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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:

- Firefighter employment opportunity Corte Madera Fire Department
- State of California Firefighter 1 Certification Information
- California State Fire Marshal's Office / State Fire Training website information
- Live Fire Dispatching information listen to various fire departments in action!

Firefighter employment opportunity – Corte Madera Fire Department

The <u>Corte Madera Fire Department</u> in Marin County (CA) is accepting applications for <u>Apprentice Firefighter</u>; the final filing date is **Friday November 14, 2003** at 12:00 noon. *Postmarks and faxes will not be accepted!*

The Apprentice Firefighter program is designed to provide the training and experience necessary to fulfill the requirements of firefighter. The Apprentice Firefighter will be assigned to work hours according to department needs, which may include a 56-hour (shift schedule) work week; a 40-hour work week, or a combination or both.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT:

The <u>Corte Madera Fire Department</u> has 21 full-time professional positions, which include the Director of Emergency Services, Fire Marshal/Deputy Fire Chief, Confidential Secretary, three Battalion Chiefs, three Fire Captain/Paramedics, six Fire Engineer/Paramedics, three Firefighter/Engineers, and three Apprentice Firefighters. The Town has two fire stations, with six Firefighters scheduled per shift. The Town also has an active Volunteer program.

EXAMPLES OF JOB DUTIES:

Under supervision, responds to emergency and service requests, including fires, first aid, rescues, resuscitation, investigations, flooding, and storm damage. Makes aggressive fire attacks and administers necessary aid. Operates and maintains a variety of related equipment such as apparatus, ladders, power tools, hand tools, nozzles, hose lines, and first aid materials. Maintains fire station and grounds. Learns technical knowledge of modern firefighting methods, town November 2003

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geography, water system, building construction, fire hazards, first aid, and all other job related requirements. Works on assigned programs. Prepares required reports for maintenance work and training operations. Reports to station or emergency sites as required when off-duty.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications may be obtained at 342 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, or by sending a self-addressed envelope to the above address, or by downloading from the Town website, www.ci.corte-madera.ca.us In addition to the department application and resume, applicants must submit copies of the following with their application:

- Proof of high school graduation or GED
- Valid, unrestricted California Driver's License. A satisfactory driving record is required.
- Valid Firefighter 1 certification issued by the State of California, or Firefighter 1 completion certificate issued by a community college which is approved by the California State Board of Fire Service Training and Education System. NOTE: This means if you have completed the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy (or another similar college firefighter 1 academy), you are eligible to apply.
- Current EMT-1FS or 1A Certificate (card) issued by the State of California. NOTE: If you have an EMT certificate issued by a County EMS Agency (such as Alameda County), then you should still be eligible, based on the fact that an EMT certificate issued by a County EMS Agency is valid statewide, in any county. An EMT certificate issued by the State of California (which specifically is the California State Fire Marshal's Office), is considered equal to an EMT certificate issued by a County EMS Agency. That is just my opinion, based on experience and education. Contact the Corte Madera Fire Department if you have any concerns or questions. Also, FYI the terms EMT-1FS and EMT-1A are not typically used anymore. The State of California has changed the wording to just EMT-1. FS used to be just for fire service personnel and the A used to be just for ambulance personnel. That was just for your education.

Additionally:

- An A.S. Degree is highly desirable. <u>NOTE:</u> Even though it is not stated as such, I don't know why an A.A. Degree would not be just as highly desirable; a two-year degree is a two-year degree, especially if it is in fire technology.
- Licensed paramedics are encouraged to apply, due to promotional opportunities within the department.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES NECESSARY FOR THE POSITION:

Ability to learn firefighting and rescue methods and techniques, and the operation and mechanics of firefighting equipment; ability to drive fire department vehicles with care and safety in accordance with traffic laws and ordinances and department regulations; ability to understand and interpret laws and regulations; ability to think and act quickly in emergencies; ability to follow oral and written instructions.

