Plan**
- **Life Insurance Coverage of \$25,000**
- **Optional Deferred Compensation Plan**
- **Vacation accrual of 12 hours per month to a max of 24 hours per month after 17 years**
- **Sick Leave accrued at 11.2 hours per month**
- **Uniform maintenance allowance of \$450.00/year**

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in this outstanding career opportunity, please submit a City application, resume,

and copies of a valid CPAT card, California Driver's License, Valid National Registry EMT Certification or California equivalent and current CPR certification.

Resumes are not acceptable as substitutes for any part of the application. Failure to complete all required information on the application may result in your disqualification from the testing process.

Applications may be requested in person at the City of Pleasanton Human Resources Division, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, through our career hotline at (925) 931-5056, or on our web site at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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A background investigation will be conducted and will minimally include the verification of education, employment, military, criminal history, civil litigation, credit history, DMV records and personal history. Personal contacts will be made with relatives, friends, neighbors, landlords, employers, and other associates.

Upon a conditional offer of employment, candidates must pass medical and psychological examinations and a drug screening by a City physician.

At the time of appointment, candidate must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship.

Note: The LPFD, at its sole discretion, may suspend, modify, or cancel this examination at any time before its completion. Work periods and workdays are subject to change dependent upon the operational requirements of the LPFD. The information contained in this announcement is subject to change and does not constitute either an express or implied contract.

All aspects of employment shall be without regard to sex, disability, race, political affiliation, religious creed, natural origin, or age. Reasonable accommodations will be made for disabled applicants. Please advise the Human Resources Office, in advance, of any special needs.

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Under supervision, a **Firefighter-Paramedic** provides Basic Life Support and/or Advanced Life Support first responder pre-hospital emergency medical care and emergency medical assistant to victims of accidents, injuries or illnesses; responds to fire emergencies, hazardous materials and rescue incidents and other public service requests; drives and operates emergency apparatus and equipment; performs fire prevention activities and related work as required.

- The department employs “constant staffing”.
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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: High school graduation, GED, or equivalent.

Licenses/Certificates:

Possession of appropriate, valid California Driver's License and, when required, a valid Medical Examiner's Card must be maintained. Possession of a valid California Class B Driver's License is required within 18 months of employment.

Valid National Registry EMT-P Certification or California Paramedic License with current and continuous certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support) or PEPP (Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals) and trauma (BTLS or PHTLS). All certifications must remain current and not expire during the first six months of employment. Alameda County accreditation is required by completion of LPFD academy.

Experience: One year of field experience as a licensed Paramedic.

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For more information about the **City of Pleasanton**, visit their website at: www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

For more information about the **Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.lpfire.org

For more information about the **Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 1974**, visit their website at www.iaff1974.org

For more information about the **City of Fremont**, visit their website at: www.ci.fremont.ca.us

For more information about the **City of Fremont Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.ci.fremont.ca.us/Fire

For more information about the **Fremont Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 1689**, visit their website at www.fremontfire.org

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – **Alameda County Fire Department**



The [Alameda County Fire Department](http://agency.governmentjobs.com/alameda/default.cfm) is accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter Recruit** until November 13, 2006 and the following information was found on the Alameda County Human Resources website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/alameda/default.cfm>

Job Title: **FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT**

Salary: \$2,007.69 - \$2,007.69 biweekly
\$4,350.00 - \$4,350.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Alameda County, California

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

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

A properly completed Supplemental Questionnaire must be submitted with each application. Applications and Supplemental Questionnaires must be in the possession of the Human Resource Services Department by 4:30 p.m. on the Last Day for Filing. Postmarks and faxes are not accepted. Failure to submit the Supplemental Questionnaire will result in disqualification.

Applicants must also submit a copy of the CPAT certificate to the Human Resource Services Department by the last day of filing. Failure to submit this information will result in disqualification.

Please [Click here](#), to view a copy of Alameda County Fire Department's philosophy document, [Click here](#) to view CPAT information, and [Click here](#) to view the CPAT registration form.

THE POSITION: The Alameda County Fire Department is actively recruiting for the position of Firefighter/EMT and Firefighter/Paramedic. The Department serves the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, the City of San Leandro, the City of Dublin and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The area comprises approximately 500 square miles and serves a population of 234,500. The Fire Department has a budget in excess of \$60 million with a staff of 265 firefighting personnel and 19 fire stations.

