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Good Day Spring 2026 Fire Technology 1 Students,
And those on the wait list and/or hoping to get on the wait list....

We are 2 weeks away from the start of the spring 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 – Thursday January 22, 2026, 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, as well as the below information.

NOTE:

If you just registered **OR** have registered but have NOT received those previous three emails (December 18, December 26, December 30 and January 2), please go to our website www.chabotfire.com and to the page “Fire Technology 1 – Spring 2026 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.*

THE FOCUS OF THIS EMAIL IS THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) ITEMS:

1. FT 1 Canvas Site:

As of now, I'm hoping to publish the Canvas site on Tuesday January 20, 2026 so you have time to log in and hopefully look around and start familiarizing yourself with the class. Obviously we will go way more in depth on the first and subsequent classes. I will send an email when it is published as a heads-up.

2. An interesting and timely article found in one of the recent, free daily emails I receive from Firehouse Magazine (and that I encourage you to sign up for at www.firehouse.com) related to the ever growing problem of cancer, especially in firefighters:

Complacency: The Slow Erosion of “Giving a Damn” Related to Firefighter Cancer Joe Scheumann laments fire departments', officers' and firefighters' disregard—conscious or not—of safety standards that are designed to lessen—even eliminate—the long-term risk of cancer.

Click the link below to view the article:



3. Embarrassing situation from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in an apparent effort to cover up mistakes made during last year's major wildfire that destroyed thousands of

to cover up mistakes made during last year's major wildfire that destroyed thousands of homes.

LAFD Fire Chief Jaime Moore admits the deadly Palisades Fire after-action report was edited / softened to protect leadership by reducing criticism of LAFD leadership. Los Angeles Fire Chief Jaime Moore acknowledged that the department's after-action report on the deadly 2025 Palisades Fire was edited to reduce criticism of LAFD leadership.

Click the link below to view the article and video:



4. The latest email blast from [FireCareers.com](https://www.firecareers.com) - with some career opportunities to consider applying for and at least researching:

In the December 30, 2025 email, I referenced finding positions in the fire service to apply for, as well as various services you can also pay for to help you locate openings around the country. I am endorsing any specific provider, as you need to do your own research on which one (if any) could be best for you. I've personally subscribed to [FireCareers.com](https://www.firecareers.com) since the early 1990's when I was in your shoes taking the Fire Technology 1 (then called 50) class and looking for positions to apply for. Even if you don't pay for their services, I think you might still be able to subscribe to their free email list to get emails once a month or so like the one I got recently below. Don't quote me - do your own research to see if that is still an option off of their website. Regardless, if you want to get hired, you need to start applying for ANY position you may qualify for.

If you're thinking you have to wait to finish your degree or the academy, you're mistaken and losing valuable time. No department requires a degree and very few require an academy. Most (not all) require EMT, many require paramedic. Your most important focus should be on getting your EMT because that is the number one certificate or license departments require, thus allowing you to apply for more positions.

I applied for my first position BEFORE I even entered Chabot FT 1. Why? Because the San Jose Fire Department at the time did not require ANYTHING except being 18 years of age and having a high school diploma or equivalent. You'll learn very quickly in class that the classes you take at a college won't get you hired, but they are important for reasons I'll discuss. Many firefighters around the country were hired without ever taking college classes, but just having their EMT or paramedic and just applying and smoking their oral interview, which is usually 100% of the final score in your ranking on the hiring list.....



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5. The latest issue of EMS World:

As previously mentioned and is in the syllabus and student contract I posted on the website on January 2 (that I hope you've taken the time to review and expose yourself too), one of the requirements of class will be what we call a Trade Article, where you review an article from a printed or digital fire service publication - fire service also includes EMS, Haz Mat and

EMS World Winter Digital Edition

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

Take care,
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