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SELECTION PROCESS:

All applications will be reviewed by the Corte Madera Fire Department. The most qualified applicants, based on the qualification described above, will be invited to participate in the selection process. The process may include, but is not limited to:

CPS Firefighter Written Test: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. **Physical Abilities Test:** Saturday, November 22, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

(Test may be postponed if weather is inclement).

Oral Interview & Director's Interview: Dates and times to be announced

Those with qualifying scores from the written test will proceed to the physical abilities test. Applicants must successfully complete each phase of the hiring process. Failure to do so will disqualify the candidate. Applicants who pass all phases of the hiring process will be placed on an eligibility list for one year, extendable to two years by the approval of the Town Manager.

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

- Salary range: \$9.00 to \$15.00 per hour (Yes, it is not a lot of money. However, it can provide you with fire service experience for your resume).
- Annual vacation benefits based on hours worked.
- 2 x 4 schedule (48 hours on, 96 hours off).
- California Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS), 3% at 50 formula with 1959 Survivors Benefits (Fourth level), unused sick leave credit, single highest year compensation, and the widows' continuance provisions. The Town is not in the Social Security System.
- Deferred compensation plan is optional.
- Annual sick leave is accrued based on hours worked.
- IRS Section 125 flexible benefits plan is available.
- Marin County Credit Union membership is available.
- Shift personnel are not eligible for holiday leave. In lieu of time off for holidays, shift personnel receive additional pay at straight time based on hours worked.
- The Town pays Kaiser North rate for medical coverage for employee only. A choice of health plans is available, with the employee paying additional costs if premiums are more than the Kaiser North rate. Dependant coverage is available at the employee's expense. Dental insurance is available at the employee's expense. A \$20,000 term life insurance policy is provided by the Town. Long-term disability insurance is paid by the employee.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS:

- Prospective Town employees must take and pass a thorough psychological examination and medical examination at the Town's expense, including back and knee x-rays and drug screening.
- Applicants must not have smoked within one year of application. Smoking is prohibited by the department.

• The Apprentice Firefighter is an at-will employee. Apprentices may be employed for a twoyear period. The apprenticeship may be extended one year upon recommendation by the Director of Emergency Services and approval of the Town Manager.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER – 1 CERTIFICATION

In the October 2003 issue of the Chabot College Fire & EMS News, I discussed what the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy consisted of. The intent of this article is to supplement the information found in that article. I receive numerous questions from candidates wondering how to obtain their Firefighter 1 Certificate. Let me provide some information as found in the California State Fire Training Policies and Procedures Manual, which you can download by going to their website at http://www.fire.ca.gov/FireMarshal/SFMTraining/SFMTraining.asp and navigating to the "Downloads" section (more detailed information on the State Fire Training website is contained in the next few pages of this newsletter).

Firefighter 1 Program Overview:

Firefighter 1 certification identifies the skills and knowledge necessary for the entry-level firefighter to safely perform the tasks required of the job. This training prepares the firefighter to perform essential and advanced fireground tasks with minimal supervision and to use, inspect and maintain firefighting and rescue equipment. In addition, the firefighter 1 program provides training in the skills necessary to perform basic rescue operations, fire prevention and fire investigation tasks. It is the level of certification that allows entry into all tracks of the certification system.

Firefighter 1 Certification Guidelines:

The authority to set standards for, and certify fire service personnel, extends only to employed or volunteer fire service personnel in California.

Out-of-state firefighters – A firefighter from another state is eligible to become certified <u>only</u> after he/she serves in a fire department in California. At this time, the State Board of Fire Services does not accept certification from any other state as being equivalent certification in California. **NOTE:** This is important to understand because transferring a firefighter 1 certificate from one state to another state can be very difficult, if not impossible; as is the case in California.

Military firefighters – A military firefighter is eligible to become certified <u>only</u> after he/she serves in a fire department in California. Certification requires are the same for military and nonmilitary fire service employees.