Minimum Qualifications:

THE REQUIREMENTS: The following are entrance requirements for admission to the examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. A candidate's performance in the examination will be judged in comparison with the performance of other candidates.

EDUCATION: Graduation from high school or possession of an acceptable equivalency certificate, such as the General Educational Development Certificate (State of California), AND

Applicants must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Must be a paid Firefighter/EMT or Firefighter/Paramedic in a Fire Department (Seasonal employment is eligible); OR
- Current member of the Alameda County Fire Department Reserve program; OR
- Must be a nationally registered paramedic.

LICENSE: Possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's license, possession of a Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certificate issued within the last twelve months from the last day of filing, and possession of a current and valid California Emergency Medical Technician-1 (EMT-1) certificate or Certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Medical Technician – Basic.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have visual acuity correctable to 20/30 in either eye. Job offer will be contingent upon passing a medical examination, a thorough background investigation and a psychological evaluation.

AGE: Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

Examination Components:

THE EXAMINATION: THIS IS A NEW CONTINUOUS EXAMINATION. The eligible list resulting from this selection process will last approximately one year but may be extended as needed. This eligible list may also be used by other fire departments within Alameda County. This examination may be reopened as necessary and the names of additional candidates merged onto the existing list according to examination score.

THE EXAMINATION WILL CONSIST OF the following components: A review of candidates' applications to verify possession of minimum requirements. Those candidates who possess the minimum requirements for the class will move on to the next step in the examination process, a screening of applications and/or supplemental questionnaires to select for the best qualified candidates. Those selected will move onto the final step in the examination process, an oral interview, which will be weighted as 100% of the candidate's final exam score. The oral interview may contain situational exercises. CANDIDATES MUST ATTAIN A QUALIFYING RATING ON EACH PORTION OF THIS EXAMINATION. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO ANNOUNCED EXAMINATION STEPS.

For more information about the **County of Alameda**, visit their website at: www.acgov.org

For more information about the **Alameda County Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.acgov.org/fire

For more information about the **Alameda County Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 55**, visit their website at www.iafflocal55.com

SPRING 2007 – CHABOT COLLEGE FIRE TECHNOLOGY RELATED COURSE OFFERINGS:

- **R**egistration for the Spring 2007 semester will begin as follows:
 - **November 13 and 14**, DSPS and EOPS students can register
 - **November 15**, Continuing students can register
 - **November 27**, New and former students (not enrolled in the fall 2006 semester) may register
 - **November 28**, Approved concurrent enrollment students may register
 - If you are not sure which category you fit into, and for the most up-to-date registration dates and information, check the [Chabot College](http://www.chabotcollege.edu) main website.

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

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)	Wednesday (am)	0900 – 1150 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1) <i>**State Fire Marshal certificate course</i>	Tuesday (am)	0900 – 1150 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1) <i>**State Fire Marshal certificate course</i>	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 53 (Fire Behavior & Combustion)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 55 (Equipment & Systems)	Thursday (pm)	1830 – 2120 hours
FT 89 (FF 1 Academy Evaluation)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 90A (Firefighter 1 Academy)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 90B (Firefighter 1 Academy)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90C (Firefighter 1 Academy)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 91A (Wildland Interface Firefighting)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 91B (Haz Mat 1 st Responder-Operations)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 91C (I-200; Basic ICS)	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 95 (Work Experience) <i>**Must also be registered in FT 96**</i>	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) <i>**Must also be registered in FT 95**</i>	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Tuesday (mid)	1100 – 1450 hours

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
Health 61 (First Responder)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Friday (am)	0830 – 1250 hours
Health 81 (EMT) **Must also be registered in Health 83**	Wednesday (all day)	0800 – 1650 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)	Mon & Wed (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2200 hours 0800 – 1700 hours
PE2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Mon & Wed (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours
PE2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Tue & Thu (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours

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 dates, room numbers & registration numbers) regarding Spring 2007 scheduling, check the Chabot College web site at www.chabotcollege.org**

The Firefighter 1 Academy fills up on the first day of registration, in about an hour or so. What does this mean for you if you want to get into the academy? It means you have to have a DAY 1 PRIORITY NUMBER. The college does registration by the way of priority number. Those folks with the highest priority numbers register first. To learn more about how you can get a high priority number and increase your chances of registering into the academy, go to the main college website at www.chabotcollege.edu and go to the SPRING 2007 registration section. Once there, look for registration dates and priority numbers. Good luck!

