



FIRE & EMS NEWS

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Fire & EMS News! My goal is to provide you with information about your Chabot College Fire Technology Program, the local Fire Departments, in addition to other information that might be beneficial to you in your pursuit of better preparing yourself for the career of your dreams! Some of the highlights of this issue include:

- Free Firefighter Preparation Seminars at Chabot College in June and July!
- Paramedic school entrance examination testing information – NCTI
- Firefighter employment opportunity – Sutter County

FREE FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION SEMINARS!

American Health Education Inc., presents.....

The Interview

DATE: June 12, 2004
TIME: 0900 hours
PLACE: Chabot College
ROOM: Building 1900
COST: FREE!

Questions for your – How many days a week do you work out in preparation for a physical agility test? How many days a week do you practice for the oral interview? The interview process for pursuing a career in the fire service can be the most troublesome for many candidates. How prepared are you? You are invited to come out to this seminar to see exactly how prepared you are to take an interview. Members from various departments and ranks (gold badge down to probie) will be on hand to evaluate your skills in fire service interviews.

Special Guests include: Captain Paul Lepore of the Long Beach Fire Department! Paul is the author of the book “[Smoke your Firefighter Interview.](#)”

Dress for success – wear what you would for an oral interview! Also bring resumes!

**** TO REGISTER AND RESERVE YOURSPOT, SEND \$50.00 TO:**

American Health Education, Inc.
3563 Investment Boulevard, Suite 4
Hayward, CA 94545

This money is used to reserve your spot and will gladly be returned to you the day of the seminar. If you are unable to attend and cancel 3 days prior to the seminar, the \$50.00 will be mailed back to you. If you cancel under 3 days or "no show," the money will be used to help offset the cost of the seminar.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.americanhealtheducation.com> or call them at (800) 483-3615 or (510) 783-3615.

FREE FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION SEMINARS!

Become a better firefighter candidate!

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

DATES: **Thursday July 1, 2004 and**
 Thursday July 8, 2004
(You are invited to attend one night, or both nights - each night will be different).

TOPICS:

July 1	-	Do I have what it takes to become a firefighter?
	-	The phases of the hiring process
	-	Locating firefighter examinations
	-	Becoming the best firefighter candidate you can be
July 8	-	Resume preparation
	-	The application versus the resume
	-	Preparing for the oral interview

TIME: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night

LOCATION: Chabot College: Room 600 (In building 600)
25555 Hesperian Boulevard
Hayward, CA 94545

INSTRUCTOR: Steve Prziborowski - Fire Technology Coordinator at Chabot College and a Captain with the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

REGISTRATION /

MORE INFO: To register, email sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu or if you do not have internet access, you can leave a message at (510) 723-6851. Please state which session(s) you plan to attend. If you have to cancel after you have signed up for one or both of the seminars, please let me know (common courtesy) so we can give your seat to someone else that might want it. 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.

Register early - seats are limited!

PARAMEDIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INFORMATION –Northern California Training Institute (Livermore, Pittsburg, Emeryville, and South Bay locations)

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*
- **Pittsburg** (Los Medanos College) - 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 *days TBA*

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 <http://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 handle 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.

COURSE CHARGES AND FEES

Total cost of course: \$7,400.00

TESTING DATES & TIMES

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

- Wednesday June 2, 2004 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom
- Thursday June 3, 2004 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom

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

- Wednesday June 23, 2004 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom
- Wednesday June 30, 2004 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom

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

- Wednesday July 7, 2004 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom
- Wednesday July 14, 2004 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom

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

- Wednesday September 1, 2004 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom
- Wednesday September 8, 2004 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Classroom

FOR MORE INFORMATION - Visit their website at <http://www.ncti-online.com>

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.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – **Sutter County**

POSITION: Seasonal Firefighter

FINAL FILING DATE: June 4, 2004 (*Postmarks will not be accepted*)

SALARY: \$1,658/Monthly - \$765/Bi-Weekly

THE POSITION: Under direct supervision, a Firefighter responds to rescue calls; administers emergency medical care; performs firefighting duties including combating, extinguishing and preventing fires and does other related work as required. Overtime, evening, weekend and 24-hour shift work is required.

