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Good Day Fall 2025 FT 1 Students (and those on the wait list that will be added in once I get add numbers):

We are a few days away from the first night of class, **Monday August 18th at 7 pm!!**

Hopefully you have taken some quality time to digest and learn from the previous **TEN** emails (in addition to the Welcome Letter & the Student Contract) I sent out (and that are archived as shown below), this email, and the next emails I will send out (if any) before class starts.

NOTE:

If you have NOT received (OR read) those previous **TEN** emails (August 10, August 3, July 28, July 24, July 20, July 17, July 14, July 2, June 19 and June 17), including the Welcome Letter AND the Student Contract, please go to our website www.chabotfire.com and go to the page “**Fire Technology 1 – Fall 2025 Information**” as they are archived there.

- *You should have received each twice. Why twice? Once to your personal email AND once to your Chabot College (Zonemail) email account.*
- *If you haven't checked your Zonemail account lately (or at all), please do so as you may be missing important information.*
- *If you haven't received them in your personal email, check your junk/spam – something you should be doing regularly as you may be missing key emails that could be buried within the garbage found there.*
- *If you are ON the WAIT LIST, I strongly encourage you to make sure you take some quality time to review ALL of the information on the Fire Technology 1 – Fall 2025 page referenced above along with this information so you're not left behind if you are fortunate enough to get into class.*

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

ITEM #1:

Four (4) Questions For Everyone – BE PREPARED AT FIRST CLASS SESSION:

To keep you focused (and help you best prepare for the upcoming semester) I am asking these four questions to try to get you thinking, planning and preparing, and to ensure we make the most of your experience in Fire Technology 1 this semester. PLEASE start thinking about each so your experience in class meets your expectations:

1. **The pronunciation of your name and how you want to be addressed (if different than your name on the roster) when I take roll and interact with you.**
 2. **What type of fire service position are you interested in achieving to start out with and maybe in the future at some point?** I realize you may not be aware of ALL the different options available to you at this point – but you will by the end of the semester.
 3. **One (1) thing you hope or expect to get out of Fire Technology 1 when the semester concludes in December of 2025.**
 4. **Not required – but feel free to also provide any questions you may be thinking of so I can start putting together answers that I can share with the entire class since the rest of the class will probably be able to also benefit from hearing the answers to questions some might also have.**
- **Be prepared when I take roll on Monday night for number 1, 2 and 3, and 4 if you can think of anything, to answer these questions.** While I may not get to everyone, I'll do my best to do so. If not, we'll continue into the next week.

But, even if you can't think of solid (or even tentative) answers, please don't just forget these items and instead, bring them up in a later class session. It's never TOO late to ask questions; there are no dumb questions; this is YOUR life and YOUR career, so it you don't help yourself, nobody else will. Plus, it makes for a boring class if I'm doing all the talking. I want to have good discussions occurring, because that is how we all learn, myself included

ITEM #2:

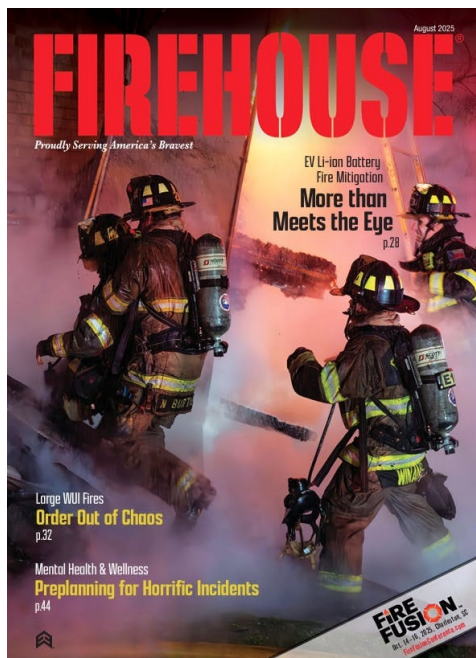
August 2025 Issue of Firehouse Magazine:

In a previous email, I shared the July issue of Fire Engineering and the July issue of Firehouse. Below is the August issue of Firehouse Magazine to continue learning about the fire service.

Now for those who have taken the time to read the draft syllabus and the student contract that I previously asked you to, you'll have hopefully noticed a term "trade article." That is basically where you will select an article from a trade magazine (digital or print), and come up with three (3) key points / concepts, and then support each with a few sentences. A five paragraph report that will be due in October per the syllabus. I'll go over more the second night of class if all goes well.

So, since Firehouse is a print (in this case – here is the digital version) "trade magazine," if there is an article inside the below that interests you, and that you can find three key points / concepts to support, then maybe you can get a head start on creating an outline? Again, don't sweat it now, as I'll give more details once we get going. You'll have over a month to complete it, plenty of time if you manage your time properly.

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That's all for now, look forward to seeing you Monday and working with you to get you more aware of what the fire service is about as well as how you may find yourself fitting into the bigger picture!

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

Thank you,
Steve

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