Also, for more information about how to best increase your chances on getting into the Firefighter 1 Academy, visit my website section that is dedicated to the academy – www.chabotfire.com/Academy.htm

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. Also, if you are registered in the Chabot College system, you are eligible to take classes at Las Positas College in Livermore as well. Just because one class is full (or does not fit your schedule) at Chabot doesn't mean it isn't being offered at Las Positas. When you register for classes on the Chabot College website, you can see both schedules – Chabot and Las Positas.

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 9456

Northern California 2006 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- Saturday November 4
- Monday November 27
- Saturday December 2
- Monday December 18

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:

- Thursday November 9
- Thursday November 30
- Saturday December 9
- Thursday December 21

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

PRACTICE DATES:

- Tuesday November 7
- Tuesday November 28
- Tuesday December 5
- Tuesday December 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

Fire Departments in California Currently Using the CPAT:

NOTE: Departments in bold are within (or close to) the San Francisco Bay Area.

1. Adelanto Fire Department
2. **Alameda City Fire Department**
3. **Alameda County Fire Department**
4. **Albany Fire Department**
5. **American Canyon F.P.D.**
6. Apple Valley F.P.D.
7. Barstow Fire Department
8. **Benicia Fire Department**
9. **Berkeley Fire Department**
10. Big Bear Lake Fire Department
11. Burbank Fire Department
12. **Burlingame Fire Department**
13. Carpinteria-Summerland F.P.D.
14. Cathedral City Fire Department
15. Chester F.P.D.
16. Chino Valley Independent F.P.D.
17. **Contra Costa County F.P.D.**
18. Corona Fire Department
19. **Corte Madera Fire Department**
20. Crest Forest F.P.D.
21. **Davis Fire Department**
22. **Dixon Fire Department**
23. Donner Summit F.P.D.
24. **Ebbetts Pass F.P.D.**
25. El Cerrito Fire Department
26. **El Dorado County F.P.D.**
27. **Elk Grove Fire Department**
28. **Fairfield Fire Department**
29. **Foster City Fire Department**
30. **Fremont Fire Department**
31. **Half Moon Bay F.P.D.**
32. Hamilton Branch F.P.D.
33. Hemet Fire Department
34. Hermosa Beach Fire Department
35. **Hillsborough F.D.**
36. **Kentfield F.P.D.**
37. Kern County Fire Department
38. Laguna Beach Fire Department
39. **Larkspur Fire Department**
40. **Lawrence-Livermore National Laboratory F.D.**
41. **Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department**
42. **Lodi Fire Department**
43. Loma Linda Fire Department
44. Lompoc Fire Department
45. Los Angeles Fire Department
46. Los Angeles County Fire Department
47. Manhattan Beach Fire Department
48. **Menlo Park F.P.D.**
49. **Mill Valley Fire Department**
50. **Millbrae Fire Department**
51. **Milpitas Fire Department**
52. Montclair Fire Department
53. Montecito F.P.D.
54. Murrieta Fire Department
55. **Napa City Fire Department**
56. **Newark Fire Department**
57. **North County Fire Authority**
58. North Tahoe F.P.D.
59. **Novato F.P.D.**
60. Ontario Fire Department
61. **Oroville Fire Department**
62. Oxnard Fire Department
63. Palm Springs Fire Department
64. **Palo Alto Fire Department**
65. Paradise Fire Department
66. Pasadena Fire Department
67. **Petaluma Fire Department**
68. **Piedmont Fire Department**
69. Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department
70. **Redwood City Fire Department**
71. **Richmond Fire Department**
72. **Ross Valley Fire Authority**
73. **Sacramento Fire Department**
74. **Sacramento Metro Fire Department**
75. San Bernardino Fire Department
76. **San Bruno Fire Department**
77. San Diego Fire Department
78. **San Francisco Fire Department**
79. **San Jose Fire Department**
80. **San Mateo Fire Department**
81. **San Rafael Fire Department**

