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Welcome to the latest issue of the Fire & EMS News! Some of the highlights of this issue include:

- Congratulations are in order for various individuals that have achieved career goals or milestones!
- Firefighter Employment Opportunity – Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, NV
- Is it worth getting a two or four year degree just to become a firefighter?
- It's your turn in the hot seat – Captain Bob oral interview preparation class on October 4!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – EMS classes
- This month's written examination testing tips, courtesy of the Don McNea Fire School!
- FREE Firefighter Preparation Seminars at Chabot College!
- Paramedic school entrance exams – classes being held around Northern California!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS!!

....For recently achieving career goals and / or achievements:

- **Aaron Brown** (former Chabot College Fire Technology student) for getting hired with the [Oakland Fire Department](#) as a Firefighter.
- **James Chiu** (former Chabot College Fire Technology student) for getting hired with the [Oakland Fire Department](#) as a Firefighter.
- **Graham Flanagan** (former Chabot College Fire Technology student) for getting hired with the [San Jose Fire Department](#) as a Firefighter / Paramedic.
- **Sheldon Gilbert**, (Deputy Chief of the [Alameda County Fire Department](#) and former Chabot College student), for being appointed to the State EMS Commission by Governor Schwarzenegger.
- **Nate Hagenbach** (former Chabot College Fire Technology student) for getting hired with the Lake Valley Fire Protection District as a Paramedic / Firefighter.
- **Frank Marin** (former Chabot College Fire Technology student) for getting hired with the [Clark County Fire Department](#) (NV) as a Firefighter.
- **Anthony Paskins** (current Chabot College Fire Technology student) for getting hired with the [Oakland Fire Department](#) as a Firefighter.

Your name could be there too! The key is whether you remain focused and persistent, and do not give up your pursuit of the badge!

FIREFIGHTER TESTING OPPORTUNITY:
Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, NV

F.I.R.E.S. 2006



The cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Trainee during the period of October 17 through November 17, 2005, at Las Vegas City Hall, Human Resources Department, 400 Stewart Ave, on the corner of North Las Vegas Boulevard and Stewart Avenue.

This recruitment will involve a highly competitive process that includes a written exam scheduled for January 25, 2006, and a pass/fail physical ability test scheduled for mid-March 2006. Early preparation for the written and physical ability exams is a must. The FSI Written Test Preparation Manual Order Form is available under related links below.

Experience and Training Requirements

Age: 18 years or older on the date of application.

Experience: Some firefighting experience is desirable.

Training: Equivalent to graduation from high school. College level course work in fire science, fire administration, or a related field is desirable.

License, Certificate and Special Requirements:

- Possession of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic certificate on the date of job offer. If the applicant does not have his or her EMT certification at the time of offer, applicant can produce it by fax, hand delivery or mail within one week.
- Possession of an appropriate, valid driver's license on the date of application.
- Must meet current physical condition requirement on the date of appointment.

The EMT-Basic certification typically consists of 17 to 23 weeks of classroom and clinical training. Classes are on-going throughout the year, but are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment prerequisites and tuition fees vary. Contact the agencies below for more information.

American Medical Response - Gail Furtaw	(702) 671-6977
Community College of Southern Nevada - Westy Durant	(702) 651-5807

EMS Training Center of Southern Nevada - Jim McAllister	(702) 651-9111
Southwest Ambulance - Shannon Shumway	(702) 224-5063

Monthly Salary

Firefighter Trainees during academy: Las Vegas \$3,120, North Las Vegas \$3,343.
Firefighters working ten 24-hour shifts per month: Las Vegas \$3,628, North Las Vegas \$3,927.

- What is F.I.R.E.S.?**
 Firefighter Interagency Recruitment Examination and Selection is a screening and testing program sponsored by the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas to recruit, test and select firefighters. The program uses common testing procedures for entry-level firefighters and is administered by the collective efforts of the Human Resources and Fire Departments of these two cities.
- What is the goal of F.I.R.E.S.?**
 To recruit the most qualified applicants while increasing our minority and female representation within the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas Fire Departments.
- Who may use F.I.R.E.S.?**
 Anyone who can perform the essential functions of the Firefighter job description and who possesses a High School Diploma or G.E.D. Valid driver's license and eighteen (18) years or older. EMT certification is required at the time of job offer. If the applicant does not have his or her EMT certification at the time of offer, applicant can produce it by fax, hand delivery or mail within one week. If timeframe cannot be met, the candidate will be removed from consideration at that time, but will remain on the list for future consideration.
- What are some suggested study resources?**
 You can purchase the FSI Test Preparation Manual by using the order form listed below under related links. If you prefer not to purchase the Candidate Test Preparation Manual for Entry-level Firefighters, the 8th edition is available at Las Vegas and North Las Vegas libraries and is the only publication endorsed by both cities. All reading ability questions will be derived from this manual. The reference number is TH9157.C36 2003.

