



FIRE & EMS NEWS

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

- Congratulations to numerous individuals for getting hired or promoted in the fire service!
- Numerous firefighter employment opportunities!
- CPAT testing information!
- Paramedic program information!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – various EMS classes and opportunities
- Various fire related training opportunities!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

For reaching various career goals and/or milestones:

- **Matt Brown** has been promoted to Captain with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Brian Glass** has been promoted to Captain with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Kevin Joell** has been hired as a Firefighter with the [Reno Fire Department](#).
- **Ken Kehmna** has been promoted to Deputy Chief with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Jamal Miles** has been hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the [Alameda County Fire Department](#).
- **Carol Miller** has been promoted to Battalion Chief with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Brian Pease** has been promoted to Captain with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Steve Prziborowski** has been promoted to Battalion Chief with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Alex Roussell** has been hired as a Firefighter/EMT with the [Pasco County Fire/Rescue Department](#).
- **Jeff Sadler** has been promoted to Captain with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).

- **Brian Smith** has been hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the [National City Fire Department](#).
- **Pete Sokol** has been promoted to Captain with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Steve Staump** has been promoted to Assistant Chief with the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Ken Waldvogel** has been appointed as the Fire Chief for the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#).
- **Duncan Wylie** has been hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the [Alameda County Fire Department](#).

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:

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
FT 89 (Firefighter 1 Academy introduction) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: - 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
FT 95 (Work Experience) **Must also be registered in FT 96	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) **Must also be registered in FT 95 Note: Class only meets on the following dates: June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 31	Tuesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours
Health 61 (EMS First Responder)	Mondays (am) & Wednesdays (am)	0900 – 1340 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

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) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: - 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) **Must also be registered in FT 90B and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90B (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90C**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1700 – 2050 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 90C (Firefighter 1 Academy) **Must also be registered in FT 90A and 90B**	Tue & Thurs (pm) Saturday (all day)	1800 – 2150 hours 0830 – 1650 hours
FT 91A (Wildland Interface Firefighting) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: 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 st Responder-Operations) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: 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) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: 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) **Must also be registered in FT 96**	TBA	TBA
FT 96 (Work Experience Seminar) **Must also be registered in FT 95** Note: Class only meets on the following dates: August 22 September 25, October 3, November 28 and December 19	Wednesday (pm)	1800 – 2150 hours

COURSE	DAY	TIMES
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) **Must also be registered in Health 83**	Wednesday (all day)	0800 – 1720 hours
Health 83 (Extrication and Triage) **Must also be registered in Health 81**	Saturday (one day only – TBA)	0830 – 1620 hours
Health 85 (EMT Refresher) Note: Class only meets on the following dates: 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 – Alameda Fire Department:

The [Alameda Fire Department](http://www.ci.alameda.ca.us/hr/recruitments.html) is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter (lateral and entry – two separate positions/recruitments) – for more information, go to their Human Resources Department website at www.ci.alameda.ca.us/hr/recruitments.html

NOTE: Per Captains Jim Colburn and Bob Buell, the entry-level process will be a quick filing period, potentially closing no later than June 7, and maybe only opening up a few days prior to that date. The lateral announcement is already posted. Check it daily!!

For more information about the **County of Alameda**, visit their website at: www.acgov.org

For more information about the **Alameda Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.ci.alameda.ca.us/fire/index.html

For more information about the **Alameda Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 689**, visit their website at: www.iaff689.com

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING WEBSITE:

Check out www.rookie2000.com for valuable firefighter training information! One of the excellent features of this website is a section on Tools & Equipment used in the fire service, particularly company websites, specifications, owner's manuals, etc. This is critical

information every firefighter should now (but many do not), especially probationary or future firefighters trying to learn as much as they can about the fire service and most importantly, the tools and equipment they use or will be using. It is common knowledge that the future firefighter or newly hired firefighter does not have the mechanical ability background, or knowledge, skills and abilities that the firefighter of the past came to the job with. That said, all of us – current firefighters and future firefighters, need to do our part to raise the bar and increase the level of knowledge, skills and abilities of firefighters – both current and future!

The job of a firefighter will always require the use of hand tools and power tools, and the need to not only use them, but maintain them and more importantly, troubleshoot them.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Orange County Fire Authority:

The [Orange County Fire Authority](http://www.ocfa.org) is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Trainee – for more information, go to their website at www.ocfa.org

For more information about the **County of Orange**, visit their website at: www.oc.ca.gov

For more information about the **Orange County Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.ocfa.org

For more information about the **Orange County Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 3631**, visit their website at: www.ocpfa3631.org

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA :

Go to 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.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department:

The [Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department](http://www.bsctfd.org) will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter & Firefighter/Paramedic (lateral and entry – four separate positions/recruitments) – ONE DAY ONLY: June 6, 2007! For more information, go to their website at www.bsctfd.org

For more information about the **County of San Mateo**, visit their website at: www.co.sanmateo.ca.us

For more information about the **City of Belmont**, visit their website at: www.belmont.gov

For more information about the **City of San Carlos**, visit their website at: www.cityofsancarlos.org

For more information about the **Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.bsctfd.org/

For more information about the **San Mateo Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 2400 (who the members of the Belmont San Carlos Fire Department belong to)**, visit their website at: www.local2400.org

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

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

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

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday June 12 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Wednesday June 13 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Tuesday August 21 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Wednesday August 22 from 1230 to 1730 hours <p>**Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.</p> <p>NOTE: <i>All of the above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)</i></p>
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a trauma emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
Contact person(s):	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or email them at director@sfparamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfparamedics.org/pages/about/volunteer.php

- Advanced Medical Life Support Classes: Volunteers Needed -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday August 23 from 1230 to 1700 hours - Friday August 24 from 1030 to 1630 hours
Dates / Locations / Times:	<p>NOTE: All of the above classes will be held at the San Francisco Paramedic Association – 657 Mission Street, Suite 302, San Francisco, CA 94116</p> <p>*** Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer Info (under About) to confirm the above dates and times.</p>
You will receive:	<p>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.</p>
Your role:	<p>As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a medical emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.</p>
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PARAMEDIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
INFO – Northern California Training Institute

Northern 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:

NCTI holds the HOBET entrance exam for all paramedic program placements. NO late arrivals are allowed at the exam. Please make arrangements to arrive early. All application

information is accessible from the NCTI homepage at www.ncti-online.com – ***Please return all materials prior to the test date!***

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION APPLICANTS MUST:

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

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING

PHASE I - (Didactic & Lab)

400 Hours (approx. 6 months)

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

PHASE II - (Clinical Rotations)

160 Hours (approx. 2 months)

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

Guaranteed placement by NCTI.

PHASE III - (Field Internships)

480-720 Hours (approx. 4 months)

Depending on experience and performance individually, as arranged for each student.

Guaranteed placement by NCTI.

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.

TESTING DATES & TIMES

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

- Monday June 4, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday June 11, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- 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 June 6, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday June 13, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- 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 – also, for links to those above tests and classes, [CLICK HERE](#).

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

For 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 - there you will find numerous locations offering such training.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

The following training seminars are available through Fire Nuggets – a.k.a. 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.

One 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.](#)



June 15, 2007

**THE
FIREHOUSE
TO FIRE
FLOOR**

Register

Friday, June 15, 2007 — Lieutenant Bob Pressler, Fire Department, City of New York (ret.), currently Captain, Montgomery VFD, New York — [THE FIREHOUSE TO FIRE FLOOR](#)

This class is designed to cover all aspects of firefighting. Starting in the firehouse, before the alarm even hits, the class looks at the pre-fire aspect of firefighting. The first segment includes a look at the American fire service, firehouse life, training issues, and the P.A.T.H. to being successful. Everything we do on the fire ground starts with the foundation that is assembled in the firehouse.

The 5-Point Size-up or BELOW segment takes the common 13-point size-up most of us use and narrows it down to the most critical points that a first-to-arrive company officer and firefighters must address. The fire building is looked at by type construction as well as by occupancy. Smoke and fire conditions are observed and "read" to gather information to determine how to attack and subdue the fire. Engine and truck operations based on these observations are expanded upon for an efficient and effective operation.

Finally, the Suburban Firefighter segment takes a look at our most common fires, private houses, stores and garden apartments, and discusses pre-planning, training, setting up apparatus and operations based on limited staffing.



**August 10,
2007**

**DEVELOPING
FIREGROUND
TACTICAL
EXCELLENCE**

Register

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, 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.

FREE FIRE PREPARATION INFORMATION, COURTESY OF THE DON McNEA FIRE SCHOOL!

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

HOW TO BECOME A PARAMEDIC

Peoples' lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of Paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drownings, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. Paramedics provide the vital attention as they care for and transport the sick and injured to a medical facility.

In an emergency, Paramedics are typically dispatched to the scene by a 911 operator and often work with police and fire department personnel. Once they arrive, they determine the nature and extent of a patient's condition while trying to ascertain whether the patient has preexisting medical problems. Following strict rules and guidelines, they give appropriate emergency care and, when necessary, transport the patients.

Some paramedics are trained to treat patients with minor injuries on the scene of an accident or at their home without transporting to a medical facility. Emergency treatment for more complicated problems is carried out under the direction of medical doctors by radio, preceding or during transport. Paramedics provide the most extensive pre-hospital care. In addition to carrying out the procedures described above, paramedics may administer drugs orally or intravenously, interpret electro cardiograms (EKGs), perform endotracheal intubations, and use monitors and other complex equipment.

Working conditions: Paramedics work both indoors and outdoors in all types of weather. They are required to do considerable kneeling, bending, and heavy lifting. Many people find the work of an EMT exciting and challenging and enjoy the opportunity to help others. Paramedics employed by fire departments work 40-50 hours per week; those employed by hospitals frequently work between 40-60 hours per week; and those employed by private ambulance services work between 45-50 hours per week.

Paramedics held about 265,000 jobs in 2004. Most career Paramedics work in metropolitan areas; there are many more EMTs and Paramedics especially in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas. Training and other qualifications and advancement: At the Paramedic level, the caregiver gives additional training in body function and learns more advanced skills than an EMT. Education for a Paramedic requires the individual to graduate from a school and take the National Registry EMT Examination to become a certified EMT/Paramedic. Extensive related coursework and clinical and field experience is required. Due to the longer training requirement, almost EMT/Paramedics are in paid positions rather than being volunteers. Refresher courses and continuing education are available for Paramedics at all levels.

Job Opportunities: Employment for Paramedics is expected to grow faster than the average of all other occupations through 2012. Population growth and urbanization will increase the demand for full-time paid Paramedics, rather than for volunteers. In addition, a large

segment of the population – the aging baby boomers – will further spur the demand for Paramedic services as they become more likely to have medical emergencies.

Where can you find training to become a Paramedic? Almost all community colleges and some state colleges and hospitals offer training and certification to become a Paramedic. This training usually consists of between 750-1,500 hours of classroom and field instruction. Reaching this level will require a lot of sacrifice and studying on your part, but becoming a Paramedic will increase your chances of becoming a firefighter.

Approximately 10-20% of all fire departments across the country now require their fire applicants to become Paramedics even before they take the examination. Remember – you must first become an EMT before you can go on to become a Paramedic.

For those of you who are in the process of becoming a Paramedic and will be taking a certification test, please check their website periodically at the "EMT/Paramedic Review" link. They periodically update our examination questions database to help you pass this examination.

[View their list of over 650 Fire/EMT/Paramedic Colleges Across the County](#)

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

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

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

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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**.



- **July 14, 2007** Cut off for filing for this test is June 15, 2007
- **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: June 15, 2007

Written Test Date: July 14, 2007

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 or call them at (916) 433-1300.

For questions concerning this job announcement, log onto our website at 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 29th – 30th 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

To find out more information about the Sacramento City Fire Department - Visit their website at www.cityofsacramento.org/fire/

To find out more information about the City of Sacramento - Visit their website at www.cityofsacramento.org

To find out more information about the Sacramento City Firefighters Association, LOCAL 522 - Visit their website at www.iaff522.org/

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

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

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

For more information about the **Los Angeles County Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 1014**, visit their website at: www.local1014.org/

FIREFIGHTER RELATED EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY – Huntington Beach Fire Dept.:

The [Huntington Beach Fire Department](http://www.surfcity-hb.org) is accepting applications for the position of Ambulance Operator, until June 6, 2007. For more information, go to their website at: [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/](http://www.surfcity-hb.org)

For more information about the **County of Orange**, visit their website at: www.oc.ca.gov

For more information about the **Huntington Beach Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.surfcity-hb.org/CityDepartments/Fire/

For more information about the **Huntington Beach Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Union Local 3354**, visit their website at: www.hbfa.org

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.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Department:

The [Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Department](#) will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter, sometime in October of this year. 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!

CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT) INFORMATION:

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is a must have for any person planning on becoming a firefighter. More and more departments are requiring a candidate to possess a CPAT completion card (no older than one year) just to apply for their department. If you do not possess a current CPAT, you do not pass go, you do not collect two hundred dollars, and you miss out on the opportunity to compete for a firefighter position at many departments. The CPAT does not guarantee that you will be a successful firefighter. Successfully passing the CPAT means that you should be able to enter a firefighter academy at a reasonable level of fitness appropriate to the job. I encourage you to learn more about the CPAT, and also look into having this certificate on your resume. Trust me, this may be an eye-opener for some – many of you will not pass it the first time. Make sure you take advantage of the orientation and practice sessions and learn where your weak spots are so you can focus on those areas.

Basic Information For The CPAT Test

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be 18 years of age and must show government issued photo identification (i.e. drivers license, school or military ID; or a passport or visa). Candidates without a photo ID will not be allowed to take the CPAT.

APPLY EARLY

Applications are accepted in the order they are received. Applications are not accepted until the fee has been paid.

PAYMENT:

The fee to take your first test at their site is \$150.00. Your fee must be paid for your application to be accepted. This fee is non-refundable. Payment can be made with check, money order, Visa, or MasterCard. If you are paying by check, the check must clear your bank before you can take the CPAT. Make payments to "CFFJAC." Your fee includes participation in an orientation session, related printed materials and test.

ORIENTATION SESSION:

Working with experienced CPAT proctors, you will be given the opportunity to try each of the 8 events and determine where you may need to strengthen yourself. You will be given a set of exercises to physically prepare yourself for the CPAT. If you elect not to participate in the orientation, you will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that the orientation was offered. There are no discounts if you elect not to participate in an orientation. The CPAT dress code is enforced for all candidates who attend an orientation.

TEST:

The registration form has a place for you to choose a preferred and second orientation day as well as a preferred and second test day. You will be notified by mail of the confirmation of your orientation and test dates. A group of candidates are scheduled every half hour to report to the CPAT center. Please be on time, but not excessively early. Space for waiting is limited. If for some reason you cannot attend your scheduled test day, please notify us as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to reschedule you to a test day that will fit your schedule.

RETESTS:

If you have taken the CPAT at a CFFJAC monitored venue in the past and would like to retest, the fee is \$100.00.

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

For \$25.00, you can schedule a supervised practice on the CPAT course with a proctor. Your session is designed to meet your individual needs. A session may include: Training on the CPAT equipment, watching the instructional video, going through the course in its entirety. You also receive the benefit of mentoring: techniques, expert evaluation and conditioning advice from our CPAT proctors.

Refunds for cancelled or rescheduled practice days will not be given if requested after 10:00 am the day before your scheduled practice day.

WHAT TO WEAR:

The dress code is strictly enforced for safety. The CPAT dress code for the orientation, practice sessions and test is: Long Pants (no shorts), T-shirt or sweatshirt, footwear with no open heel or toe, and no loose or restrictive jewelry. Candidates must be in proper CPAT attire before being allowed to participate in the orientation, practice sessions and test.

PARKING:

When you arrive at the CPAT center, please park to the rear of the building and enter the front door.

NO SPECTATORS PLEASE:

There is limited space at the CPAT center. In order to accommodate a fair and standard testing process for all candidates, we will not be able to allow spectators on the CPAT course or in the facility.

CPAT TESTING CENTER LOCATIONS:**Southern California:**

626 N. Eckhoff Street
Orange, CA 92868

Northern California

6723 Sierra Court, Suite G
Dublin, CA 94568

Northern California 2007 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- May 29
- June 11 or 23
- July 9 or 21
- August 6 or 18
- September 4 or 15

It is strongly recommended that an Orientation be attended at least 8 weeks prior to taking the CPAT Test. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hour for the orientation. There is no cost for the Orientation, it is include in the testing fee.

PRACTICE DATES:

- May 29 or 30
- June 11, 12, 23 or 26
- July 9, 10, 21 or 24
- August 6, 7, 18 or 21
- September 4, 5, 15 or 18

Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

TEST DATES:

- June 2, 14 or 30
- July 12 or 28
- August 9 or 25
- September 6 or 22

Additional test dates will be scheduled as needed. Allow up to 1 hour to complete the process.

Southern California 2007 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- June 4 or 16
- July 2, 14 or 30
- August 11 or 27
- September 8 or 24

It is strongly recommended that an Orientation be attended at least 8 weeks prior to taking the CPAT Test. Allow 1 ½ to 2 hour for the orientation. There is no cost for the Orientation, it is include in the testing fee.

TEST DATES:

- June 2, 7, 14 or 23
- July 5, 12, or 21
- August 2, 9, 18 or 30
- September 6, 15 or 27

Additional test dates will be scheduled as needed. Allow up to 1 hour to complete the process.

PRACTICE DATES:

- May 30
- June 5, 12 or 19
- July 3, 10, 17 or 31
- August 7, 14 or 28
- September 4, 11 or 25

Practice sessions are only \$25.00.

For more information about the above orientation, practice sessions and tests, including how to sign up and find out more about the 8 events, visit their website at www.cpatonline.com

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Arcadia Fire Department:

The [Arcadia Fire Department](http://www.ci.arcadia.us) is accepting the first 200 applications for the position of Firefighter, June 4 through June 13. For more information, go to the City of Arcadia website at: www.ci.arcadia.us

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

For more information about the **City of Arcadia**, visit their website at: www.ci.arcadia.us

For more information about the **Arcadia Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.ci.arcadia.ca.us/home/index.asp?page=662

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 me to provide you with every fire department that is accepting applications. I 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 I have seen are:

- www.firecareers.com
- 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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Chabot College Fire Technology & EMS web site: www.chabotfire.com
Chabot College web site: www.chabotcollege.edu

***** 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@aol.com and in the subject heading, and type in "unsubscribe from mailing list" and I will remove your name.
- If you are subscribed to my email mailing list and you are not receiving anything (a problem some earthlink, aol, hotmail and yahoo users have at times), make sure you add my name – Steve Prziborowski and the email address I use to send this newsletter and other fire and EMS related news items out – sprziborowski@aol.com to your address book, safe list, white list, etc. Since I mass mail items to thousands of people, some email providers may think these items are spam or junk mail, even though they are not. If you have not received anything from me in over two weeks, email me to let me know so that I can attempt to troubleshoot the issue.