- 82. San Ramon Valley F.P.D.**
- 83. Santa Barbara Fire Department
- 84. Santa Barbara County Fire Department
- 85. Santa Clara Fire Department**
- 86. Santa Clara County Fire Department**
- 87. Santa Maria Fire Department
- 88. Santa Paula Fire Department
- 89. Santa Rosa Fire Department**
- 90. Sonoma Fire Department**
- 91. Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority**
- 92. South County Fire Authority**
- 93. South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

- 94. South San Francisco Fire Department**
- 95. Stockton Fire Department**
- 96. Sunnyvale D.P.S.**
- 97. Torrance Fire Department
- 98. Ukiah Fire Department**
- 99. Union City Fire Department**
- 100. Upland Fire Department
- 101. Vacaville Fire Department**
- 102. Vallejo Fire Department**
- 103. Ventura Fire Department
- 104. Ventura County Fire
- 105. Woodside F.P.D.**

Note: Department information taken from the www.cpatonline.com website and may be subject to change.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF):

The [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection \(CDF\)](http://www.fire.ca.gov) is now accepting applications for Firefighter I. Applications will be accepted **November 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007** for the 2007 fire season, which generally starts in the end of May and generally goes through October. If you are interested in applying you must complete a [Firefighter I application \(CDF Form 215\)](#) and mail it or deliver it in person to the North Coast Region I and Cascade Region II units (see next page for locations). Applications will be accepted on a file in person basis only for the units in Southern California Region III and Central Sierra Region IV. Applications must be filed at each unit in which you wish to be considered for appointment.



To view more information about Seasonal Firefighter Hiring process and positions, go to: http://www.fire.ca.gov/php/careers_seasonal.php

There are 21 units through-out the state and they are divided between two regions, North Region, and South Region. In the Northern Region you can mail the completed application to each unit that you are interested in applying for. In the Southern Region they must be hand delivered. A list of the units can be found at the end of this announcement.

What you can expect working as a firefighter for CDF:

A firefighter 1 is a temporary position. You work a 96-hour workweek, four days on and three days off. You work the same four days in a week. Your responsibilities will include responding to vegetation fires, vehicle fires, structure fires, vehicle accidents, medical aides, public assist calls, or any other emergency. You are responsible for maintaining equipment and tools, following oral and written directions, cooking and cleaning around the station and other duties as assigned. At some stations you may get only one call per shift and others may get as many as four or five calls on a busy day.

Because CDF is a statewide fire department, you can get sent to any area within the state on a strike team assignment. You may only be gone one or two days or as many as fourteen days depending on the needs throughout the state. You may be assigned to an incident, usually a large fire, or may be assigned to cover behind other engines on an out-of-county assignment.

In addition to being assigned to working on an engine, a firefighter 1 may be assigned to work at an Air Attack Base refueling aircraft, and reloading tankers with retardant. Another opportunity that is available to firefighter I is to work as a helitack firefighter assigned to one of nine helicopters throughout the state.

There is the opportunity to work as a fire fighter assigned to a Schedule A Contract. This is where a city, county, or fire protection district makes a contract with CDF to provide fire protection for the community. For example in the Santa Clara Unit, the South County Fire Protection District has contracted with CDF to provide the personnel to operate their fire department. As a result CDF personnel operate very much like any other municipal department with firefighter, engineers, captains, and chiefs, operating type I engines, and providing advanced life support medical care.

The hiring process:

After submitting an application, it is reviewed and given a preliminary score based on your education, training and experience. The more boxes you can check the more points you can get. By mid March you should receive a letter indicating weather you passed the preliminary evaluation. If a passing score is given you may then be invited to an interview. The interview is 100 percent of you score. Because each unit must follow the same guidelines for hiring you can expect to hear the same, or close to the same questions at each interview. This can be a big help when trying to improve your interviewing skills. So the more units that you apply to the better chance you have to interview and improve.

Typically an interview panel is made up of an engineer and a captain. In some cases at the completion of your interview you are given your score, in other cases it is mailed to you. Your score is based from 0 to 100 points. Typically you need to get a score in the upper 90's to be considered for employment. By mid May you should have received a letter indicating weather or not you are being considered for employment. From here one of a number of things can happen, you could get a letter stating that you will not be considered for future employment, or you can be contacted and offered a job, or you could be contacted and offered a slot in an academy but not a job.

