



# ***FIRE & EMS NEWS***

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**W**elcome to the latest issue of the Fire & EMS News! This is the start of the sixth year of the Fire & EMS News and we want to thank you all for your assistance – we could not have done it without your feedback and support!

Some of the highlights of this issue include:

- Tragic news from Charleston South Carolina, where nine firefighters lost their lives in the Line of Duty.
- Summer/Fall 2007 Chabot College Fire Technology class registration information.
- Numerous firefighter employment opportunities!
- Paramedic program information!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – various EMS classes and opportunities
- Various fire related training opportunities!

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## **TRAGIC NEWS FROM CHARLESTON (SC): NINE FIREFIGHTERS LOSE THEIR LIVES ON THE JOB:**

**M**ost of you have probably already heard about the nine (9) Charleston, South Carolina Firefighters who lost their lives fighting a fire on Monday June 18, 2007. A very tragic story and something we can all hopefully learn from, whenever the investigation is completed and the results are shared with the nation. We will never forget them, and we must learn from their tragedy to ensure we do not allow history to repeat itself. May God rest their souls, rest in peace my firefighting brothers.

*Some website links of interest relating to the Charleston Firefighters who died in the Line of Duty:*

- A link to Firehouse Magazine's website ([www.firehouse.com](http://www.firehouse.com)) with some very extensive coverage, and a large number of related stories to read and learn from: [http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/Charleston-SC-Tragedy/Nine-Charleston-Firefighters-Perish-in-Blaze/56\\$55141](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/Charleston-SC-Tragedy/Nine-Charleston-Firefighters-Perish-in-Blaze/56$55141)
- A link to the International Association of Fire Fighters website ([www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)) with a very large amount of coverage, numerous different related news stories to learn more about the tragedy: <http://www.iaff.org/07News/062907Charleston.htm#union>

- A memorial PowerPoint presentation:  
<http://dailydispatch.com/news.asp?newstype=announcements&itemid=868&state=AZ>
- A series of news stories from the [Daily Dispatch](#) – a great source of nationwide fire service news stories – updated daily:  
<http://dailydispatch.com/news.asp?newstype=announcements&itemid=859&state=AZ>

## **IMPORTANT CHABOT COLLEGE FIRE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM INFORMATION –**

If you are planning on taking the Fire Technology 91A (Wildland Firefighting) **and** the Fire Technology 91C (I-200: Basic ICS) classes this fall through Chabot College (see below for dates), there is a slight overlap with the dates. The last day of 91C is also the first day of 91A. To accommodate students who want to attend both classes, the Chabot College Fire Technology Coordinator Bob Buell has asked me to pass along the following information:

“Sorry about the confusion. The scheduling of Fire Technology 91A, 91B and 91C were set-up based on the availability of the instructors, thus creating the overlap on November 18. To solve the problem, I recommend to students who need both 91A and 91C to sign up for 91A (the course that begins on November 18. Then, the student will need to show up at the first session of 91C on November 13 to add that class. The instructor that night (November 13) will have class overlap forms and will make accommodations for students in this situation so that they can complete the objectives of the course by November 17 by doing additional work outside of class.”

## **SUMMER 2007 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE**

The following fire-technology related courses are scheduled to be offered this summer:

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIMES</b>
<b>FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy introduction)</b> <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> - August 7, 9 and 11 (Tue/Thur/Sat) CRN #: 10851	Tue (room 2642) Thur (room 2904) Saturday (room 2904 – am, 2642 - pm)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours

Registration for the summer 2007 semester has begun and classes are filling up quickly!

**NOTE:** The above information is to the best of my knowledge as of the time this went to print. For the most up-to-date information (including room numbers & registration numbers) regarding Summer 2007 scheduling, check the Chabot College web site at [www.chabotcollege.org](http://www.chabotcollege.org)

# FALL 2007 FIRE TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULE

Registration for the Fall 2007 semester has begun!