Other general study resources include:

 - ARCO - Firefighter by Fred M. Rafilson and Robert Andriuolo
 - Math for Civil Service Tests by Jessika Sobanski
 - Practical Math Success in 20 Minutes a Day by Judith Robinovitz
- What are the physical requirements?**
 The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). See below under related links for videos providing a general overview and candidate instructions.

More information or to apply - please call the F.I.R.E.S. Hotline at (702) 392-2774 or visit their website at [City of Las Vegas F.I.R.E.S.](#)

Learn more about both departments by visiting their respective websites below:

- Las Vegas Fire – Rescue website: [CLICK HERE](#)
- North Las Vegas Fire Department website: [CLICK HERE](#)

WONDERING WHETHER IT IS WORTH OBTAINING A TWO OR FOUR YEAR DEGREE TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER???

I hear these questions almost weekly:

1. “Do I really need to finish my two year degree?”
2. “Why do I need a degree to become a firefighter – it’s just a blue color job?”
3. “I have my two year degree already, isn’t that enough?”
4. “I have a four year degree from somewhere, isn’t that enough?”
5. “I don’t ever want to become a fire chief or promote in the fire service. Why do I need to complete a degree?”
6. “Can I get hired as a firefighter without a degree?”
7. “I don’t have time to get a degree.”
8. “I want to become a firefighter. Can I do it with just completing my EMT and firefighter 1 academy certificates?”

Let me try to address these frequently asked questions to help spread some light on the subject. Education is very near and dear to my heart, so realize these are only my opinions based on my experience.

1. “Do I really need to finish my two year degree?”

Yes, you do. Even though most departments do not require a two or four year degree to take their examination, the most competitive and successful candidates will usually have them completed.

2. “Why do I need a degree to become a firefighter – it’s just a blue color job?”

Technically most departments only require someone to be 18 or 21 years and possess a G.E.D. or high school diploma to get hired. Realize that is the **MINIMUM**. Do you really want to be someone that gets through life using “minimum criteria” or do you want to be one that raises the bar and has higher expectations? Even though that is the minimum, it is not uncommon to see departments advertise that they also have “desirable qualifications” that can include education in some form, including having completed a degree. Yes, we are in effect a blue color job, but because of the excellent pay, benefits, and working conditions (I know that can be debatable) we tend to have a lot of candidates to pick from. When you have a large number of candidates to typically pick from, and because of what we have to offer, we have the ability

to pick the best of the best, and the ones that have a significant amount of education. Additionally, having a degree shows some commitment and motivation among other things.

3. "I have my two year degree already, isn't that enough?"

Depends what your two year degree is in. If it is a non-fire field, than by all means try to get one in fire to show your commitment and dedication to our industry. If it is in fire, then congratulations for going this far. If you want to become a paramedic or become bilingual, then I would say hold off on the four year degree and get one or both of those items completed. I would say more fire departments look for someone that is a paramedic or is bilingual before they look for someone who has a four year degree (at least in California). However, if you don't want to become a paramedic or become bilingual (in any language), then you need to find a way to continue your education.

4. "I have a four year degree from somewhere, isn't that enough?"

In my opinion, no. Why? Because that four year degree is probably in a field other than fire and it doesn't show your commitment to the fire service. It shows your commitment to whatever that field you got the degree in. Don't get me wrong, a four year degree in anything is better than a four year degree in nothing. However, take the time to also get a two year degree in fire to show your commitment to our line of work. The additional education will be very helpful to your future success.

5. "I don't ever want to become a fire chief or promote in the fire service. Why do I need to complete a degree?"

Think back 10 or 20 or 25 years (if you are even that old). Do you think your thoughts, viewpoints, desires, career goals, etc. have changed? I bet they have. Just because you say one thing now, it doesn't mean your mind won't change later in life after you have been afforded more experience, more knowledge, etc. I have seen countless people in life that have said "I only wish I would have done this or done that." Don't let yourself get in that position. Properly prepare yourself for the future and provide yourself with tools to succeed (such as a degree). I have seen many people change their minds in life because of their current family situation or just for a change of heart.