The presumption is that a position may open up in the future and you would already be trained to take it. Typically a new hire academy is scheduled for the first or second week in June and consists of learning basic skills needed to work as a fire fighter. The end result is that by attending the class you can obtain the CDF 67 hour Certification.

What generally happens around August or September is some firefighters quit and go back to school opening up position to hire more firefighters. So this provides some people second chance to get hired. If you stay in contact with the hiring coordinator in each unit and are willing to start later in the season you might get picked up as a late hire. After you get hired with CDF and work three months you have automatic rehire rights. Meaning you don't have to go through the same process to get hired the next season.

What CDF can offer you?

CDF is an all risk fire department. They respond to an average of 6,400 wildland fires annually and more than 275,000 non-wildfire emergencies each year. As a firefighter I you will gain experience in working on an engine as part of an engine company. You will get experience working at emergencies under stressful situation. You will learn what station life is like and how to work with people of different backgrounds in that environment.

You will have the opportunity to earn additional certifications including Incident Command Systems, Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Haz Mat Operations, Swift Water Rescue, Auto Extrication, and many other classes. You will gain experience working with the ICS system as part of an engine company at small and large incidents.

Just like anything else you can get out of CDF what you put in. Because of the number of people retiring you have a very good opportunity to gain a permanent position if you put the effort into it. It is now up to you to make the first step.

To view the job flyer and download an application, go to the CDF Careers website at:

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFCareers/SeasonalHiring.asp>

For a list of Contacts including units and stations with in units:

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/MiscDocuments/CDFContacts.asp>

Minimum Qualifications for Seasonal Firefighter positions:

- Must be 18 years of age by time of appointment to a firefighter 1 position

For additional information, contact:

North Coast Headquarters:	(707) 576-2275
Human Resources Office:	(916) 445-7801
Southern Region Headquarters:	(559) 243-4100
Sierra Region IV:	(559) 222-3714
Equal Employment Opportunity:	(916) 445-8113

NORTHERN REGION

File-in-person OR mail-in applications accepted at the units listed below:

Amador-El Dorado Unit

2840 Mt. Danaher Road
Camino, CA 95709
(530) 644-2345

Lassen-Modoc Unit

697-345 Highway 36
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 257-4171

San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit

6059 Highway 9
Felton, CA 95018
(831) 335-5353

Siskiyou Unit

1809 Fair Lane Road
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3516

Butte Unit

176 Nelson Avenue
Oroville, CA 95965
(530) 538-7111

Mendocino Unit

17501 N. Highway 101
Willits, CA 95490
(707) 459-7414

Santa Clara Unit

15670 Monterey Street
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408) 779-2121

Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit

1199 Big Tree Road
St. Helena, CA 94574
(707) 967-1400

Humboldt-Del Norte Unit

118 S. Fortuna Blvd.
Fortuna, CA 95540
(707) 725-4413

Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit

13760 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 823-4904

Shasta-Trinity Unit

875 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 225-2418

Tehama-Glenn Unit

604 Antelope Blvd.
Red Bluff, CA 96080
(530) 529-8548

SOUTHERN REGION

**Applications accepted on a FILE-IN-PERSON basis ONLY at the units listed below.
Each applicant must appear in person Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Fresno-Kings Unit

210 S. Academy Avenue
Sanger, CA 93657
(559) 485-7500

San Benito-Monterey Unit

2221 Garden Road
Monterey, CA 93940-5385
(831) 647-6208

San Luis Obispo Unit

635 N. Santa Rosa
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
(805) 543-4244

Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

5366 Highway 49 North
Mariposa, CA 95338
(209) 966-3622

San Bernardino Unit

3800 Sierra Way
San Bernardino, CA 92405
(909) 881-6900

Tulare Unit

1968 S. Lovers Lane
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 732-5954

Riverside Unit

210 W. San Jacinto
Perris, CA 92570
(909) 940-6900

San Diego Unit

2249 Jamacha Road
El Cajon, CA 92019
(619) 590-3100

Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit

785 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249
(209) 754-3831

NOTE:

A special thank you to Andrew Hunter, former Chabot College Fire Technology student for providing me with this information. Andrew works for the Modesto Fire Department and used to be a Firefighter with CDF. I appreciate your time and assistance!