The following fire-technology related courses are going to be offered this Fall:

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (am)	0800 – 1150 hours
FT 50 (Fire Protection Organization)	Monday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
FT 51 (Fire Operations)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1)	Tuesday (am)	0900 – 1150 hours
FT 52 (Firefighter Safety/Public Education 1)	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2050 hours
FT 53 (Fire Behavior & Combustion)	Wednesday (pm)	1600 – 1850 hours
FT 54 (Fire Prevention Technology)	Thursday (pm)	1900 – 2150 hours
FT 56 (Building Construction for Fire Protection)	Wednesday (pm)	1900 – 2150 hours
FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy introduction) <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> - October 10, 12 and 14 (Wed/Fri/Sun) - October 23, 25 and 27 (Tue/Thu/Sat)	Mon & Wed (pm) or Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 90A (Firefighter 1 Academy) <b>**Must also be registered in FT 90B and 90C**</b>	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90B (Firefighter 1 Academy) <b>**Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90C**</b>	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90C (Firefighter 1 Academy) <b>**Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90B**</b>	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2150 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 91A (Wildland Interface Firefighting) <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> November 18, 20, 27, 29, December 1 and 2	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1650 hours
FT 91B (Haz Mat 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder-Operations) <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> December 4, 6, 8, 9	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 91C (I-200; Basic ICS) <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> November 13, 15, 17, 18	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day) Sunday (all day)	1700 – 2150 hours 0800 – 1750 hours 0800 – 1750 hours
FT 95 (Work Experience ) <b>**Must also be registered in FT 96**</b>	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) <b>**Must also be registered in FT 95**</b> <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> August 22 September 25, October 3, November 28 and December 19	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Monday (mid)	1400 – 1750 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (First Responder)	Friday (am)	0830 – 1220 hours
Health 81 (EMT) <b>**Must also be registered in Health 83**</b>	Wednesday (all day)	0800 – 1720 hours
Health 83 (Extrication and Triage) <b>**Must also be registered in Health 81**</b>	Saturday (one day only – TBA)	0830 – 1620 hours

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
Health 85 (EMT Refresher) <b>Note: Class only meets on the following dates:</b> December 4, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 15	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2200 hours 0800 – 1700 hours
PHED2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Mon & Wed (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours
PHED2FSC (Fire Science Conditioning)	Tuesday (pm)	1730 – 2020 hours
PHED2FIC (Fire Science Conditioning-Intermediate)	Mon & Wed (mid)	1300 – 1415 hours
PHED2FIC (Fire Science Conditioning-Intermediate)	Tuesday (pm)	1730 – 2020 hours

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Fullerton (CA) Fire Department:**

The [Fullerton Fire Department](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us) is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter until Friday July 6, 2007. For more information, go to their website section containing the recruitment information: [www.ci.fullerton.ca.us/depts/pers\\_serv/fire\\_recruitment\\_active.asp](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us/depts/pers_serv/fire_recruitment_active.asp)

For more information about the **City of Fullerton**, visit their website at: [www.ci.fullerton.ca.us](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us)

For more information about the **County of Orange**, visit their website at: [www.oc.ca.gov](http://www.oc.ca.gov)

For more information about the **Fullerton Fire Department**, visit their website at: [www.ci.fullerton.ca.us/depts/fire/default.asp](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us/depts/fire/default.asp)

For more information about the **Fullerton Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 3421**, visit their website at: [www.firefullerton.com](http://www.firefullerton.com)

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## **FREE FIREFIGHTER RELATED EMAIL NEWSLETTERS:**

To better prepare yourself to become a firefighter, it is important to learn as much as you can about the career of a firefighter as well as continuously find ways to better prepare yourself to become a firefighter. One way to do this is by being on email mailing lists that are offered free of charge by many different resources.

I am assuming that you have heard the phrase "knowledge is power." I firmly believe this is true; especially in regards to preparing yourself to become a firefighter and even after you

have obtained that firefighter position of your dreams. Many oral interview panels ask questions that test your knowledge of the fire service. Keeping on top of current events in the fire and EMS world is critical. Obtaining your 2-year degree in Fire Technology only provides you with enough knowledge to make you a safe beginner. It is up to you to stay on top of the fire service, especially with current trends and techniques. To become a master of your craft and become comfortable with the thought that to be successful in whatever you do, you must continue educating yourself. As soon as you stop educating yourself and thinking that you know it all, that is when accidents can occur and we put others and ourselves at risk.

**O**ne way to stay on top of the fire service is by subscribing to Fire and EMS related publications. While it is very worthwhile to start building a library of material that can assist you throughout your career, it can get quite expensive (but can be used as a tax write off once you become a firefighter - consult with your tax specialist to be sure). An alternative to subscribing to Fire and EMS related publications is to subscribe to the various **FREE** email newsletters that are available from some of those publications. Many of them provide daily or weekly updates on fire and EMS related topics that can provide you with more knowledge that can hopefully make you a better prepared firefighter candidate. Some of the free email newsletters I have come across include:

**"Captain Bob"** Smith, a retired Hayward Fire Department Captain, puts out a monthly newsletter titled the "Fire Zine" that provides information to the firefighter candidate on how to do better at oral interviews. You can get onto his mailing list by going to his website: [CLICK HERE](#) and scrolling down to "Free Fire Zine Email newsletter." Captain Bob's primary focus is on improving your oral interview scores. Besides the free "Fire Zine," his website provides a wealth of information to the firefighter candidate as well as the promotional fire service candidate. This website is one of the best resources around.