These are extra help/temporary positions and do not include benefits. Seasonal Firefighters work 50 hours per week (10 hour shifts). Salary above is based on 50 hrs. a week. Employment to begin on or about July 1, 2004 and continue until approximately the end of October, 2004. Employment may be extended depending upon funding and need.

JOB DUTIES:

Responds to rescue calls; administers emergency medical care; responds to fire alarms; removes persons from danger; lays and connects fire hose lines; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines and other equipment; raising, lowering and climbing ladders; ventilates building to release heat and smoke, places salvage covers to prevent water damage and to prevent the fire from rekindling; operates fire equipment and pumps; assists with inspections of buildings, schools and places of public assembly for fire hazards and fire code violations; cleans and inspects equipment; lubricates, makes adjustments and repairs to equipment; maintains fuel and oil supply; cleans and tests fire hoses; inspects fire hydrants, clearing weeds and brush; paints hydrants; cleans and maintains fire house and grounds as assigned; participates in fire drills and training exercises; participates in fire prevention training, including fire drills, classes in fire suppression techniques and first aid. Some training requires strenuous exertion under conditions involving fire, heat, smoke and cramped surroundings.

**MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS:**

The following are the minimum qualifications for this position. Possession of these qualifications does not ensure that an applicant will be interviewed. Applications will be reviewed in comparison with all other applications received.

Some Knowledge of: Rescue techniques necessary to respond to medical emergencies; basic firefighting principles and techniques.

Ability to: Administer emergency medical care; demonstrate physical endurance, agility and strength; climb ladders and work at considerable heights; think and act quickly in emergencies; understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately; learn and follow fire department rules, instructions, fire fighting methods and techniques; perform mechanical work involved in maintaining firefighting and rescue apparatus; interpret various ordinances, fire codes and departmental rules regulating fire prevention and suppression systems; operate self-contained breathing apparatus, chain saws, extrication equipment (heavy hydraulics), hoses, nozzles, fittings, fire suppression equipment.

Education and Experience: Any combination of education and experience sufficient to demonstrate the possession of the above knowledge and abilities.

Special Requirements: Essential Duties require the following physical and work requirements: Ability to think and act quickly in emergencies; effectively deal with personal danger; maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities including running, walking, crouching or crawling during emergency operations, moving equipment and injured/deceased persons, climbing stairs/ladders, performing life-saving and rescue procedures, operating assigned equipment and vehicles; maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for making observation and communicating with others.

License or Certificate: CPR and First Aid certification; valid Class C California Driver's License at time of appointment.

The Recruitment/Selection Procedure: The recruitment process for this position includes completing an application, and participating in oral interview(s). Please notify the Personnel Department immediately if you believe you have a disability that would make it difficult to participate in any portion of the recruitment process and would require reasonable accommodation. Sutter County reserves the right to require medical documentation concerning the need for accommodation.

Candidates with the most directly related experience and training will be invited to a qualifications appraisal interview and/or referred to the Fire Services Manager for a final interview. Investigation of employment history and references may be conducted prior to appointment. Offers of employment are contingent upon investigation of employment history, references, drug testing, medical review/exam and fingerprinting in addition to other appropriate requirements of the position. Incumbents in this classification will also be subject to random drug testing.

The County of Sutter is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County will provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities. Sutter County encourages both incumbents and individuals who have been offered employment to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

Applications may be obtained and are to be filed at:

SUTTER COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

1160 Civic Center Boulevard, Suite B

Yuba City, CA 95993

(530) 822-7113 FAX (530) 822-7191

www.suttercounty.org

personnel@co.sutter.ca.us

TDD access through CA Relay Service 1-800-735-2929

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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***** PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS ON TO YOUR FRIENDS OR CO-WORKERS*****

The Fine Print:

- If you would like to be added to our mailing list (no, I won't give your email address out to others), email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and I will add you to the list. Benefits of being on the mailing list include being notified when the latest Fire & EMS news is published, and being notified of firefighter testing opportunities, volunteer opportunities, or training opportunities.
- If you know of someone who wants to receive this newsletter (as well as other updates) email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and I will place them on the mailing list.
- If you want to take your name off of the mailing list, just send me an email at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and in the subject heading, and type in "unsubscribe from mailing list" and I will remove your name.