There are three separate components required to become a California State certified Firefighter

1: Instruction, experience, and application.

INSTRUCTION:

- Participants shall, through a qualified instructor, complete the training as specified in the firefighter 1 instructor guide.
- This training is verified on the Firefighter 1 Training Record (If you successfully complete the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy, you will receive a copy of this Training Record upon graduation. This Training Record is considered the educational component of firefighter 1 certification).
- Training received outside of California may, at the department's discretion, be evaluated for equivalency and recorded on the Firefighter 1 Training Record. This review is conducted at the local level and not by State Fire Training.

EXPERIENCE:

• Have a minimum of 6 months experience in a California Fire Department as a <u>full-time</u>, <u>paid</u> firefighter

or

• Have a minimum of 12 months experience in a California Fire Department as a <u>volunteer or part-time</u>, <u>paid</u> firefighter.

APPLICATION:

After training is completed and the experience requirement has been met, the following must be submitted to State Fire Training:

- A Firefighter 1 Application for Certification card. This application card <u>must</u> be signed by the fire chief. Certification cards must be obtained through the fire department you work for that is going to sign you off.
- Payment of the certification fee (Fees are nonrefundable).

The Firefighter 1 Training Record should be kept on file in the department and should not be submitted to State Fire Training.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER – II CERTIFICATION

I also receive numerous questions relating to Firefighter II certification. Firefighter II certification preparation is primarily done through a fire department. If you are a volunteer or full-time paid firefighter, then you are eligible to complete the process of obtaining your Firefighter II certification. While many of you will not be eligible to obtain your Firefighter II certification for some time, it is still important to understand the process so when you do get to that point in your career, you will be able to do what you have to do to get that certification completed.

Firefighter II Program Overview:

Firefighter II certification is the second step in the firefighter certification track. It is currently the prerequisite for the Officer (Fire Officer, Chief Officer) and Specialty certification tracks.

Firefighter II Certification Guidelines:

There are four separate components required to become a California State certified Firefighter II: Instruction, perquisite, experience, and application.

INSTRUCTION:

- Participants shall, through a qualified instructor, complete the training as specified in the firefighter II instructor guide.
- This training is verified on the Firefighter II Training Record

This record should be kept on file in the department and should not be submitted to State Fire Training.

NOTE:

Presently Chabot College does not provide any Firefighter II training; the only way to get your Firefighter II training record signed off is by being employed by an agency as a firefighter (volunteer, full-time, part-time, etc.). I do not know of any colleges that offer Firefighter II training.

PREREQUISITE:

• Certified Firefighter 1

EXPERIENCE:

• Have a minimum of 1 year experience in a California Fire Department as a <u>full-time</u>, <u>paid</u> firefighter

or

• Have a minimum of 2 years experience in a California Fire Department as a <u>volunteer or part-time</u>, <u>paid</u> firefighter.

APPLICATION:

After training is completed and the experience requirement has been met, the following must be submitted to State Fire Training:

• A Firefighter II Application for Certification card. This application card <u>must</u> be signed by the fire chief. Certification cards must be obtained through the fire department you work for that is going to sign you off.

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- Copy of your Firefighter 1 certification.
- Payment of the certification fee (Fees are nonrefundable).

The Firefighter II Training Record should be kept on file in the department and should not be submitted to State Fire Training.

NOTE:

All of the above information regarding Firefighter I and II certification (and other fire related specialties) can be found in the latest edition of the California State Fire Marshal Policies and Procedures Manual. For more information on how to download and/or view that manual, continue reading the next section and you will find the website link to that page.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL / STATE FIRE TRAINING WEBSITE

One of the resources you should be aware of (if you are not already aware of) is the California Office of the State Fire Marshal website at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov Some of the information that is available to you on their home page is as follows:

- A link to find out more information about careers at the State Fire Marshal's Office
- A link to find out more information about various fire prevention related issues (such as fireworks, fire extinguishers, etc.) that are under the responsibility of the State Fire Marshal's Office
- A link to find out more information about the State Fire Marshal's Office itself
- And most importantly, a link to State Fire Training

Let me spend some time educating you on what the State Fire Training website has to offer for you - the firefighter candidate or the career firefighter. If you don't want to use the State Fire Marshal's Office website to access State Fire Training, here is the direct link that I suggest you bookmark (you will be finding yourself needing it numerous times within your career):

http://www.fire.ca.gov/FireMarshal/SFMTraining/SFMTraining.asp

When you go to the above home page for State Fire Training, here are the links you will find and what information they can provide you with:

TRAINING FACILITIES

By clicking on this link, you can download (and/or view) these valuable resources:

- State Fire Marshal Catalog (listing of all state certified classes that are offered)
- **Ione Catalog** (listing of classes offered at the CDF Academy in Ione excellent if you have the desire to have a wildland firefighting career or background)

- **Asilomar Catalog** (listing of all classes offered at the California Fire Academy in Monterey). **Note:** Starting this year, the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove is no longer being utilized as a classroom location; instead, the California Fire Academy will be operating out of classrooms at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey.
- State Fire Training Policies and Procedures (this is a must download document if you plan to have a career in the fire service it lists all of the certifications available, such as firefighter-1, firefighter-2, fire officer, etc., and what requirements are necessary to obtain those certifications. It also lists requirements to become instructors of the various state certified courses).

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

By clicking on this link, you can download (and/or view) these valuable resources:

- **OSFM Class Schedule** (this is a class schedule that is updated monthly and provides a statewide listing of all state certified courses: locations being offered, course dates, contact information, etc. If you are looking for a class such as Rescue Systems 1, Fire Command 1A, Driver/Operator 1A, Confined Space Operations, etc., here is one place to find where and when it will be offered statewide).
- **SFM Bookstore Order form** (if you have the desire to purchase student or instructor manuals to any of the state certified courses that are being offered, here is the place to do so).
- What's New / Project Status (here is where you can find the status on when existing classes are going to be updated, what new courses are in the development stages, etc.)

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- State Fire Marshal Catalog (listing of all state certified classes that are offered)
- Request for CFSTES course scheduling (state certified instructors would use this form to request the ability to host and/or teach a certain class such as Fire Instructor 1A or Fire Management 1).
- Request for EMT course scheduling (state certified instructors would use this form to request the ability to host and/or teach a State Fire Training certified EMT course)
- Request for FSTEP course scheduling (state certified instructors would use this form to request the ability to host and/or teach a class such as Auto Extrication or Confined Space Operations).

INSTRUCTORS

By clicking on this link, you can download (and/or view) these valuable resources:

A listing of all state certified instructors, what classes they are certified to teach, what fire
department they work for, and their contact information. (I would use this if I didn't have
any instructors on staff certified to instruct a certain class, but I still needed to deliver the
class. I could then search this database to find the names of local instructors I could contact
and negotiate with).

DOWNLOADS

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- **SFM Class Schedule** (this is a class schedule that is updated monthly and provides a statewide listing of all state certified courses: locations being offered, course dates, contact information, etc. If you are looking for a class such as Rescue Systems 1, Fire Command 1A, Driver/Operator 1A, Confined Space Operations, etc., here is one place to find where and when it will be offered statewide).
- **CDF Catalog** (listing of classes offered at the CDF Academy in Ione excellent if you have the desire to have a wildland firefighting career or background)
- Asilomar Catalog (listing of all classes offered at the California Fire Academy in Monterey). Note: Starting this year, the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove is no longer being utilized as a classroom location; instead, the California Fire Academy will be operating out of classrooms at Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey.
- **SFM Bookstore Order form** (if you have the desire to purchase student or instructor manuals to any of the state certified courses that are being offered, here is the place to do so).
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- State Fire Training Policies and Procedures (this is a must download document if you plan to have a career in the fire service it lists all of the certifications available, such as firefighter-1, firefighter-2, fire officer, etc., and what requirements are necessary to obtain those certifications. It also lists requirements to become instructors of the various state certified courses).
- **Firefighter 1 checklist** (this is the checklist that is given to you when you successfully graduate the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy, and allows you to show that you have completed the EDUCATIONAL requirements of Firefighter 1 certification)
- **Firefighter II checklist** (this is the checklist that you will use when you get hired as a full-time firefighter to complete the EDUCATIONAL requirements of Firefighter II certification).
- Application for certification fee schedule (when you get ready to apply for certification for <u>ANY</u> state certified position such as Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator 1, Chief Officer, etc., this is the form you will be required to download, complete, and mail in with the required items that were listed for certification in the State Fire Training Policies and Procedures Manual go back up to the Training Facilities or a few items above in this Downloads section to view or download that manual if you have not already done so).