**Don McNea Fire School** out of Ohio puts out an email newsletter that provides information on various departments nationwide that are accepting applications. They also have a variety of books for sale and information for the firefighter candidate, especially in regards to written tests, psychological examinations, and entry-level and promotional testing in general. The Don McNea Fire School is the only resource I have seen that specifically assists the candidate with the written examination, as well as other related portions of the hiring process. Go to their website at [www.fireprep.com](http://www.fireprep.com) for more information.

**Los Angeles Fire Department** – The LAFD has a great email mailing list that provides you with up-to-the minute information about what is occurring with the LAFD; a great way to stay in touch with one of the largest and most respected fire departments in the U.S. Go to [www.lafd.org/info.htm](http://www.lafd.org/info.htm) for more information.

**Daily Dispatch** – This is a free daily email that provides you fire and EMS news from across the United States. Many of the news stories I send out on my email list are provided by this service, courtesy of the International Fire Chiefs Association. The nice part about this service is that you can choose which states you want to subscribe to, so that you can stay in touch with the areas of the United States you most care about. Go to [www.dailydispatch.com](http://www.dailydispatch.com) for more information.

**Fire Engineering Magazine** - Go to [www.fire-eng.com](http://www.fire-eng.com) and towards the top of the page on the left side of the page, look for "SUBSCRIBE"; to the left will be "E-NEWSLETTER". Click

on that link and you can subscribe to their free email newsletter. For those of you that are not aware of Fire Engineering, they put out a monthly publication that is probably the best in the fire service.

**Firehouse Magazine** - Go to [www.firehouse.com/insider/alerts.html](http://www.firehouse.com/insider/alerts.html) and you can subscribe to their daily newsletter that provides a wealth of nationwide fire and EMS related information and news topics. Their home page at [www.firehouse.com](http://www.firehouse.com) is probably the most extensive and complete resource for fire related information.

**Fire-Rescue Magazine** - Fire-Rescue Magazine a monthly magazine that is published by JEMS (see JEMS below for more information). Go to [www.firerescue1.com](http://www.firerescue1.com) Fire-Rescue magazine is another good resource of information for the fire service.

**Journal of Emergency Services (JEMS)** - JEMS is the leading EMS related magazine currently in publication. Go to [www.jems.com](http://www.jems.com) and scroll down to "Sign up to receive our eNewsletter." They will then send you EMS related information, usually about once a week or once every two weeks. While on their website, take a look at what their site has to offer. This is an excellent wealth of information in regards to the EMS world. If you are planning to become an EMT, if you are an EMT that wants to do a better job for you patients, if you have the desire to become a paramedic, or if you are a paramedic that wants to keep on top of current EMT trends and techniques, this is a magazine I highly suggest that you subscribe to. Subscription information can be found on the website above.

**Real World Training & Consulting** - A monthly email newsletter which links current events and issues to the daily challenges faced by fire and emergency services managers. Current topics in the areas of leadership development, workplace diversity, change management, and conflict resolution will be discussed. Go to [www.rwtraining.com](http://www.rwtraining.com) and enter your email address in the box that says "Sign up for our free newsletter."

**Firefighter Close Calls - "The Secret List."** - This is probably the best website dedicated to firefighter safety and assisting us with doing our jobs to the best of our ability. Learn from the misfortunes of others, and learn some of the best tips to keep yourself healthy and safe while working in the fire service. Billy Goldfeder and Gordon Graham who host this free email list (and website) provide safety related news and tips on a regular basis. Go to [www.firefighterclosecalls.com](http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com) to subscribe and find out more information. Once there, look for the box to "Join the Secret List."

**Everyone Goes Home: Firefighter Life Safety** – The National Fallen Firefighters Association publishes a firefighter safety initiative monthly electronic newsletter, providing great firefighter safety information that just may save your life and the lives of your crewmembers! Go to: [www.everyonegoeshome.com](http://www.everyonegoeshome.com) and click on the link on the left side of the page titled "Newsletter Archives."

**Chabot College Fire Technology mailing list** – Some of you might be on this mailing list already. If you are, I hope you are finding it to be worthwhile. If not, here are some of the things I will try to make you aware of if you are subscribed to this FREE resource:

- Notification of fire and EMS employment opportunities

- Notification of when the new issue of the Chabot College Fire & EMS News is available
- Notification of various newsworthy items relating to fire and EMS that might have occurred nationwide
- Notification of volunteer opportunities
- Notification of information that is relevant to **YOUR** fire technology and EMS program at Chabot College
- Your name and email address will **NOT** be shared with anyone. I promise to keep it confidential.