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!](#)

Free 50 Question Practice Firefighter Exam - Questions 31-40

(Questions 41 through 50 will appear in the upcoming issues, and Questions 1 through 30 appeared in the August, September, and October issues of the Chabot College Fire & EMS News, available at www.chabotfire.com/Newsltr.htm)

31. **A firefighter responds to a traffic accident where two people are injured. What is the best way to report this information to his officer?**
- A) "Two cars collided in an intersection which people were injured by it."
 - B) "An auto accident happened and then two people were very seriously injured in it."
 - C) "Car number 1 hit car number 2 in which two passengers were injured by the impact of the car into the other car."
 - D) "A Chevrolet Cavalier hit a Ford Taurus on the driver's side, injuring two passengers in the rear seat of the Taurus."

Charts

<u>Type of Hydrant A, B or C</u>	<u>Date Broken</u>	<u>Location: In front of</u>
C	1/12	Edgar Winkler Park
B	2/14	apartment house
A	2/26	delicatessen
B	3/15	office building
A	4/12	apartment house
A	6/20	single family dwelling
C	6/23	single family dwelling
A	7/14	fire station
B	7/20	hardware store
A	8/3	funeral home

C	9/13	single family dwelling
C	11/30	supermarket
B	12/6	apartment house
B	12/18	department store

32. Based on the information in the table, it is most accurate to say that:

- A) Type A hydrants are broken most often in the winter, and Type B hydrants are broken most often in the summer.
- B) Type A hydrants are broken most often in the summer, and Type B hydrants are broken most often in the winter.
- C) Type C hydrants are broken most often in the winter, and Type B hydrants are broken most often in the summer.
- D) Type C hydrants are broken most often in the winter, and Type A hydrants are broken most often in the summer.

33. Based on the information in the table, broken hydrants occur most often in front of:

- A) apartment houses
- B) single family dwellings
- C) food stores
- D) non-food businesses

FIRE ALARM DATA FOR 1998

DISTRICTS	POPULATION	# OF BUILDINGS	% OF RESIDENCE	# OF FIRE ALARMS
V	9,624	1,925	77%	63
W	11,912	2,382	93%	123
X	6,489	1,294	72%	48
Y	8,564	1,713	89%	79
Z	5,831	1,166	78%	86

34. Which district had the highest number of alarms relative to its population?

- A) V
- B) W
- C) Y
- D) Z

35. The average number of alarms received each month was:

- A) 26.5
- B) 33.25
- C) 41.75
- D) 5

NUMBER OF TIMES DIFFERENT FIREFIGHTER APPARATUS WAS USED DURING YEARS 1992-1997

Year	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Ladder	165	173	179	190	200	223
Tanker	26	27	25	22	21	22
Rescue	88	85	85	85	93	101
Engine	1,628	1,724	1,825	1,955	2,144	2,321

36. The average rescue usage from 1992-1997 was most nearly:

- A) 85
- B) 90
- C) 92
- D) 95

Math

37. 3.5% of 80 =

- A) .28
- B) .028
- C) 2.8
- D) 28.0

38. A rookie firefighter has spent the following number of hours studying for an upcoming entrance examination: Monday – 3-1/2 hours; Tuesday – 4 hours and 15 minutes; Wednesday – 2 hours; Thursday – 1 hour and 45 minutes; Friday – 1 hour; and Saturday – 2 hours and 15 minutes. She has been instructed that she will need to study 2-1/2 times more than the amount she has already studied. What will be the total number of hours required to be successful on the examination:

- A) 14.75 hours
- B) 36 hours
- C) 32 hours
- D) 17.75 hours

39. Multiply: .016 x .016
- A) .0256
 B) .00256
 C) .000256
40. If A = 3 and B = 6 and C = 5, what is AB + BC?
- A) 540
 B) 48
 C) 20
 D) 68

(Questions 41 through 50 will appear in the December issue) – You can also go to www.fireprep.com to view them as well.

