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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 less than 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 **five** 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 emails (December 18, December 26, December 30, January 2 **and** January 7), 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 THREE (3) ITEMS:

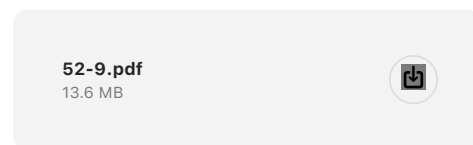
1. The latest issue of the Extra Alarmer:

During the semester, I'll try to share free versions of digital fire service publications for you to learn from. One of the terms you'll learn about is "fire buff," someone who supports and has an interest in the fire service. Virtually every big city around the country has an official fire buff club that is not directly funded by or affiliated by the local fire department, but is actually recognized by and appreciated by the local fire departments. For example, in Santa Clara County, we have the Fire Associates of Santa Clara, a group of volunteer civilians who will actually respond to usually 2nd or 3rd alarms (depending on when a local fire department requests their services) not to fight the fire, but to support the personnel and departments on scene in the form of providing light snacks and refreshments, gatorade, etc., as the fire service personnel at the incident are going through their rehab period.

- For more information about fire buffs, as well as a website for the International Fire Buff Associates (IFBA), visit their website: <https://ifba.org/>
- On this website, you'll learn about ALL of these types of associations / organizations around the country.
- There is also a link to view their free digital magazine, "Turn Out," which provides action shots and information about major fires and incidents the respective fire buff groups have responded to and supported around the country.

The Extra Alarmer below is published by the Extra Alarm Association of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul), and provides a lot of great information to learn about those departments and just fire service operations in general. Before you think why should I care about what is going halfway across the country, realize there are a lot similarities in how departments operate, and there are a number of things you can learn that can applied here and during class:

Click on the pdf for the latest issue:



2. Some more great information from the free website FirefighterCloseCalls.com:

One of the handful of free email lists I encourage you to sign up for is the one offered by www.firefighterclosecalls.com - it's like the TMZ of the fire service, and I mean that in a good way. Meaning this email list will provide you with the most up-to-date issues related to the fire service from around the world. They're usually the first to report on major fires, firefighters getting killed in the line of duty, positive public relations stories and just things in general that you can benefit from being aware of. Here is one of their recent emails with some information I encourage you to take the time to review.

- I shared this free email list with you in the last email of January 7, and I'll share some great recent posts you might have missed if you have yet to sign up and/or visit their website.

NOTE: if you are also interested in OTHER free email lists, we have a number of them listed on ChabotFire.com - just go to the FREE Email List page we have provided for you.





All,

Recently, during a 5th Alarm fire in Queens, an FDNY member was struck by a falling AC window unit. We are attaching an FDNY tip that has been developed to discuss these hazards, and I've also attached the video of the incident from NYC videographer Skyler F.

VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/lnQe7GG-jzw?si=qHn4TTIVSaRPBTJG>

THE INCIDENT OCCURS AT 30:56

Find the FDNY Tip Sheet here - [FDNY Tips from Training & Safety](#)

DELAWARE FIREFIGHTER STRUCK

Last night, while backing their ladder truck into the station, a Five Points Firefighter (New Castle Co, DE) was struck by a vehicle. Crews gave immediate care to the Firefighter, and he was transported to Christiana Hospital by their EMT's and New Castle County Paramedics. The Firefighter is in stable condition and in good spirits. Good news.

Take Care. Be Careful. Pass It On.

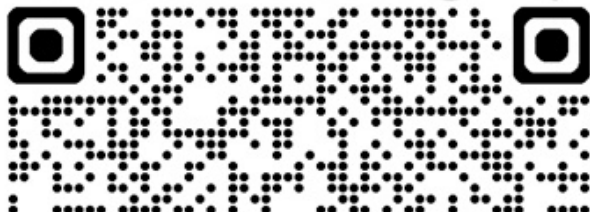
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The Secret List 1/9/2026-0800 Hours

www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com

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The Secret List Sign-up





3. Another one from [FirefighterCloseCalls.com](https://www.FirefighterCloseCalls.com) worth reviewing:

If you start reading the below item and think it is NOT for you since you may think firefighters, and especially future firefighters are NOT leaders, you're wrong and misinformed. ALL ranks are leaders - from the newest firefighter to the senior fire chief. Granted only fire officers (company officers, known as usually lieutenants or captains, and are supervising fire companies each shift - engine companies, truck companies, etc. - AND - chief officers, known as battalion chiefs, division chiefs, deputy chiefs, assistant chiefs and fire chiefs) are responsible for leadership because they are all supervisors, but that doesn't mean a firefighter cannot be a leader. We will talk about this in class as being a leader is one of your expectations. So the information being shared by the current fire chief of the FDNY is valuable for ALL ranks of personnel from ANY department AND even future firefighters like all of you.



