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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 a week away from the start of the spring semester Fire Technology 1 class that, Thursday January 22, 2026, at 7 pm.

Hopefully you have taken the time to digest and learn from the previous **six** emails I sent out, as well as take the time to review this email, and the next email(s) I will send out before class starts.

NOTE:

If you just registered **OR** have registered but have NOT received those previous emails (December 18, December 26, December 30, January 2, January 7 **and** January 10), 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. Canvas log-in:

This Tuesday, January 20, I will be publishing this semester's Canvas class so you can log-in and start looking around. I'll send an email out in the morning once I publish it so you can get a head start on the first night of class. There is NOTHING due the first night of class, but it sure will help you and me if you can log in and start exploring what is there.

2. Job opportunity - EMT with the South San Francisco Fire Department:

One of the topics that we will be discussing EVERY week is how to get hired, as well as the various components of the hiring process. In email #3 I sent out on December 30, 2025, I focused on how to locate job opportunities to apply for. I also shared one of a few FREE places you should be signed up for to locate and receive opportunities you can apply for. Below is one of those opportunities - EMT with South San Francisco Fire Department. Even if you do NOT yet have your EMT, please take the time to review the information in the link below because this is a CONTINUOUS application acceptance process. Meaning there is NO deadline, so if you're scheduled for EMT this semester, there's a good chance this will still be open to apply for at the end of the semester since it is considered a transient position. Meaning it's not meant to be a career position to work at for 30 years.

It's a great position to get some valuable experience working for a fire department (better working conditions than probably any private ambulance company). You're not a firefighter, but you get to work with and know the firefighters (which can be good if you do well and are likable, but can be bad if you don't perform well and do not fit in with them).

Click the link below for more info:

Emergency Medical Technician
calopps.org



3. The latest issue of Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment:

During the semester, I'll try to share free versions of digital fire service publications for you to learn from. As I've already shared and you have hopefully seen if you've taken the time to review the student contract and draft syllabus that are found on www.chabotfire.com in the Fire Technology 1 Info - Spring 2026 page, you'll notice the requirement of submitting a research paper, or what we call a trade article. This will require you to find an article from a magazine (a trade publication) and then write a five paragraph essay on your 3 key points. While I will have hard copies in class to borrow, here is another example of a publication you can use if you find an article that can provide 3 key points to expand upon:

**January 2026: Specialized Response:
Industrial, ARFF & High-Hazard Units**



Your Digital Issue Has Arrived!

Read the January issue today.

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4. Some more great information from the free website [FirefighterCloseCalls.com](https://www.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.



All,
Below is a report regarding the failure to use tracking devices at that ship fire in New Jersey, where 2 Firefighters died in the line of duty. We also included a link to the MAYDAY radio traffic.

A U.S. Coast Guard investigation found Newark firefighters searching for two missing colleagues aboard a burning cargo ship in 2023 never deployed available Pak-Tracker devices that could have helped locate them.

Throughout that desperate search, however, Firefighters Augusto "Augie" Acabou and Wayne "Bear" Brooks Jr. were equipped with electronic tracking devices known as "Pak-Trackers" which

should have been signaling exactly where the two men could be found.

Documents and testimony before a U.S. Coast Guard inquiry, however, reveal that no one was listening.

I personally remember as a young firefighter having it hammered into my head that the expected equipment should be in our hands - not left on the rig. My pockets were full of the stuff you'd expect, and what I expected I might need. In later years, I remember a program where John Salka also "hammered" into us that if your department issues it, use it, including all of your PPE.

I was on a serious entrapment call several years ago where another FD had some brand-new extrication equipment on the rig, and it was literally brand new, still in the box. Still wrapped. Kinda the same issue-obviously never used, tested, or trained on-might as well leave it at home.

The bottom line is that pieces of equipment that may be needed are of no value when left on the rig. Obviously, you can't bring everything, but based on what the dispatcher is telling us, bring what would potentially be needed. No empty hands.

There have been other Firefighter Line of Duty deaths where needed equipment was left behind. Thermal imagers. Radios. meters etc.

While most of what I do on the fireground is run a division, track the companies I'm assigned, answer my radio, and support those companies assigned to me, etc., I have what I need, so the members operating inside can count on me. It's equally (or even more) ESSENTIAL that all members operating have with them what MAY be needed. For each other. For the public.

In the case of tracking devices, the idea is to use them regularly so that it becomes automatically used and thought of on every structural run...not an afterthought.

HERE IS THE ARTICLE:

<https://www.nj.com/news/2026/01/tracking-devices-sat-unused-in-deadly-nj-cargo-fire-could-the-firefighters-have-been-saved.html>

or

<https://www.firerescue1.com/line-of-duty-death-lodd/coast-guard-says-firefighter-tracking-devices-went-unused-in-deadly-n-j-ship-fire>

HERE IS THE MAYDAY RADIO TRAFFIC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z7B7A-RU4o>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=priOc619_dk

==FIREFIGHTER DUI CHARGE WHILE DRIVING FIRE APPARATUS

PA state troopers are now charging an on-duty volunteer Firefighter with a DUI after he crashed a tanker truck into a utility pole while responding to an emergency call. A four-year-old girl was also in the tanker.

The Firefighter with the White Mills Fire Department, Shane Farrell, was allegedly speeding on the Owego Turnpike near Hawley. He lost control of the tanker and crashed into a utility pole.

MORE HERE:

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/wayne-county/white-mills-firefighter-charged-with-dui-after-crashing-tanker-while-responding-to-a-call-wayne-county-owego-turnpike-shane-farrell/523-bd4ccf5b-f783-4327-9532-cd2c5ee73265>

==REPORT: 9 FIREFIGHTERS HURT AT A 4500 sq ft DWELLING FIRE (SLIDES)

On August 30, 2025, 2 McKinney (Texas) Firefighters were seriously injured and seven sustained minor injuries while operating at a single-family dwelling fire.

Below are links to the report AND slides you can use at your department training.

SLIDES:

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/programs/pdfs/f202508RS.pdf>

REPORT:

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<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/programs/pdfs/f202508.pdf>

Take Care. Be careful. Pass it On.

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The Secret List 1/14/2026-1616 Hours

www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com

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.

5. A free webinar worth signing up for and viewing:

During the semester, we'll be talking about many subjects, one being safety, health and wellness. While it's true that it seems like anyone who lives long enough will eventually get cancer of some type, those in the fire service are more predisposed to being diagnosed with cancer given what we may be exposed to, even when we follow our proper training, proper policies, and wearing our personal protective equipment (PPE). The more you can learn now to help keep yourself safe to ensure you can take care of the community you will be fortunate to serve, the better.



PROVIDENT WEBINAR SERIES

FIRE SERVICE CANCER RISK REDUCTION: GOOD-BETTER-BEST PRACTICES

PANELIST: CHIEF ED MANN

**REGISTER TODAY!
JANUARY 27
AT 7:00PM EST**



**Fire Service Cancer Risk Reduction:
Good-Better-Best Practices**

Tuesday, January 27, 7-8 PM EST

Firefighters are at higher risk for developing certain types of cancer, and service-



connected cancer deaths continue to rise each year—but your department doesn't have to be a statistic. Chief Ed Mann, our Director of Training & Education, will break down science-backed practices into a Good-Better-Best strategy that fits any budget.

What you'll learn:

- **The "Right Now" Solutions:** Inexpensive changes that offer instant risk reduction.
- **Advancing the Standard:** How to build a long-term culture of health and decontamination.
- **The Diagnosis Protocol:** Navigating the path forward with confidence and support.

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

Take care,
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