If you are interested in subscribing to this valuable resource, or you think you have already subscribed and have not received anything from me in the last month (which means your email address is not cooperating) and you would like to back on the email list, feel free to email me at [sprziborowski@aol.com](mailto:sprziborowski@aol.com) and let me know that you're interested in being on the email mailing list. In the subject heading of your email to me, please write something to the effect of "Chabot Fire mailing list" or something similar that alerts me to what you are asking of me. On the average, I probably send out a few emails a week, so I process not to bombard you with useless information every day. I hope what I send to you will be worthwhile in some capacity.

Please do not expect me to compete with fine services such as [www.firecareers.com](http://www.firecareers.com) or [www.firerecruit.com](http://www.firerecruit.com) – that is not my intention. If you're waiting for me to send you the firefighter jobs, you're going to miss out on a lot of opportunities, and you may not get them in a timely manner. Why? Because those companies pride themselves in having the most up-to-date firefighter testing information. I send things out when I find them on the internet or receive them from others that heard about them or discovered them while on the internet. While I may send out a job announcement every other week, they usually have multiple jobs listed daily, from across the country.

What are you waiting for? This is a no-brainer! I am a firm believer in the fact that you should subscribe to at least one fire or EMS related publication to keep yourself up-to-date. This is not meant to replace your subscribing to publications; it is meant to supplement the information that is given in those publications.

**NOTE:** *All of the above resources are for your information only. I am not endorsing any of the above individuals, services, and/or products. I have my opinions about each and every one of them; however it is up to you to do your own research and find out what will most assist you in becoming a firefighter! Find out for yourself and take the time to look into each of the websites to see if you may benefit from them.*

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Houston (TX) Fire Department:**

The [Houston Fire Department](http://www.houstontx.gov/fire) is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Trainee until July 13, 2007 – for more information, go to their website at [www.houstontx.gov/fire](http://www.houstontx.gov/fire)

**F**or more information about the **City of Houston**, visit their website at: [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov)

**F**or more information about the **Houston Fire Department**, visit their website at: [www.houstontx.gov/fire](http://www.houstontx.gov/fire)

**F**or more information about the **Houston Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 341**, visit their website at: [www.local341.org](http://www.local341.org)

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## **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA :**

**G**o to [www.chabotfire.com](http://www.chabotfire.com) and click on TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES to find valuable information on numerous California State-certified State Fire Marshal (and other) classes currently available or soon-to-available, through either Chabot College or other colleges or institutions.

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Mesa (AZ) Fire Department:**

**T**he [Mesa Fire Department](http://www.cityofmesa.org/fire/Personnel/FF_Recruitment/HiringUpdatePage.aspx) will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Recruit – August 1 through 9, 2007! For more information, go to their website section containing their hiring process information – which contains a wealth of firefighter preparation information: [www.cityofmesa.org/fire/Personnel/FF\\_Recruitment/HiringUpdatePage.aspx](http://www.cityofmesa.org/fire/Personnel/FF_Recruitment/HiringUpdatePage.aspx)

**F**or more information about the **City of Mesa**, visit their website at: [www.cityofmesa.org](http://www.cityofmesa.org)

**F**or more information about the **Mesa Department**, visit their website at: [www.cityofmesa.org/fire/default.aspx](http://www.cityofmesa.org/fire/default.aspx)

**F**or more information about the **Mesa Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 2260** visit their website at: [www.unitedmesaff.com](http://www.unitedmesaff.com)

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## **EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:**

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

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



<b>Dates / Locations / Times:</b>	- Thursday <b>August 2</b> from 1230 to 1700 hours - Friday <b>August 3</b> from 1230 to 1700 hours
	<b>NOTE:</b> All of the above classes will be held at the Fremont Fire Department Administration Building A, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, CA 94537.
<b>Dates / Locations / Times:</b>	- Tuesday <b>August 21</b> from 1230 to 1700 hours - Wednesday <b>August 22</b> from 1230 to 1700 hours
	**Go to their website at <a href="http://www.sfparamedics.org">www.sfparamedics.org</a> and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.
<b>NOTE:</b> All of the above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)	
<b>You will receive:</b>	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.
<b>Your role:</b>	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.
<b>Contact person(s):</b>	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 <a href="mailto:director@sfparamedics.org">director@sfparamedics.org</a> or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at <a href="http://www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php">www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php</a>