- Request for CFSTES course scheduling (state certified instructors would use this form to request the ability to host and/or teach a certain class such as Fire Instructor 1A or Fire Management 1).
- CFSTES Instructor Application (If you want to become a state certified instructor eligible to teach various classes within the state certification system that are considered CFSTES courses, this is the application you will need to provide in your application packet. FOR MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS, VIEW THE STATE FIRE TRAINING POLICIES & PROCEDURES DOCUMENT LISTED ABOVE).
- Request for EMT course scheduling (state certified instructors would use this form to request the ability to host and/or teach a State Fire Training certified EMT course)
- **EMT Instructor Application** (If you want to become a state certified instructor eligible to teach the EMT course that is certified by State Fire Training, this is the application you complete and provide with your application packet. You also need to complete the 40 hour EMT Instructor Course at the California Fire Academy at Asilomar / Monterey view / download the COURSE SCHEDULE listed above to find the dates of the next class).
- Request for FSTEP course scheduling (state certified instructors would use this form to request the ability to host and/or teach a class such as Auto Extrication or Confined Space Operations).
- FSTEP Instructor Application (If you want to become a state certified instructor eligible to teach various classes within the state certification system that are considered CFSTES courses, this is the application you will need to provide in your application packet. FOR MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS, VIEW THE STATE FIRE TRAINING POLICIES & PROCEDURES DOCUMENT LISTED ABOVE).
- Request for Rescue Systems 1 course scheduling (this is the application that would be used to request a Rescue Systems 1 course be offered at a Rescue Systems 1 certified training facility).
- PACE II Review Sheets (these documents are probably the most valuable of all of the documents if you plan to instruct state certified classes. These are the checklists that are used to evaluate your application that requests to be certified as an instructor in various topics. Trust me, I know about half of all instructor applications get denied because of various reasons such as not following directions, not including the proper documentation with your application packet, not having the proper qualifications, etc.)
- PACE I and II Dates (These are the dates that the PACE Committee meets at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. PACE stands for Peer Assessment for Credential Evaluation. For a more detailed description, view the State Fire Training Policies and Procedures Manual. The PACE I committee meets quarterly and reviews applications for certification, such as for Firefighter 1, Fire Officer, Fire Instructor 1, Fire Mechanic, etc. The PACE II committee meets quarterly and reviews applications from individuals that are requesting to become state certified instructors for various classes).

CERTIFICATION AND COURSE DELIVERY

By clicking on this link, you can download (and/or view) these valuable resources:

• A definition of the terms CFSTES and FSTEP (both of which you should be familiar with)

• Application for certification fee schedule (when you get ready to apply for certification for <u>ANY</u> state certified position such as Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator 1, Chief Officer, etc., this is the form you will be required to download, complete, and mail in with the required items that were listed for certification in the State Fire Training Policies and Procedures Manual - go back up to the Training Facilities or Downloads section to view or download that manual if you have not already done so).