[Click here for answers to the Free 50 Question Practice Firefighter Exam](#)

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FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – **Berkeley Fire Department:**

The [Berkeley Fire Department](http://www.berkeleyfire.com) has extended their filing period for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic until November 6, 2006! If you are currently a paramedic or in paramedic school, you may be eligible to apply!

For more information about the **position and employment opportunities**, visit their website at www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/fire/training/intror.html

For more information about the **City of Berkeley**, visit their website at www.ci.berkeley.ca.us

For more information about the **Berkeley Firefighters Association, Local 1227**, visit their website at www.local1227.org

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

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

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday November 7 from 0800 to 0930 hours - Wednesday November 8 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Tuesday November 14 from 0800 to 0930 hours - Wednesday November 15 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Thursday December 7 from 0800 to 0930 hours - Friday December 8 from 1230 to 1730 hours <p style="text-align: center;">**Go to their website at www.sfpamedics.org and click on Volunteer 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@sfpamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfpamedics.org/volunteer.htm

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 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 January 4, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday January 11, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- 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 November 8, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday November 15, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday February 7, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday February 14, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- 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** that will be held in Santa Barbara County, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday December 6, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
- Wednesday December 6, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
- 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 Riverside, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday December 13, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at TBA
- Wednesday December 13, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at TBA

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

- Monday November 6, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday November 13, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

- 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.

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:



Training Officer's Symposium

2006 Fall Training Symposium Registration Flyer Available Now!!! - See Below

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE FULL:

- All CSFM Ethics Classes
- Forcible Entry - Wednesday
- Instructor Orientation - Thursday & Friday
- Training Mandates

- Trench Rescue
- WMD Incident Management - **Cancelled**
- Fireground Command
- Driver Operator 1A
- Low Angle Rescue
- Commercial Fireground/Preventing Next 100 - **Cancelled**
- Command Presence
- Building Construction: Tactical Considerations
- Ethics and Leadership
- Commercial Ventilation

New Class Offered at Training Symposium - Thursday, November 16th
"Solutions for Safely and Effectively Searching Your Enclosed / Complex Structures" PPE Required

Flyer Corrections

Please note: The correct additional fees for Command 1B and 1C are \$25. Regional Instructor Orientation is \$150

If you have signed up for "Air Aware" or "Preventing the Next 100", please bring full PPE with SCBA and spare cylinder.

[FOR 2006 FALL TRAINING SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FLYER "CLICK HERE"](#)
 (MS Word doc)

[FOR PDF VERSION CLICK HERE](#) (LONGER DOWNLOAD TIME)

November 13 - 17, 2006

Radisson Hotel, Fresno

LISTING OF CLASSES:

(CLASS DESCRIPTIONS ARE IN THE FLYER)

CSFM Certification Classes

- Rescue Systems 1
- ~~Regional Instructor Orientation~~ FULL
- ~~CSFM Ethical Leadership in the Classroom~~ FULL
- ~~Auto-Extrication~~ FULL
- Command 1B
- Command 1C
- ~~Trench Rescue~~ FULL
- ~~Driver Operator 1A~~ FULL
- ~~Low Angle Rescue Operational~~ FULL

ICS Classes

- ICS 300
- S-330 Strike Team Leader
- S-390 Intro to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations
- S-404 Safety Officer
- S-430 Operations Section Chief

Special Interest Classes

- California Fire Chiefs' Executive Leadership
- ~~Foreable Entry~~ FULL
- ~~Commercial Ventilation~~ FULL
- RIC Operations
- Conflict Prevention and Resolution
- ~~Command Presence~~ FULL
- Leadership is not for Wimps!
- Wellness Programs
- ~~Training Mandates~~ FULL
- Company Officer Development
- Assessment Center Preparation
- Big Box Fires
- Reading Smoke
- Fire Service Internal Affairs
- Company/Battalion Leadership Lessons
- Career Defining Incidents
- ~~Ethics and Leadership~~ FULL
- Courage to Stay Safe (Train the Trainer)
- 10 Step Action Plan for Fire Attack
- PowerPoint Basics and Advanced
- ~~WMD Incident Management/Unified Command~~ CANCELLED
- Knowing Your Aerial Ladder
- ~~Building Construction: Tactical Considerations~~ FULL
- Air Aware Organization
- ~~Commercial Fireground Operations For Today's Fire Service~~ CANCELLED