**- Advanced Medical Life Support Classes: Volunteers Needed -**

<b>Dates / Locations / Times:</b>	- Thursday <b>August 23</b> from 1230 to 1700 hours - Friday <b>August 24</b> from 1030 to 1630 hours
	<b>NOTE:</b> All of the above classes will be held at the San Francisco Paramedic Association – 657 Mission Street, Suite 302, San Francisco, CA 94116
	*** Go to their website at <a href="http://www.sfparamedics.org">www.sfparamedics.org</a> and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.
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# **PARAMEDIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION** **INFO – Northern California Training Institute**

**N**orthern California Training Institute (NCTI) is holding pre-entrance examinations for their upcoming Paramedic classes around the State. The following information was provided to me by Jennifer Reed, their Bay Area Manager (also Lead Paramedic) for NCTI:

Steve:

**Many EMT students are looking for a class but do not realize how early they must plan in order to get into a class months from now. We also offer the Anatomy and Physiology class that is required to enter a paramedic program. Thanks for your assistance!**

**Here is more information I downloaded from their website:**

**N**CTI 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](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.***

## 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

\$55.00 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 September 13, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday September 20, 2007 – 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 3, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday October 10, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom

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

- Wednesday August 8, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
- Wednesday August 8, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency

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

- Monday July 16, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday July 23, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

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

**T**his 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.

**F**or a listing of other EMT and paramedic programs being offered around the state, go to the website LINKS section of our website at [www.chabotfire.com/Links.htm](http://www.chabotfire.com/Links.htm) - there you will find numerous locations offering such training.

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## **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –**

**T**he following training seminars are available through Fire Nuggets – a.k.a. [www.firenuggets.com](http://www.firenuggets.com) – a great fire service training and education resource offering not only training seminars around the country, but also training and education resources on their website from noted fire service authors/personnel.

**O**ne of the benefits of Fire Nuggets is that you only pay \$9.95 per year and have access to numerous fire service training and educational articles from some of the leading fire service experts!

Some of their numerous upcoming training seminars include:



### **2007 DENVER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

The following classes will be presented in Denver, Colorado at the PPA Event Center. Fire Nuggets is offering the Professional Development Series individually at \$95 or all five classes for \$350. Cost includes lunch, class materials, and certificate. For attendance at all five classes, a special certificate will be presented. [Click here for a printable brochure describing all five classes.](#)



**Friday, August 10, 2007** — Chief Robert Halton, Editor, *Fire Engineering* magazine; chief, Coppell, Texas, Fire Department (ret.) — [DEVELOPING FIREGROUND TACTICAL EXCELLENCE](#)

In this interactive program, Bobby will present today's thoughts on fireground decision making based on the latest in the field of decision making research. Bobby will review the factors which effect fireground survival and success. Using incident scene simulations,

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case studies and post incident reviews, participants can develop techniques and tools to help learn more from the contextual decisions of others. Bobby will review and discuss the dynamics of the fire scene and the rapid decision making skills necessary for today's fire officer.



**October 26,  
2007**

**BACK TO  
BEING A FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

**Register**

**Friday, October 26, 2007** — Deputy Chief Tracy Raynor and Deputy Chief George Webb, Boise Fire Department — [BACK TO BEING A FIRE DEPARTMENT](#)

With the wide range of services that a modern fire department must provide, the word "Fire" in our name, "Fire Department" has far too often been given a lower priority. Chiefs Raynor and Webb are two fire service leaders that have not forgotten about our primary mission. The Boise Fire Department serves as a model in the American fire service, as the BFD is a full service organization that has not lost its ability to provide our most fundamental service, fire suppression.

This seminar provides valuable advice and guidance for attendees on how they can achieve excellence in their organization. Topics will include fireground and emergency service operations with limited resources, with a central focus on the importance of ongoing, quality training programs. The BFD leads the industry with their innovative and cutting edge training methods, from instilling tradition, trust, and teamwork in their recruit firefighters, to educating countless firefighters from across the American fire service at the annual Boise Fire Safety Symposium.

Handling emergencies from single-family dwellings to the major incidents will be discussed, with an emphasis on how the BFD trains and prepares their members for battle. Chiefs Raynor and Webb will highlight how attitude and mindset play a major role in your fire department's overall success and safety, and how you can keep your organization moving in the right direction. The BFD hires good people and asks them to do great things. This seminar will offer ideas you might use to meet that goal.