6. "Can I get hired as a firefighter without a degree?"

Yes, but your chances greatly increase by having at least a two year degree in something. It is not the degree that gets you hired, it is doing exceptionally well on the oral interview which usually makes up 100% of your final score / ranking on the hiring list. However, if you do have education, it typically can only help you score higher in the oral. **Side note: don't think having a two or four year degree will guarantee you a job or a high score on the oral.** I've seen people that have awesome resumes never score in the top ranks because they can't sell themselves or properly market themselves.

7. "I don't have time to get a degree."

Who does have enough time? Bottom line – make the time, quit making excuses and just do it. Time never seems to get more abundant as you get older and more involved in whatever your life contains.

8. "I want to become a firefighter. Can I do it with just completing my EMT or firefighter 1 academy certificates?"

Nothing in life is impossible. However, your chances are not as good as if you have put more time and energy into your preparation for the career. If you want to get by with only those two certificates, then you better have excellent oral interview skills (which most people don't) and you better make yourself marketable and unique to the fire service in such a way that we will hire you with only those two certificates.

Additionally, the following information is offered by my good friend Paul Lepore, a Battalion Chief with the Long Beach (CA) Fire Department. He posted this information on the Perfect Firefighter Candidate website – www.firecareers.com – if you are not aware of what they have to offer, you are missing out on many great resources, including:

1. **Firefighter testing notification service** – subscribe to their service and they will notify you when departments nationwide are accepting applications for fire service positions.
2. **Community Bulletin Board** – this is where I found this information. This section can be found at www.firecareers.com/forum.cfm and is a great place to learn more about the fire service, to ask and answer questions relating to becoming a firefighter, and to provide you with valuable tools and information to successfully become a firefighter (as well as keep your job once you get hired!).

From Battalion Chief Paul Lepore:

My department recently narrowed down its "A" band from roughly 1,800 candidates to 40, looking to fill 28 positions for the academy that begins in 4-weeks.

28 people received congratulatory phone calls while 12 received the dreaded call thanking them for their participation.

Let me be very clear when I say that I had nothing to do with the selections, nor do I have any inside information.

I did receive phone calls from three candidates who did not get selected. Each one had the same thing in common- no degree.

Take a moment to look at the leaders of the fire service today. I guarantee that you will not see very many Fire Chiefs who do not have degrees. Most of them were earned after they got hired as firefighters. If a firefighter who ultimately became a Fire Chief felt it was important enough to return to college WHILE WORKING A FULL-TIME JOB, you can be sure he or she values education.

Now that he is in the position of hiring new employees, imagine how he will go out of his way to hire a candidate with education over someone who doesn't.

I was lucky to get promoted with minimal education. In short, I was a dinosaur. The Fire Chief made me promise that I would earn a Bachelor's degree within 2-years.

Since I have been promoted a year ago I have completed 4 upper division and 2 lower division classes. In a year from today I will have an AS degree in Fire Science and a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Studies. I am considering earning my Masters.

If you are a candidate who does not have a degree and is not in pursuit of one, you too are a dinosaur. Some would say that you are unmotivated.

Before you tell me that you are too busy with commitments blah, blah, blah, let me tell you that while taking the six classes I have maintained the following obligations:

1. Been a good husband and father
2. Oversee several businesses
3. Wrote a fourth book
4. Completed probation as a Battalion Chief
5. Rewrote the Earthquake policy for the city
6. Member of committee rewriting Hi Rise ops
7. Mentored dozens of candidates for promotional and entry-level
8. Conducted 3 lectures for my peers at a large firefighter conference

If you are a serious candidate you will be working toward an Associates degree. If you already have one you should be plucking away at your Bachelor's degree. If not you're a dinosaur.

If you are already a firefighter and you wish to promote, you better return to school because your strong competition is already there.

I have found Internet classes to be much easier than trying to get shift trades. Coastline Community college <http://coastline.cccd.edu/> has most all of your lower division requirements, while CSULB <http://www.csulb.edu/depts/ocst/distlearn.htm> has a good program in Occupational Studies that gives you credit for work experience.

Paul Lepore, Battalion Chief

Author of:

"Smoke Your Firefighter Interview"

"The Aspiring Firefighter's 2-Year Plan"

www.smokeyourffinterview.com

Think outside of the box!

