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Good Day Fall 2025 FT 1 Students,

We are a little more than 4 weeks away from the start of the fall semester and I hope this finds you doing well. I will be sending out additional emails, but for now don't stress about anything regarding the Fire Technology class, especially about what to do before or what to bring the first night of class – Monday August 18, 2025 at 7 pm.

I will cover more as we get closer. For now, please just take some time to digest and learn from the previous **four** emails I sent out, this email, and the next emails I will send out before class starts.

**NOTE:**

If you just registered OR have registered but have NOT received those previous four emails (July 14, July 2, June 19 and June 17), please go to our website [www.chabotfire.com](http://www.chabotfire.com) and go to the page “**Fire Technology 1 – Fall 2025 Information**” as they are archived there.

**There are 2 items I want to focus on in this email:**

**ITEM #1:**

**Television Shows & Movies related to the fire service:**

There are several television shows and movies related to the fire service you should be aware of, so that you can have an educated conversation once you are on the job, and so that you can learn more about the career you are considering. Now, you also must realize that most (if not all) television shows and movies, while as realistic as they may be, are not 100% accurate. I will try my best to share and discuss those nuances in class as we go through the semester.

- Here is an article that calls out what the authors believe to be the 16 best television shows that are available on various outlets (streaming, YouTube, network television, internet, etc.): <https://www.cbr.com/best-firefighter-tv-shows-imdb/>

Of those, the one (#7 on the list in the link above) that probably is most talked about and has probably had the most influence on many on the job was Emergency, or Squad 51 as some called it. Emergency was based with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and really set the stage for today regarding paramedics on fire apparatus providing emergency medical care outside of the hospital.

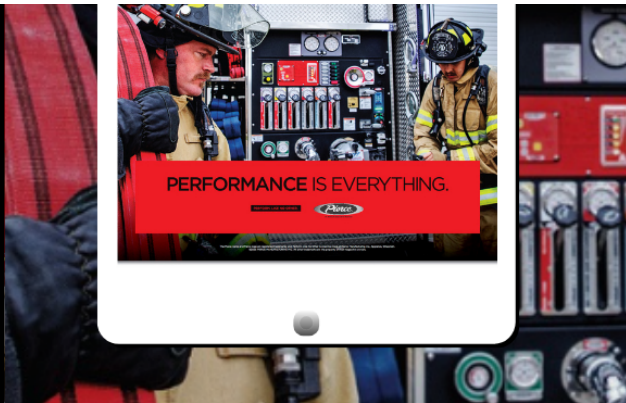
- Here is an article that calls out what the authors believe to be the 7 best movies related to the fire service <https://www.firerescue1.com/entertainment/articles/the-7-best-firefighting-movies-of-all-time-PuEpoIbhL4qYFiZJ/>

Again, besides learning more about the fire service, by at least watching these, you will also not look like an idiot when a firefighter asks you a question like “what did you think about Backdraft?” The last thing you want to say is “what the heck is Backdraft?”

**ITEM #2:**

The latest issue of Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment, published by the company that publishes the most popular fire service trade publication – Fire Engineering, which I'll also be sharing with you when it arrives.





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That's all for now, enough to keep you all busy and focused.....

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
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