All,
This is an excellent leadership focused podcast series (The Leadership Crucible) that's been hosted for several years by Chief Randy Brugeman.

This episode is with FDNY Chief of Department John Esposito is really good and we thought you'd enjoy checking it out... so we're passing it on:

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WATCH:

<https://youtu.be/6fb1i-pmBco?si=YFZqg65eHFPCsYxl>

NOTE: Scroll Down For The Full Episode Summary Below.

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BillyG

The Secret List 1/10/2026-1200 Hours

www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com

Leading the FDNY isn't just a job—it's a constant test of judgment, consistency, and character. In this episode of The Leadership Crucible Podcast, Chief Randy Bruegman sits down with Chief John Esposito, Chief of Department for the New York City Fire Department, to explore what high-stakes leadership looks like inside the most iconic fire service organization in the world.

With more than three decades rising through the ranks—from engine companies in Queens to Special Operations in Manhattan—Chief Esposito oversees more than 14,000 uniformed members in a city where every decision is scrutinized and the pressure never lets up. He shares how consistency builds trust in massive organizations, why culture is shaped by what leaders tolerate, and how the FDNY honors its historic legacy while still evolving tactics, training, and technology.

From command-level accountability and crisis decision-making to caring for firefighters and EMTs as family, this conversation offers a grounded, honest look at what it takes to lead people who risk everything—every single day.

Whether you're a first responder, a public-sector leader, or anyone responsible for others in high-pressure environments, this episode delivers timeless lessons on trust, steadiness, and leadership at scale.

IN THIS EPISODE:

- 00:00 – Trailer: Leadership at the Highest Level in NYC
- 00:55 – What the Chief of Department Role Really Entails
- 02:54 – Leading 14,000+ Members Across Fire & EMS
- 03:31 – Why FDNY Faces Unique Operational Challenges
- 04:07 – Consistency as the Foundation of Trust
- 06:45 – Representing the FDNY Brand On and Off Duty
- 08:06 – The Role of Mentorship in Esposito's Leadership Journey
- 10:25 – Staying Calm When There Are No Easy Answers
- 11:48 – Discipline, Accountability, and Fair Application of Policy
- 13:20 – The Challenge of Communicating Across a Massive Organization
- 14:12 – Honoring Tradition While Evolving Tactics & Technology
- 16:59 – Innovation, High-Rise Risk, and Fireground Data
- 18:54 – Why Trust Is Non-Negotiable in Firehouse Culture
- 22:25 – Leadership Tested During Crisis Moments
- 24:19 – Family, Care, and Showing Up for Your People
- 25:25 – Managing Pressure and Avoiding Burnout at the Top
- 28:43 – Culture, Probies, and Building a Winning Organization
- 30:38 – Teaching the Next Generation of FDNY Leaders
- 33:49 – Making the Hard Decisions Leaders Don't Want to Make
- 35:21 – Accountability Starts at the Top
- 37:49 – When Leadership Conflicts With Personal Beliefs
- 42:07 – Budget Pressure, Resources, and Public Safety Reality
- 45:45 – The Legacy Chief Esposito Hopes to Leave
- 49:21 – Closing Reflections on Leadership and Service

ABOUT CHIEF ESPOSITO:

Chief John Esposito began his career with the FDNY in 1991 and is Chief of Department, overseeing more than 14,000 uniformed members across Fire and EMS. Prior to that role, he served as Chief of Operations, responsible for the day-to-day leadership of over 11,000 firefighters and fire officers.

Chief Esposito previously led the FDNY's Special Operations Command, overseeing Rescue, Marine, Hazardous Materials, and Robotics units. His career includes assignments at Engine Company 324 in Queens, Engine Company 47, and Squad Company 18 in Manhattan, with promotions through every level of command.

He is a graduate of Stony Brook University, the FDNY Fire Officers Management Institute, and holds a master's degree in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School. Chief Esposito has also served with the FDNY Center for Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness and sits on the NFPA High-Rise Building Safety Advisory Committee.

LINKS & RESOURCES:

- Chief John Esposito | LinkedIn ( / john-m-esposito-830aa112)
- FDNY | Web (<https://www.nyc.gov/si...>)
- FDNY | Instagram ( / fdny)
- FDNY | Facebook ( / fdny)
- FDNY | LinkedIn ( / new-york-city-fire-dep...)
- Taylor Montey | LinkedIn ( / taylor-montey-b27aa3340)

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- Chief Bruegman | Instagram ( / chiefbruegman)
- Leaders of Tomorrow Podcast (<https://www.theleaders...>)

MUSIC CREDITS:

- You Were There Instrumental - CHPTRS (MB01GWD6NYA7CYS)
- Fanfare For The Common Man
- This Is The Good Life (Instrumental) - MOONWATER

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

Take care,
Steve

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