800 215-9555

WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM GETTING YOUR FIREFIGHTER BADGE?

It's Your Turn in the Hot Seat!

During previous seminars the candidates volunteered to sit in the "hot seat" not knowing in advance what the next oral board question would be. Everyone quickly learned what they thought was prepared and unique fell short of getting top scores, especially those candidates who volunteered to give it their best shot. You won't believe what these, I thought I was ready, candidates said! This also applied to many in the packed room who gave their .02 cents as the questions were opened up to the attendees.

It proves that still many haven't learned how to take a firefighter interview, which will be the deciding factor in whether you will gain a badge, or not. You've spent time, money and put your life on hold to gain the necessary education and experience to become a firefighter. Your oral board will determine the future. It's game day. You have around 20 minutes to stun the oral board into giving you the opportunity to ride big red. Are you ready to sit in the hot seat and see what you've got? Wouldn't you like to find out how ready you are?

Here are some of the comments from the "It's Your Turn in the Hot Seat" seminars:

- There were so many critical points that I was not aware of. Pat
- The interactive format getting information from many people was amazing. Jim
- The grilling of everybody was a great learning experience. Nathan
- I could have listened to this engaging format for hours. Steve
- The information from this seminar could be the tilting point that could turn things around in your oral boards.

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At the Chabot College Seminar on Tuesday October 4, 2005, with Captain Bob, you can gain the time-tested strategies of oral boards you might be missing. In a no-nonsense, straight-from-the-hip -- in a total of 2+ hours! --you will gain more information and insights than most candidates learn in an entire lifetime.

Please send Captain Bob your questions on what you want to make sure that is covered at the seminar: Email Captain Bob at captbob@eatstress.com

Captain Bob will give a FREE presentation; **It's Your Turn in the Hot Seat. What are You Going to do to Stun the Oral Board into Giving you the Badge!** at Chabot College in Hayward (CA).

DATE: Tuesday October 4, 2005

TIME: 6 pm to 8 pm

LOCATION: Room 916 (in building 900)



Why should you attend? To learn step by step, everything you need to know in the process, starting with the application, written, physical, oral interview, psych interview, background, polygraph, and medical to gain a badge. You will find the inside “Nuggets”, tips and resources you can’t get anywhere else to shorten the learning curve and the distance between you and that badge. This is information that has helped over 2100 candidates nail their badges!

For more information about Captain Bob, visit his website at www.eatstress.com He has numerous free tips and suggestions to score better on the oral interview. To register for this unique and excellent opportunity, email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and let me know how many people plan to attend. Hurry, seats are limited!

Oral interviews are the toughest thing for most people (going for jobs in any line of work, not just the fire department). Why not take this free opportunity to learn at least one new thing? If you learn something that even just raises your score by 1%, it was worth your time to attend!

Register early – seats will fill up fast!

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

The [San Francisco Paramedic Association](http://www.sfpaa.org) is looking for volunteers for the following upcoming EMS related classes:

**Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Classes -
Volunteers Needed**

**Dates / Locations /
Times:**

- Monday **October 17** from 0700 to 0930 hours
- Tuesday **October 18** from 1230 to 1730 hours

NOTE: Both of the above classes will be held at the Fremont Fire Department.

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday November 15 from 0700 to 0930 hours - Wednesday November 16 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Thursday December 15 from 0700 to 0930 hours - Friday December 16 from 1230 to 1730 hours <p>NOTE: The above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)</p>
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt and your choice of an SFPA rescue key chain or ALS field guide.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a trauma emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
Contact person(s):	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or email them at director@sfparamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfparamedics.org/volunteer.htm

Advanced Medical Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday November 7 from 1300 to 1700 hours - Tuesday November 8 from 1300 to 1630 hours <p>Both of the above classes will be held at the <u>San Francisco Paramedic Association offices.</u></p>
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt and your choice of an SFPA rescue key chain or ALS field guide.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be designated to role-play a victim of a medical emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
Contact person(s):	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) , register via email at director@sfparamedics.org or register and see more information on their website at www.sfparamedics.org/volunteer.htm

THIS MONTH'S TESTING TIPS – Courtesy of the Don McNea Fire School

Some more firefighter written examination testing tips courtesy of the [Don McNea Fire School!](#)

TEST-TAKING STRATEGY:

WORD CLUES

With multiple-choice questions, only one of the answers can be correct. If there are four choices, three must be wrong. An answer may be correct because it is precise or because it is vague. An answer may be wrong because it is too exaggerated or too restrictive. Consider the following question:

A firefighter is required to wear the mask at any fire scene where there is a lot of smoke and whenever there is clear danger of hazardous chemicals in the air. If a firefighter's mask fails to work properly, the firefighter is to report this immediately to the officer in charge at the scene. The officer will usually order the firefighter to work off the immediate fire scene, such as at a hydrant. The firefighter may attempt to get the mask working properly and then request to be reassigned to the fire area.