NOTE: Most of the above downloads are available as either a Microsoft Word document or in Adobe Acrobat as a PDF document.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

By clicking on this link, you can find the answers to many (if not all) of your questions such as:

- State Fire Training phone and fax numbers
- State Fire Training address
- Answers to your questions regarding becoming an instructor
- Answers to your questions regarding becoming certified in various areas
- Instructor related information such as course scheduling, bookstore purchases
- Firefighter 1 and II certification information
- Reciprocity procedures for candidates with certificates from other states
- FSTEP or CFSTES instructor requirements
- CDF Academy information
- Jobs with the State of California
- Curriculum development related information

If you plan to have or maintain a career in the fire service, I strongly suggest you familiarize yourself with this entire website. It is a valuable resource that can answer most (if not all) of your questions.

LIVE FIRE DISPATCHING INFORMATION

One of the things I was glad I did at a young age was to obtain a scanner so that I could listen to fire and police radio traffic. Listening to fire and police radio traffic is not illegal (assuming you are not using it to commit a crime), it is actually something you can do to greatly increase your knowledge and understanding of the fire service. I learned a great deal of what not to say and what to say on the radio because of all of the radio traffic I have listened to over the years. I used to love listening to San Francisco Fire and Oakland Fire because of their high call volume and volume of fires. Unfortunately in San Jose, I cannot pick either city up on my home scanner. While it is hard to describe the knowledge you can obtain from listening to fire radio traffic, you should get some entertainment and enjoyment out of it (the adrenaline junky inside you will love this).

Where can I purchase a scanner?

Scanners can be purchased at such places as

- Radio Shack http://www.radioshack.com (many locations around the Bay Area and California)
- Scanners Unlimited http://www.scannersunlimited.com (located across the bay in San Carlos an excellent supply of products and a very knowledgeable and helpful staff. They also sell new and used models).
- Other stores that sell such items as Ham Radios, CB Radios, etc. (look in the yellow pages and/or do a search on the internet).

If you are interested in purchasing one, I would suggest going to both of the above locations and doing your research. I would almost lean toward a place such as Scanners Unlimited because that is what their business is (versus Radio Shack who sell scanners as a small part of their overall business).

If you are still not sure whether you want to make an investment of a couple of hundred dollars to purchase one, then click on some of the following links below to hear some of what you are missing out on:

- **Firehouse.com** (an extensive listing of links to agencies providing fire, police, and EMS live dispatch feeds) http://www.firehouse.com/links/Live_Dispatch
- **Boston Fire Department** Live Dispatch http://www.intap.net/~pcfn/live/bos/bos.htm
- **Fire Department New York (FDNY)** Live Dispatch (listen to FDNY radio traffic in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan http://www.thebravest.com
- **Phoenix Fire Department** Live Dispatch (which includes the metropolitan Phoenix area) http://www.azcentral.com/news/scanner/html
- **Fire Dispatch.com** (an excellent Bay Area site that provides live dispatch feeds as well as a listing of current fire/EMS incidents occurring with the San Ramon Fire Protection District, San Mateo County Fire Departments, and Santa Cruz County Fire Departments. Another unique feature about this site is that you can sign up for free emails of significant incidents that are occurring within those three regions, as well as find out extensive information about the departments served within those three regions).
- **Live Dispatch.com** (an interesting site with links to scanners that are broadcasting on the internet) http://www.livedispatch.com
- Memphis (Tennessee) Fire Department Live Dispatch http://www.memphisfire.net
- San Antonio (Texas) Fire Department Live Dispatch http://www.sanantoniofire.org/safire_top.htm
- **Seattle (Washington) Fire Department** Listing of Active Incidents go to http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/home.htm and click on the REAL TIME 911 DISPATCH link on the right side of the page.
- Indianapolis (Indiana) Fire Department Live Dispatch http://www.ci.indianapolis.in.us/ifd/broadcast.htm

 Glendale / Burbank / Pasadena (California) Live Dispatch – http://www.verdugo.ci.glendale.ca.us

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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