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## **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – Baltimore, MD:**

One of the premier, annual fire service training events is the Firehouse Expo Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, presented by [Firehouse Magazine](#). This year's event occurs July 24 through 29, 2007 and is the East Coast's largest fire and emergency services event! Some of

the most well known fire service speakers/instructors will be on hand to deliver quality training sessions.

For more information, go to [www.firehouseexpo.com](http://www.firehouseexpo.com)

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Sacramento Fire Department:**

The [Sacramento City Fire Department](#) is one of the larger fire departments in the State. They are a full-service fire department that includes ALS transporting ambulance service. They will be testing quarterly for the position of **FIRE RECRUIT**.



- **October 13, 2007** **Cut off for filing for this test is October 13, 2007**

**Note:** Cut-off deadlines and test dates are tentative and are subject to change without prior notification.

Job Title: **Fire Recruit**

Salary: \$16.67 - \$16.67 hourly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Sacramento, California

[Print Job Information](#) | [Apply](#)

### [Description](#) [Benefits](#) [Supplemental Questions](#)

#### **Exam# 05083-07-1**

Fire Recruit is a training-level classification used for the 16-week Sacramento Regional Fire Academy. Incumbents undergo a formal training program in the Academy where they receive basic training in fire fighting methods, equipment operation, medical aid, and physical fitness. This Academy must be completed even if similar training has been completed elsewhere. Upon successful completion of the training and graduation from the Academy, the Fire Recruit will attain probationary status as a Firefighter with a monthly salary range up to \$6,195.21 (based on a 56-hour work week), which includes incentive pay for paramedic and/or educational achievements. (Failure to complete the Academy successfully will be cause for termination.)

Firefighters are sworn to protect life and property by combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires as well as performing emergency medical assistance. The majority of their time is spent on medical emergency and non-emergency situations. Firefighters work 24-hour shifts with an average workweek of 56 hours; however, some assignments may require 8-hour shifts with an average workweek of 40 hours.

Fire Recruit is distinguished from the Firefighter and Firefighter-Paramedic in that it is a recruiting and training-level classification and incumbents do not perform emergency duties, while the Firefighter and Firefighter-Paramedic are journey-level and incumbents are expected to perform the full range of duties of a Firefighter or Firefighter-Paramedic.

#### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED**

Immediate supervision is provided by higher level Fire personnel.

#### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Depending upon assignment, duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Attend training sessions to learn fire fighting methods.
- Learn basic concepts of fire science.
- Learn basic defensive driving techniques of fire vehicles.
- Learn equipment operation and maintenance procedures and practices.
- Learn to operate fire extinguishers, fog nozzles, and similar equipment in extinguishing fires.
- Learn to raise, lower, and climb ladders.
- Learn salvage and overhaul operations.
- Learn fire fighting safety practices.
- Learn basic emergency medical procedures.
- Learn the organization, chain of command, and rules and regulations of the Sacramento Fire Department.
- Receive and participate in physical fitness training.
- Learn other related courses or programs as required.
- Other related duties may also be performed; not all duties listed are necessarily performed by each individual.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

##### **Knowledge of:**

- Basic arithmetic functions.

##### **Ability to:**

- Understand and learn fire fighting information from oral and written sources.
- Read and write the English language at a level necessary for efficient performance.
- Understand mechanical diagrams and concepts.
- Understand and follow oral instructions.
- Learn the physical layout and street system of the City of Sacramento.
- Learn a wide variety of fire fighting duties, methods, and procedures including the operation of fire fighting apparatus, equipment, and tools.
- Learn to perform physical and strenuous fire fighting work requiring physical strength, coordination, endurance, and flexibility.
- Establish and maintain cooperative relations with others.

#### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide

the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

A high school diploma or GED equivalent -AND- 20 semester units (or 30 quarter units) from an accredited college or university -AND- Possession of a current Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I) Certificate or higher.

-OR-

A high school diploma or GED equivalent -AND- 3 years of experience as a paid professional firefighter -AND- Possession of a current Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I) Certificate or higher.

### **SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

•Age: Must be at least 21 years of age by the test date.

•Citizenship:

Must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship. Must be a United States citizen within 3 years of the date of appointment to Fire Recruit.

•Medical Examination/Drug Test:

If considered for appointment, candidates must pass a medical examination and a drug test.

•Background:

If considered for appointment, candidates must pass a background investigation, which includes a criminal history check for job-related convictions, fingerprinting, polygraph test, credit check, and drug use history.

•Driver License:

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License at the time of appointment. Loss of the Class C License is cause for discipline. This requirement may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for individuals with disabilities. Must have the ability to obtain Class B Driver License with appropriate endorsements during the Sacramento Fire Training Academy. Failure to obtain the license will be cause for termination.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

•Paramedic Certificate:

Possession of a current, valid California Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Certificate (EMT-P), accredited by the County of Sacramento Emergency Medical Service Agency, prior to the completion of the Sacramento Fire Training Academy is mandatory for paramedic assignments.

•Respiratory Protective Equipment:

Work in this classification requires wearing respiratory protective equipment at



times. When assigned to such work, facial hair must be shaven when it interferes with the safe fitting of respiratory protective equipment.

•Residency Requirement:

Must reside within a 35 air mile radius from the freeway interchange at W-X Streets, 29th-30th Streets within one year following appointment as a Firefighter.

•Physical Performance Requirement:

Those appointed to Firefighter as a result of this examination must pass an annual physical performance test. Refusal to take the test or failure to pass it will subject a firefighter to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

•Tobacco Use Restriction:

Applicants in this classification are required not to smoke or use any tobacco products during the 12 months prior to the final filing date of the examination.

**THE SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

**1. Application Review:** (Pass/Fail) – All applicants must complete and submit a City of Sacramento Fire Recruit employment application **AND** a completed Supplemental Questionnaire to the City of Sacramento Employment Office by the cut-off deadline. All necessary paperwork must be submitted before the cut-off deadline. Incomplete applications and/or Supplemental Questionnaires will not pass the application review; omitted information cannot be considered or assumed. *The Fire Department may give preference to candidates who possess an active/current Paramedic License.*

**2. Written Test:** (100%) – The written test may include mathematical functions, reading comprehension, map reading/interpretation, interpersonal/customer service, and the ability to interpret mechanical and three-dimensional diagrams.

**3. Physical Performance Test:** (Pass/Fail) – Applicants who pass the written test will be required to complete and pass the physical performance test prior to entering the Sacramento Regional Fire Academy. This test includes several sequential events that must be completed within a specified time limit. [More Information.](#)

**CUT-OFF INFORMATION** – Cut-off deadlines are by 5:00 p.m. on the date(s) listed below.

Cut-Off Date: September 14, 2007  
Written Test Date: October 13, 2007

*Cut-off dates and test dates are tentative and are subject to change without prior notification.*

**ABOUT THE ELIGIBLE LIST** - If you meet the minimum qualifications and you pass the written test, your name will be placed on the Fire Recruit eligible list for one year (this eligible list may be extended for up to a total of four years). You may reapply one year after the date the eligible list is established.

**CONTINUOUS FILING INFORMATION** - Candidates that are not successful in the

written test may reapply to take the test one year from the date of disqualification. Candidates whose names are placed on the eligible list may reapply one year after the date the eligible list is established.

**QUESTIONS?** - If you have specific questions regarding the Fire Recruit position, visit the Sacramento Fire Department website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/fire](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/fire) or call them at (916) 433-1300.

For questions concerning this job announcement, log onto our website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/personnel](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/personnel) or visit the Employment Office, Historic City Hall, 915 I Street - Plaza Level, Sacramento, CA 95814-2604 or call (916) 808-5726.

### **What is the position of fire recruit?**

The [Sacramento City Fire Department](#) is responsible for the protection of life and property and for providing EMS to the community. Fire Recruits attend the Sacramento Fire Training Academy for 20 weeks and receive basic training in firefighting methods, equipment operation and maintenance, physical fitness, fire science concepts, and a variety of other subjects.

Candidates who satisfactorily complete the training and graduate from the academy are given probationary status and assignments as firefighters. Some graduates who hold current certification as paramedics may be assigned as Firefighter/Paramedics. In addition, all candidates must pass a background investigation, fingerprinting, medical examination, and drug testing prior to becoming a firefighter.

### **What are their requirements?**

In order to qualify for entrance into the Recruit Academy, you must:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- Have a current EMT-1 certificate or higher.
- Have 20 semester units or 30 quarter units from an accredited college or university. Three years as a paid firefighter may be substituted for the above college units.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Pass a written examination.

### **Special qualifications:**

- You have not smoked or used any tobacco products during the 12 months prior to testing.
- Possess a valid California Class C driver's license at the time of appointment.
- Ability to obtain a Class B driver's license with appropriate endorsements during the Sacramento Fire Training Academy. Failure to obtain license will be cause for termination.
- Wear respiratory protective equipment at times. When assigned to such work, facial hair must be shaved when it interferes with the safe fitting of such equipment.
- Reside within a 35 air mile radius from the freeway interchange at W-X streets and 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> streets within one year following appointment as a firefighter.
- Pass the physical ability test each year as a condition of employment

## **Additionally you must**

Pass a physical ability test which includes the following events:

- Hose drag
- Hose Carry / Stair climb
- Hose Hoist
- Smoke Ejector
- Citizen Rescue
- Dry Hose Load

## **A videotape of the physical ability test is available at the following locations:**

- Any branch of the Sacramento City or County library system.
- American River College Library, 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841
- Consumnes River College Library, 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95821

## **For more information you may contact:**

- Sacramento City Personnel Department (916) 264-5726
- The Fire Recruit Hotline: (916) 264-8172
- The City 24-hour jobline: (916) 264-8568

**To download an application** - Go to the JOB OPPORTUNITIES section of their website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/jobopportunities.html](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/jobopportunities.html)

**To find out more information about the Sacramento City Fire Department** - Visit their website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/)

**To find out more information about the City of Sacramento** - Visit their website at [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.org)

**To find out more information about the Sacramento City Firefighters Association, LOCAL 522** - Visit their website at [www.iaff522.org/](http://www.iaff522.org/)

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Los Angeles County Fire Department:**

The following firefighter recruitment information was taken from the L.A. County Fire Department website – <http://fire.lacounty.gov>

### **Exam Update!**

**The examination bulletin is now posted.** You can [download the bulletin](#) and the application from our Open Positions page or you can [apply online](#).

**As we anticipate a large number of applicants during the first few weeks, please take note of the following:**

- There is no extra advantage to filing your application the first day or the first week.

- Online applications can be filed 24/7 so consider filing during non-peak hours.
- If you experience a slow system response time or delay, please be patient.
- Candidates will be randomly selected from the pool of applicants to take the next exam.
- Application filing will be open and continuous.

**Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman**

Congratulations on your decision to apply for the Los Angeles County Fire Fighter Trainee position. While we expect this exam to be competitive, we commend you for embarking on an exciting career option. The fire service is a proud and noble profession, and Los Angeles County firefighters enjoy an internationally renowned reputation for being the best. Each day, they play an increasingly important role in the communities in which they serve.

A Fire Fighter Trainee participates in an intensive training program in basic firefighting, and emergency medical treatment.

**Additional L.A. County Firefighter information and links**

*(Click each of the following items below):*

**Class Spec's / CPAT Video / CPAT Test Locations / A Day at the Fire Station**

**F**or more information about the **County of Los Angeles**, visit their website at: <http://lacounty.info/>

**F**or more information about the **Los Angeles County Fire Department**, visit their website at: <http://fire.lacounty.gov>

**F**or more information about the **Los Angeles County Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 1014**, visit their website at: [www.local1014.org/](http://www.local1014.org/)

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

If you want to become a firefighter, have you started taking fire department examinations yet? If not, what are you waiting for? If you say you're not ready, you'll probably never be ready. If you want to wait until you finish your degree, then you're going to have wasted about two (or more) valuable years that could have been spent learning how to master the fire service testing process. You should be taking every fire service exam you qualify for – what's the worst that can happen if you take a test? If nothing else, you will hopefully start to learn your strengths and weaknesses and what it takes to become a firefighter.

Don't rely on us to provide you with every fire department that is accepting applications. We only send out a small fraction of the current open firefighter positions across the United States. If you truly want to become a firefighter, put your money where your mouth is and subscribe to a fire testing service that will notify you when fire departments across the United States are accepting applications.

Two of the best fire testing notification services we have seen are:

- [www.firecareers.com](http://www.firecareers.com)
- [www.firerecruit.com](http://www.firerecruit.com)

For less than \$100.00 per year (each), those companies (run by firefighters) will provide you with valuable testing information to help save you time and effort. Becoming a firefighter is not an easy task, and the badge will not drop from the sky into your lap. Don't wait for your friends to tell you about testing opportunities or expect to hear about them from me. That is not my job, to replace such companies.

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## **FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Las Vegas (NV) Fire & Rescue Department:**

The [Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Department](http://www.lasvegasfire.com) will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Trainee, between October 1 and 12, 2007! Start planning now and preparing yourself for a career in one of the fastest growing areas in the country!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Las Vegas Fire-Rescue website and find out more about their upcoming 2008 Firefighter recruitment process!

For more information about the **City of Las Vegas**, visit their website at: [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov)

For more information about the **Las Vegas Department**, visit their website at: [www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Government/departments.asp?id=4181](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Government/departments.asp?id=4181)

For more information about the **Las Vegas Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 1285** visit their website at: [www.lvfd.com](http://www.lvfd.com)

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**Chabot College Fire Technology & EMS web site:** [www.chabotfire.com](http://www.chabotfire.com)  
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