Based on the paragraph above, it would be most correct to say that:

- A) a firefighter should wear the mask only when there is a lot of smoke at a fire scene
- B) a firefighter must attempt to repair a mask which is not working properly
- C) a firefighter whose mask is not working properly will be assigned to work at a hydrant
- D) the firefighter whose mask has been repaired can be reassigned to the fire area

In the above example, certain key words are used to make answers right or wrong. The A) choice is wrong because it contains the word "only." Without "only" A) would be a correct answer. The B) choice would be correct if it said "may" instead of "must." The C) choice is wrong because it says "will." The C) choice would be fine if it said "may" instead of "will." The D) choice is correct; it only says "can." The D) choice would be wrong if it said "must" instead of "can."

When evaluating answer choices, the words to be on the lookout for are the little words that tend to either "harden" or "soften" statements. Words which "**harden**" statements, and make them difficult to defend, are strong words like: **all, every, always, will, must, certainly, invariably, surely, no one, ever, any, no matter, nothing, etc.** Words which "**soften**" statements, and make them easy to defend, are words like: **some, many, sometimes, may, possibly, generally, probably, usually, often, can, could, might, occasionally, etc.** Notice how these words appear both in the "fact pattern" and in the answer choices of the example.

There are times when a very "hard" statement can be a correct answer choice. For instance, in the example above, it would be correct to make up an answer choice that states, "If a firefighter's mask

fails to operate properly at a fire where there is a lot of smoke, the firefighter must always notify the officer in charge." Do not automatically rule out "hard" statements, but be careful about accepting them.

Remember that the test maker must be able to defend the correct answer and defend the claim that the other three answers are wrong. **These little words which "harden" or "soften" statements often help to justify whether an answer is right or wrong.** (They also reflect the difference between prudent, reasonable statements and exaggerated or overly rigid statements.) Hence, be sensitive to these little words when you are reading questions and evaluating answer choices. **Get in the habit of using your pencil to underline or circle such words.**

Since 1950, Don McNea Fire School has prepared over 40,000 fire applicants with their entry level seminars and products. Fireprep.com has over 250 pages of FREE information and careers articles to help you reach your goal of becoming a firefighter.

Go to www.fireprep.com and register for their free fireprep e-mail newsletter that features career articles by the countries top entry level authors. You will also be informed at no cost of firefighter examinations be given across the country.

While at our website don't forget to review our award winning 'Ultimate Firefighter Exam Package'. This product has help hundreds of fire applicants finish in the top 2% of the exam process. Go to the link below to review the ultimate firefighter exam package. www.fireprep.com/ultimate_firefighter_examinati.html

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MY TWO CENTS TO OFFER YOU THIS MONTH WHILE PREPARING TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER

Thinking of becoming a paramedic to increase your odds of becoming a firefighter?

Don't go to paramedic school just to become a firefighter (meaning it is your ticket in the door and you'll give it up once you get hired). People will see through that and you will probably not turn out to be a decent paramedic (if you even make it through the process). The public demands and deserves the best we can be. I wouldn't want a paramedic working on me that just did enough to get the job and wants to give up their paramedic license as soon as they can..... Plus, many departments require that license as a condition of employment (meaning you'll be terminated if you drop it) for 5 years, until you promote, or until you retire. Go to paramedic school because you want to, not because you have to. You'll be more successful and the public you treat will also appreciate the fact that you'll be a better paramedic.

MORE FREE FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION SEMINARS!

Become a better firefighter candidate!

You are invited to attend a FREE seminars to help learn how to better prepare yourself to become a firefighter!

DATES: **Tuesday November 1, 2005**

TOPICS: **November 1 Oral Board Preparation** – overview of the oral board process, tips on how to increase your oral board score, and also the chance to perform a mock oral interview!

Facilitator: Steve Prziborowski, Fire Technology Coordinator at Chabot College and Captain with the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

ADDED BONUS!!