EVENING PROGRAMS - Included with Registration

- Sunday-Command Lessons Learned - Mike Bryant
- Monday-Once Upon A Time, The Fairy Tale of the Fire Service - Ronny Coleman
- Tuesday-So You're Getting Promoted, Are You Prepared? - Clinton Smoke
- Wednesday-Fresno Frefighter's Association Reception
- Thursday-Two Story Rollover - Peter McBride



Printable Registration Forms and Class Descriptions available online:
www.norcaltos.org or www.calchiefs.org

Pre-Register Early! Class sizes are limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

Evening Programs included with Registration, No Pre-registration Necessary!

Contact the Hotel Directly for Room Reservation

(559) 268-1000

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, CA, 93721
\$95.00 + tax per night - double occupancy

Note: The Radisson Hotel fills up rapidly, If you are looking for a room other than the Radisson, you can contact:

La Quinta Inn – Fresno
2926 Tulare Street
Fresno, California 93721
(559) 442-1110

Symposium Registration Hours: Sun 11/12:1400 - 2000, Mon 11/13 - FRI 11/17: 0700 - 1700.

Proof of Prerequisites may be required.

For the latest version of the 2006 Training Officers Symposium registration flyer, go to www.calchiefs.org and click on TRAINING OFFICERS.

Pre-registration deadline: November 6, 2006.

Cancellation and No Show policy: All cancellations up to one week prior to the start of the symposium will be charged a \$25 Cancellation Fee. No refunds issued after 1 week prior to the start of the Symposium.

Make room reservations directly with the Radisson Hotel (559-268-1000).

The California Training Officers Symposium is a joint venture hosted by the Southern California and [Northern California Training Officers Associations](#). I am currently serving on the Executive Board as the First Vice President. Membership is only \$40.00 per year and members receive discounts on training sessions such as this one, as well as the ability to be on our email mailing list and receive numerous training opportunities on a weekly basis, and have the ability to network with training officers and others with an interest in fire service training. We are a subsection of the [California Fire Chiefs Association](#).

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Seattle Fire Department:

The following information was taken from the Seattle Fire Department website – www.seattle.gov/fire/

<p>Application period: OPEN October 6 - December 29, 2006</p>
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During the open application period only, Entry-Level Firefighter Applications can be obtained by the following means:

- Apply Online at [Fire & Police Exams](#) **OR**
- Send a *self-addressed stamped envelope* to:

Seattle Personnel Dept - Fire Exams
PO Box 34028
Seattle, WA 98124-4028

Each individual must meet the [Minimum Qualifications](#) and submit a completed application for testing during the open application period. There is a **\$25.00 application fee** for processing.

Testing for Firefighters is conducted by the City of Seattle Personnel Department Fire Exams Unit.

The testing consists of the following:

- a formal [Written Examination](#)
- 2 [Oral Board Interview Exams](#)

Applicants will be notified by mail of the scheduled testing dates, time and location by the Fire Exams Unit.

See Also: [Firefighter Career Overview](#)
[Testing Process](#)
[Firefighter Candidate Information](#) (for exam schedule)

The most competitive individuals successfully completing the exams will be eligible for consideration for Firefighter positions.

Applicant Questions??

It is strongly advised that applicants with questions about becoming a Seattle Firefighter seek information from the appropriate experts so that they obtain accurate and complete information. Applicants often have friends and other "contacts" in the City of Seattle, however, these individuals may not have the most up-to-date information and may not be able to provide essential information.

Questions about the application process, exams, test dates, or other related information should be directed to the **Fire Exams Unit at (206) 386-1303.**

Questions regarding the employment process, qualifications, or other related information, please [Email](#) or call the **Recruitment Officer of the Seattle Fire Department at (206) 386-1472.**

Questions regarding EMT Certification or reciprocity call [King County Medic One](#) at **206-296-4860.**

See Also: [EMT Certification FAQ](#)

For more information about the **City of Seattle**, visit their website at: www.seattle.gov

For more information about the **Seattle Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.seattle.gov/fire/

For more information about the **Seattle Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 27**, visit their website at www.iaff27.org/

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