Bring a copy of your resume and I will critique it for you free of charge, before the seminar or during one of the breaks (time permitting).

TIME: 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night

LOCATION: Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward, CA 94545
Room 916 (in Building 900)

**REGISTRATION /
MORE INFO:**

To register, email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu or if you do not have internet access, you can leave a message at (510) 723-6851. Thank you for your assistance; look forward to seeing you there!

Please visit the Chabot College Fire Technology website at www.chabotfire.com for more information on becoming a firefighter.

For directions to Chabot College, [CLICK HERE](#).

******* REGISTER EARLY – SEATS ARE LIMITED!*******

***PARAMEDIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INFORMATION –
Northern California Training Institute (Pittsburg)***

Northern California Training Institute (NCTI) is holding pre-entrance examinations for their upcoming Paramedic classes in:

- **Livermore** - courses to be held on *Tuesdays and Fridays*
- **Roseville** - courses to be held on *Tuesdays and Fridays OR Mondays and Thursdays*
- **Santa Barbara** - courses to be held on *Mondays and Thursdays*
- **Pittsburg** - courses to be held on *Mondays and Thursdays*
- **Emeryville** – courses to be held on *Wednesdays and Saturdays*
- **South Bay (San Jose area)** – courses to be held on *Tuesdays and Fridays*

Here is more information I downloaded from their website:

NCTI holds the HOBET entrance exam for all paramedic program placements. NO late arrivals are allowed at the exam. Please make arrangements to arrive early. All application information is accessible from the NCTI homepage at www.ncti-online.com – ***Please return all materials prior to the test date!***

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course fulfills all of the training requirements set forth by the State of California for Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the National Registry Exam which NCTI hosts throughout the year at our Roseville Campus. This certification can lead to employment in a wide range of fields, to include ambulance or fire paramedic, E.R. technician, special functions paramedic, sporting events, concerts, etc. NCTI is owned by American Medical Response, Inc. (AMR) and direct employment referrals are a benefit reserved for NCTI students.

TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Complete an approved Anatomy and Physiology course within the last 5 years
- Possess a current CPR card and a current EMT-1 or EMT II certification
- Applicants whose certification expires less than twelve (12) months prior to the enrollment date are also eligible

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING

PHASE I - (Didactic & Lab)

400 Hours (approx. 6 months)

Course days and times will be announced at a later date.

PHASE II - (Clinical Rotations)

160 Hours (approx. 2 months)

individually, as arranged for each student, at one of several acute care hospitals in the area.
Guaranteed placement by NCTI.

PHASE III - (Field Internships)

480-720 Hours (approx. 4 months)

Depending on experience and performance individually, as arranged for each student. ***Guaranteed placement by NCTI. (This is a key selling point when shopping around for paramedic schools!)***

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

General knowledge of first aid and the ability to handles stressful situations and/or prior experience as an EMT with an ambulance or fire service provider agency.

ADMISSION TESTING

\$50.00 entrance exam fee (non-refundable / non-transferable)

COURSE FINANCING

Tuition may be paid by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover.

TESTING DATES & TIMES

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Livermore, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Thursday October 20, 2005 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday October 27, 2005 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday May 18, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday May 25, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Roseville, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday October 5, 2005 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday October 12, 2005 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday March 22, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday March 29, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday May 3, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday May 10, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Emeryville, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Thursday March 23, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday March 30, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Santa Barbara, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday April 5, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Santa Barbara EMS Agency
- Wednesday April 5, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Santa Barbara EMS Agency

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in Pittsburg, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Thursday January 19, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday January 26, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

For their **Paramedic Course** that will be held in the South Bay (San Jose area), CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Thursday February 16, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday February 23, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

FOR MORE INFORMATION - Visit their website at www.ncti-online.com – also, for links to those above tests and classes, [CLICK HERE](#).

This is not meant to be an endorsement or recommendation of their program. It is listed as a service and a resource for you to evaluate and determine on your own.

NOTE: For a list of other paramedic programs around the state, visit our website at www.chabotfire.com and go the LINKS page.

CLOSING COMMENTS

I hope you have found this newsletter somewhat valuable. If you have learned one new thing, then I think I've done my job. I truly want to see everyone succeed, and I also really enjoy doing what I do. This program is your program. It can only get better with your assistance. There is an old saying, don't just give me problems – give me solutions! I can't read your minds, so please provide me with feedback. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or want me to clarify any rumors you might have heard. Thank you very much!

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- Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation!