



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 various individuals for reaching their career goals and/or milestones!
- Fire related employment opportunities – Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center and the Cordelia Fire Protection District!
- Training opportunities at the annual Training Officers Symposium in Fresno!
- EMS related educational seminar in San Francisco!
- Fire Command 2A class in Emeryville and Plesanton!
- Firefighter Preparation Assistance: The Firefighters Boot Camp!
- Firefighter Preparation Tip of the month from the Don McNea Fire School – written tests!
- Volunteers needed around the Bay Area – various EMS classes and opportunities
- Fire related courses still available for registration at Chabot College – hurry, register soon!
- Firefighter employment opportunities – New York (F.D.N.Y.), Sacramento, Scottsdale, Denver Regional Departments!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

For reaching various career goals and/or milestones:

- **Nick Marquez** has been hired as a Firefighter with the [Hayward Fire Department](#).
- **Patrick Melikian** has been hired as a Firefighter with the [San Jose Fire Department](#).

Note: If you know of anyone that has recently been hired or promoted in the fire service (including yourself), please don't hesitate to let me know so I can congratulate them in a future newsletter!

FIREFIGHTER EXPERIENCE OPPOTUNITY – Cordelia Fire Protection District

The [Cordelia Fire Protection District](#) (adjacent to Fairfield, CA) is looking to offer firefighter experience in the form of a Resident Firefighter Position! Here is a letter I received from their Fire

Chief, Jay Huyssoon recently, and I would like to share this information and offer you an excellent opportunity to gain some valuable experience to prepare for your future career as a firefighter:

Hi Steve,

I am the Fire Chief for Cordelia Fire Protection District now. We have a program for Firefighter 1 Academy graduates (people possessing a Firefighter 1 Academy completion certificate from a California State Fire Marshal's Office Accredited Regional Academy, such as Chabot) that also have EMT 1, clean driving records and police records. I am running out of quality candidates wishing to gain experience as a firefighter.

The Cordelia Resident Firefighter Program has put over 100 people into different paying Departments and Districts since, December 1999. We are proud of our record. Some of the Departments include Contra Costa Fire, San Francisco Fire, San Jose Fire, Alameda County Fire, Sacramento Metro, Sacramento County, Eureka Fire, Oakland Fire, Woodland Fire, Orinda Moraga Fire, Emeryville Fire, El Cerrito Fire, Richmond Fire, and the list goes on. I mention this, because it gives young men and women who do not have a relative in a Fire Department an equal chance to participate in the testing processes of the different Agencies.

The program requires the Resident Firefighter to commit to a 24 hour shift once a week. At the end of 52 shifts or 52 weeks, which ever takes longer, and they pass any FFI final examination, I sign off their Firefighter I Certificate. During this period of time the young firefighters will be allowed to attend Driver/Operator Ia and Ib at no cost to them (since I instruct the classes for their benefit). The same thing is true for Instructor Ia and Ib for the same reason. We are the only Solano County Fire District has is staffed 24/7 and has paramedics. We also respond to approximately 700 calls a year which include, but not limited to structure, vegetation, and vehicle fires, as well as medicals, hazmat, and anything any Fire Agency responds to.

We are considered a volunteer agency, but I do pay them \$20 a day. That equates to 80 cents an hour and the firefighter averages two times a day to "die." We also have access to Fire Departments and Districts who are hiring full time. We give mock interviews and other helpful experience tips to assist the firefighters in getting hired full time. Since my tenure started here, I go through about 20 people a year and that is the problem. I am running out of candidates that fit our criteria, because of the two resources I have either no longer exist or they are taking too long to give me a "product" I can use to serve this District. This is a viable "next step" opportunity for your students to attaining their fire careers. I would get a larger pool of qualified candidates to fulfill our needs. We still require the candidates to take a written examination, perform a physical agility (exception is a CPAT certification that is less than 365 days old) and an oral interview process. Pretty much everyone who passes the entire examination process will eventually get hire as the openings occur. It is all a learning, experience building process that will enhance the resume'.

We do have a website, www.cordeliafire.com - where students can see our program and what we do. I know all three of us can benefit positively. I believe our little District with its minuscule budget is doing great things for all parties involved. I hope we can network (after all isn't that why we go to upper division education?) and assist each other and end up with a stronger program process for each of us. Thanks for your time. I would rather get graduates from academies, than do everything ourselves; we need some time for ourselves sometimes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Huyssoon, Fire Chief - Cordelia Fire Protection District

Here is a copy of the Job Announcement:

CORDELIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Invites Applications For: RESIDENT/VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Final Filing Date: *Continuous Hiring*

Salary: *\$20.00 Reimbursement per 24 hour shift*

The Position:

Resident Firefighters are positions designed for individuals who do not reside within the Fire District. They will work one 24 hour shift each week assigned to a Fire Station. Volunteers, who live in the Cordelia Fire Protection District, only need to work one 24 hour shift each month. The program is designed to provide work experience and on the job training opportunities for individuals pursuing a career in emergency services.

Minimum Qualifications:

18 years of age

Valid California Driver's license

High school diploma and/or GED

Graduate of a State Fire Marshal Firefighter I Academy & a current Emergency Medical Technician Certificate

Paramedic Certificate Desired

Application Process:

Submit Cordelia Fire District Application. For an application, go to:

<http://www.cordeliafire.com/CFDapplication2.htm>

Attach Resume – DO NOT SUBSTITUTE RESUME FOR APPLICATION

Attach all relevant certificates pertaining to job applied for

Testing Process:

1) Written test

2) Oral Interview before panel of 3 Firefighters/Chief Officers

3) Physical Abilities test

4) Background investigation

5) Upon conditional offer of employment, you will have to furnish a current Driver's License record from DMV and submit to a Live Scan

Physical and Sensory Requirements:

Ability to perform all aspects of physical requirements for a typical Fire suppression classification.

In accordance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if accommodations are necessary in order to perform the essential functions of this position, or to participate in any portion of the selection process, please contact the Fire Chief at (707) 864-0468 within one week of final filing date.

- More information, not found above? Contact them at 707-864-0468.

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 2006 Schedule:

ORIENTATION DATES:

- Saturday September 9
- Monday September 25
- Saturday October 7
- Monday October 23
- Saturday November 4
- Monday November 27
- Saturday December 2
- Monday December 18

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:

- Saturday September 16
- Thursday September 28
- Saturday October 14
- Thursday October 26
- Thursday November 9
- Thursday November 30
- Saturday December 9
- Thursday December 21

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

PRACTICE DATES:

- Tuesday September 12
- Tuesday September 26
- Tuesday October 10
- Tuesday October 24
- Tuesday November 7
- Tuesday November 28
- Tuesday December 5
- Tuesday December 19

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

Fire Departments in California Currently Using the CPAT:

NOTE: Departments in bold are within (or close to) the San Francisco Bay Area.

1. Adelanto Fire Department
2. **Alameda City Fire Department**
3. **Alameda County Fire Department**
4. **Albany Fire Department**
5. **American Canyon F.P.D.**
6. Apple Valley F.P.D.
7. Barstow Fire Department
8. **Benicia Fire Department**
9. **Berkeley Fire Department**
10. Big Bear Lake Fire Department
11. Burbank Fire Department
12. **Burlingame Fire Department**
13. Carpinteria-Summerland F.P.D.
14. Cathedral City Fire Department
15. Chester F.P.D.
16. Chino Valley Independent F.P.D.
17. **Contra Costa County F.P.D.**
18. Corona Fire Department
19. **Corte Madera Fire Department**
20. Crest Forest F.P.D.
21. **Davis Fire Department**
22. **Dixon Fire Department**
23. Donner Summit F.P.D.
24. **Ebbetts Pass F.P.D.**
25. **El Cerrito Fire Department**
26. **El Dorado County F.P.D.**

27. Elk Grove Fire Department
28. Fairfield Fire Department
29. Foster City Fire Department
30. Fremont Fire Department
31. Half Moon Bay F.P.D.
32. Hamilton Branch F.P.D.
33. Hemet Fire Department
34. Hermosa Beach Fire Department
35. Hillsborough F.D.
36. Kentfield F.P.D.
37. Kern County Fire Department
38. Laguna Beach Fire Department
39. Larkspur Fire Department
40. Lawrence-Livermore National Laboratory F.D.
41. Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department
42. Lodi Fire Department
43. Loma Linda Fire Department
44. Lompoc Fire Department
45. Los Angeles Fire Department
46. Los Angeles County Fire Department
47. Manhattan Beach Fire Department
48. Menlo Park F.P.D.
49. Mill Valley Fire Department
50. Millbrae Fire Department
51. Milpitas Fire Department
52. Montclair Fire Department
53. Montecito F.P.D.
54. Murrieta Fire Department
55. Napa City Fire Department
56. Newark Fire Department
57. North County Fire Authority
58. North Tahoe F.P.D.
59. Novato F.P.D.
60. Ontario Fire Department
61. Oroville Fire Department
62. Oxnard Fire Department
63. Palm Springs Fire Department
64. Palo Alto Fire Department
65. Paradise Fire Department
66. Pasadena Fire Department

67. Petaluma Fire Department
68. Piedmont Fire Department
69. Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department
70. Redwood City Fire Department
71. Richmond Fire Department
72. Ross Valley Fire Authority
73. Sacramento Fire Department
74. Sacramento Metro Fire Department
75. San Bernardino Fire Department
76. San Bruno Fire Department
77. San Diego Fire Department
78. San Francisco Fire Department
79. San Jose Fire Department
80. San Mateo Fire Department
81. San Rafael Fire Department
82. San Ramon Valley F.P.D.
83. Santa Barbara Fire Department
84. Santa Barbara County Fire Department
85. Santa Clara Fire Department
86. Santa Clara County Fire Department
87. Santa Maria Fire Department
88. Santa Paula Fire Department
89. Santa Rosa Fire Department
90. Sonoma Fire Department
91. Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority
92. South County Fire Authority
93. South Lake Tahoe Fire Department
94. South San Francisco Fire Department
95. Stockton Fire Department
96. Sunnyvale D.P.S.
97. Torrance Fire Department
98. Ukiah Fire Department
99. Union City Fire Department
100. Upland Fire Department
101. Vacaville Fire Department
102. Vallejo Fire Department
103. Ventura Fire Department
104. Ventura County Fire
105. Woodside F.P.D.

Note: Department information taken from the www.cpatonline.com website and may be subject to change.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – **Scottsdale (AZ) Fire Department:**

The [Scottsdale Fire Department](#) is accepting applications. The following information was taken from their website (and initially provided by Chabot College Fire Technology Student – Casey Keefe):

Become a Scottsdale Firefighter!

The Scottsdale Fire Department is looking for highly qualified men and women to join our community-focused, service-minded agency. This will be the very first Firefighter-Recruit hiring process in the history of the City of Scottsdale and an opportunity to be a part of history in the making. We are looking for diverse candidates with a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and a genuine desire to serve our great community.

Open application process Sept. 15-22, 2006.

Learn about the [application process](#).

Two orientation sessions are scheduled for Sept. 22 and 29, 2006. Get the [orientation agenda and location](#).

To qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma / GED, and possess a good driving record. All qualified applicants will be invited to participate in the **Firefighter-Recruit Written Exam** which will be held the week of Oct. 2-6, 2006. Learn more about the [written exam](#).

Successful candidates will be invited to participate in the **Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)** and the **Firefighter-Recruit Oral Interview**. The CPAT is scheduled for Nov. 2, 3, and 6, 2006. Get more information on the [CPAT](#). The oral interview is scheduled for Nov. 6-17, 2006. Find out more about the [oral interview process](#).

The Scottsdale Fire Department is projecting hiring approximately 18 Firefighter-Recruits to begin our 15-week Firefighter-Recruit Academy March 19, 2007. This class will run through June 29, 2007. Successful Recruits will graduate as Firefighters and begin a long and rewarding career in July 2007.

More information on the Firefighter-Recruit Academy and the first-year rotation for new Scottsdale Firefighters will be posted here soon.

Here is some additional information that may help you in your career pursuit...

- [Firefighter-Recruit](#) and [Firefighter](#) Job Descriptions
- [City of Scottsdale Benefits](#)
- [General information about the Scottsdale Fire Department](#)
- [Scottsdale Fire Department, our Culture](#)

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ENTRANCE EXAM INFO:

[Emergency Training Services \(ETS\)](#) in Santa Cruz is now taking names to be placed on their spring 2007 paramedic program mailing list! If you are interested in going to paramedic school, this is one of the few paramedic schools left in the San Francisco Bay Area, and has been around for a number of years. If you are an EMT with a high school diploma or equivalent, you can apply for their spring 2007 paramedic program! The course is offered in the spring and the fall. The spring 2007 course begins in January and can be completed in one year. Applications will be available in September 2006. The ETS paramedic program is accredited by CAAHEP/CoAEMSP. ETS Inc., is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.

Call ETS at 800-700-8444 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list. They also have a website at www.emergencytraining.com

FIRE RELATED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center

The [Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center](#) is looking for Fire/EMS Dispatchers! They currently have full time positions available and many of you probably qualify for this excellent opportunity to work in a challenging and exciting environment! Any interested student must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid California Driver's License, be able to type 35 words per minute (net), and possess either a GED or high school diploma. Candidates are subject to extensive background investigation and drug testing. The salary is generous, beginning at \$17.73 per hour, with opportunity for periodic pay increases and great benefits (medical, dental and vision).

All their dispatchers work 12 hour rotating shifts, 3 days on and 3 days off. For additional information, visit their website at www.srfecc.ca.gov and don't hesitate to contact Janice Parker, Administrative Analyst at 916-228-3082 if you have any questions.

The upcoming Dispatcher Testing dates for 2006 are:

- October 18, 2006

You can also call their job line at 916-228-3091 for more information.

EXCELLENT FIRE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

SUNNYVALE FIRE

PRESENTS the 10th ANNUAL

AUTO EXTRICATION WORKSHOP 2006

TWO SOLID DAYS OF EXTRICATION TRAINING

THIS YEARS CLASS FEATURES:

CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL CERTIFICATION
RECOGNIZED INSTRUCTORS
NEW CAR TECHNOLOGY/AIR BAGS
HANDS ON EXTRICATION
EMS/PATIENT CONSIDERATIONS

RESCUE EQUIPMENT VENDORS

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GREAT LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS AVAILABLE

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WHEN: OCTOBER 7th and 8th **COST:** Only \$210.00 + \$20.00 CE Units

WHERE: SUNNYVALE FIRE TRAINING GROUNDS (WOLF ROAD at ARQUES)

HURRY: REGISTRATION IS LIMITED and FILLS FAST

Info: Phone/Fax 408-749-0228

ACCOMODATIONS: Rooms have been arranged / reserved:

Corporate Inn // Sunnyvale
805 East El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, Ca 94087

Reservations: 408-220-1000 Mention "Sunnyvale Auto-Extrication Workshop" for group rate price. Refer Questions To: Sales Manager

**This course is sponsored by the Southbay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium which will offer ½ unit of college credit. Course fee includes \$13.00 registration, materials, and State Fire Marshal Certificate and Registration of \$5.00. This workshop qualifies for 14 hours of Instructor Based Continuing Education for EMT's and Paramedics.

EMS RELATED SEMINAR IN SAN FRANCISCO!

The [San Francisco Paramedic Association](#) will be hosting their 2006 Emergency and Critical Care Conference at the Cathedral Hill Hotel and Conference Center in San Francisco on October 6 and 7, 2006. Up to 16 hours of continuing education units are available!

Here is more information on the seminar, courtesy of their website:

We invite you to join us at our premiere Northern California emergency and critical care conference. This two-day event will provide cutting-edge, thought-provoking topics on the continuum of care from the prehospital field to the ICU. Take the opportunity to network with old and new friends and enjoy what promises to be an exciting educational event, held at the best time of the year to be in San Francisco!!

Who should attend? EMTs, Paramedics, Emergency and Critical Care Physicians and Nurses, and educators. [Check out our 2006 Conference Brochure](#) to get full details: General Information, Accommodations, Program Details, Conference Schedule, Speaker Biographies and Registration Form (if you wish to register by Mail or Fax) or you can [register online](#).

October 6 (Day One)

Max Harry Weil, MD, PhD	Opening Keynote: Resuscitation: The Past, Present and Future
Jim Betts, MD	Case Studies in Trauma Pediatric Airway Management
Geoffrey Manley, MD, PhD	Brain Trauma and the Continuum of Care
James Broselow, MD	Color Coding Children: More Than Just Pediatric Resuscitation
Nora Goldschlager, MD	Chest Pain: Lest You Miss the Real Diagnosis
Wanchun Tang, MD	Advances in Mechanical CPR
Ron Ariagno, MD	Advances in the Resuscitation and Stabilization of the Newborn
Jane Smith, MA, NREMT-P and Susan Chapman, PhD, RN	What's It All About? The EMS Workforce for the 21st Century Project

October 7 (Day Two)

Mike Smith, EMT-P	Keynote: Achieving Balance in Life
Cesar Aristeiguieta, MD	The State of EMS in California - Perspectives from Above
Jazim Rubaii, MD and Mike Jacobs, EMT-P	Improving the Continuum of Care
Paul Maniscalco, MPA	Evolution or Revolution: What Will Change EMS?
Megan Corry, MS, EMT-P	The Bleeding Edge of EMS Research
John Sinclair, EMT-P	The Role of EMS and Public Safety in Emergency Management
Mike Smith, EMT-P	The Quest for Resuscitation Endpoints
Jim Morrissey, EMT-P	Prehospital Tactical Medicine in Today's EMS Environment
W. Ann Maggiorre, JD, NREMT-P	Avoiding the Pitfalls of EMS Care and Transport Decisions
Russ McCallion, NREMT-P	Controversies in EMS System Design
Art Hsieh, MA, NREMT-P	Pride and Prejudice: The Art of Compassio

Accommodations

Our conference will be held at the lovely [Cathedral Hill Hotel](#) in San Francisco. **Address:** 1101 Van Ness Ave. (Corner of Geary Blvd.), *San Francisco CA 94109*

Discounted Rate: \$99 Single/Double per night (Cutoff Date: September 1, 2006). **Rates do not include applicable taxes.** A special **parking rate** is available of \$8.00 per day or \$18 overnight.

To reserve space at the Cathedral Hill Hotel:

Telephone: Local: 415. 776. 8200 or Toll Free Reservations: 800. 622. 0855
You must reserve under the SFPA Room Block for discounted rate.

Online: You can [register with the Cathedral Hill Hotel](#) directly.
Click on **Reservations**, and then click on **Groups**. At the attendee login enter **SFPA**.

Continuing Education:

Up to 16 hours of continuing education for EMS personnel and nurses are available (CA EMS education provider #38-0008; BRN #CEP08101) for this program. CME pending.

How to Register:

- 1) Download the [2006 Conference Brochure](#), in pdf format (you need the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) software on your computer to open it).
- 2) Register either by using the form in the brochure (you can **mail** or **fax** it with your conference payment), or **online** by [clicking here](#).

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Fire Department New York (FDNY):

Here is the opportunity of a lifetime! If you want to fight fire and work with The Bravest (as the FDNY firefighters are known), then here is your opportunity to become a part of one of the largest fire departments in the World.

The following information was taken from their website; please go there for more detailed information:
<http://nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/home2.shtml>

- Apply through October 13, 2006; the next written test will be held on January 20, 2007!

Firefighter Application/Appointment Process

All firefighters are appointed from a civil service list of eligibles, in list order, who have passed both a competitive multiple choice, & physical fitness examination, as well as a medical, psychological and background investigation. There are no exceptions to this process, regardless of prior firefighting experience.

Once every three years the Department offers the public an opportunity to file an application to take the firefighter examination. Applications are not made available to the public prior to the actual release of the Notification of Examination. The lists that are generated from the firefighter exams usually last 4 years. The actual time frame from filing, to taking the examination, to the creation of the list of passers from that examination could take one or more years, depending on the needs of the Department. **The last written firefighter examination was administered on December 14, 2002.**

Open - Competitive Firefighter Examination: Applications will be available to the public to file for the next open - competitive Firefighter Examination in October of 2006.

In order to be appointed, you must:

- Pass both the written and physical exams and have your name placed on the Firefighter list;
- Pass a medical exam and background investigation;
- Be a minimum of 21 years of age and a U.S. citizen ([see more at FAQ](#));
- Have 30 college credits or 2 years of satisfactory military service ([see FAQ](#));
- Hold a motor vehicle driver's license valid in the State of New York;
- Be a resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City or one of the following counties: Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk or Westchester

CFR-D Info: For those probationary firefighters who lack a CFR-D certification, the FDNY will provide on the job training, and upon receipt of the certification, payroll deductions for the cost of the training will commence. See the Notice of Examination for the details..

CFR-D COURSES

If you are interested in finding out about CFR-D courses other than what FDNY offers, you may call: REMSCO at (212) 870-2301 for courses within the five boroughs or NYS Department of Health: (518) 402-0996

For information about other positions currently open with the F.D.N.Y, visit their employment section on their website at: http://nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/community/employment_index.shtml

For more information about the F.D.N.Y., visit their unofficial website at: <http://www.nyfd.com/>

**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!](#)

Free 50 Question Practice Firefighter Exam - Questions 11-20

(Questions 21 through 50 will appear in the upcoming issues, and Questions 1 through 10 appeared in the August 2006 issue)

Information Ordering

10. Lt. Banks is giving a lecture on the proper procedure when cutting a hole in a roof to provide adequate ventilation. He would like to include the statements listed below in his lecture. These statements have not been listed in the correct order.

- 1) The hole should be located between the joists or rafters. Thus the joists or rafters should never be cut, as they are the main support for the roof.
- 2) Locate the joists by sounding with the axe and noting the area that is solid. A solid sound will denote the location of the joist.
- 3) Upon identifying wood sheathing, the firefighter may begin cutting with the fire axe. The axe should not be swung as a wood cutter would use it, but with short quick strokes.
- 4) Once the joists are located, an adequate size hole at least 4 feet should be marked on the roof with the pick head. The roof covering tar paper should be removed before proceeding with the cutting procedure.

11. The above procedure should be performed in which of the following order?

- A) 1, 2, 3, 4
- B) 2, 1, 3, 4
- C) 1, 2, 4, 3
- D) 2, 1, 4, 3

Lieutenant Pender made the following comments when discussing bends, knots, and hitches in rope:

- 1) The bends that a rope undergoes in the formation of a knot or hitch are of three kinds: the bight, loop, and round turn.
- 2) Knots and hitches are formed by combining these elements in different ways so that the tight part of the rope bears on the free end to hold it in place.
- 3) The bight is formed by simply bending the rope, keeping the sides parallel; the loop is made by crossing the sides of a bight; the round turn consists of the further bending of one side of a loop.
- 4) Knots weaken a rope because the rope is bent in order to form the knot and the outside fibers take most of the strain at the bend.
- 5) The knot that weakens the rope the least is one requiring the least abrupt bending.

12. Lieutenant Pender's discussion would be most effective if the above comments were presented in the following order?

- A) 1, 2, 3, 5, 4
- B) 5, 4, 2, 1, 3
- C) 3, 1, 4, 5, 2
- D) 4, 5, 1, 3, 2

Lieutenant Arthurs has prepared the following comments to stress the increased importance of respiratory protection to firefighters:

1. Such is not the case in our technological world of today.
2. When homes were built of wood and contained furnishings of ordinary combustibles they produced fewer toxic products of combustion.

3. It has been well documented that most fire deaths occur from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, rather than actual contact with fire.
4. The need for respiratory protection in the fire service has increased greatly over the years.
5. These gases, though still unhealthy, were not lethal in small quantities.
6. Plastics, synthetic materials, pesticides, and other hazardous products can be found everywhere.

13. The above comments could be made most effectively if they were presented in the following order:

- A) 3, 6, 1, 2, 5, 4
- B) 2, 5, 6, 1, 4, 3
- C) 4, 2, 5, 1, 6, 3
- D) 6, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5

Deductive Reasoning

During the night tour at Engine Company 500, eleven (11) alarms were received between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. The types of alarms and times of occurrences were as follows:

Alarm #1	6:03 p.m.	illegally opened hydrant
Alarm #2	6:41 p.m.	false alarm
Alarm #3	7:00 p.m.	car fire in an abandoned car
Alarm #4	7:25 p.m.	garbage can fire
Alarm #5	8:30 p.m.	false alarm
Alarm #6	12:18 a.m.	fire in a wood frame house
Alarm #7	1:09 a.m.	fire in a brownstone apartment
Alarm #8	2:45 a.m.	basement fire in a hospital
Alarm #9	5:02 a.m.	sprinkler malfunction in an all-night deli
Alarm #10	7:53 a.m.	false alarm
Alarm #11	8:29 a.m.	food on the stove fire

14. Based on the list of alarms, which one of the following statements is correct?

- A) False alarms occur most frequently in the early morning
- B) Fires involving victims are most likely to occur in the early evening
- C) Severe fires are most likely to occur in the early morning
- D) Non-fire related alarms occur more frequently in the evening

Listed below are emergency steps for buildings filled with gas but not involved in fire. These steps are to be followed in this exact order.

1. Have dispatcher notify proper gas emergency crew.
2. Park fire vehicle well away from building; lay a line to handle fire following possible explosion.
3. Shut off gas outside at meter or curb valve.
4. Open windows and doors from outside to obtain ventilation.
5. Evacuate any endangered occupants.
6. Do not operate any electric switches inside the gas-involved area.
7. Use combustible gas indicators to determine when entry is safe.
8. Wear self-contained masks to trace source of escaping gas and shut off or plug (but do NOT then turn on gas to building - leave restoration of service to gas company employees.)

15. Firefighters have arrived on the scene of a building filled with natural gas. It has been reported by the occupants of the building that there is no fire. Firefighters have shut off the gas outside at meter or curb valve. They should next:

- A) evacuate any endangered occupants
- B) have dispatcher notify proper gas emergency crew
- C) open windows and doors from outside to obtain ventilation
- D) use combustible gas indicators to determine when entry is safe

16. Engine Company 29 has arrived on the scene of Southwest Elementary School. They have been informed that there is a gas leak within the building, but no report of fire. Firefighters have parked away from the building and laid a hand line for safety considerations. They have shut off the gas at the outside meter and have opened windows and doors from outside to obtain ventilation. All endangered occupants have been evacuated. Firefighters have also turned on electrical lights in the hallway to assist in the evacuation process. They then used combustible gas indicators to determine when re-entry is safe.

Which of the following listed below is correct concerning the gas emergency at the elementary school:

- A) firefighters operated according to specified guidelines
- B) firefighters did not open doors from outside to obtain ventilation
- C) firefighters operated an electrical switch within the building
- D) firefighters did not lay the proper amount of hose line as safety precautions require

Judgment, Human Relations, And Problem Solving

17. To maintain an enthusiastic attitude toward your required duties and your fellow firefighters, you should do which of the following?

- A) totally immerse yourself in your job at all times
- B) try to maintain an equal balance between your job as a firefighter and your home life
- C) your job should be your first responsibility and your home life following as a close second
- D) maintain a positive attitude toward your fellow firefighters and treat them as you would your family.

18. **Engine 17, Engine 22 and Squad 3 arrive at the scene of a one and one-half story dwelling located on a cul-de-sac in which fire is coming from the first floor. A neighbor approaches the officer and two firefighters concerning pertinent details about the fire. Which of the following would be the first question for the officer to ask the neighbor?**
- A) Where do you live and what is your address?
 - B) Is there anybody presently in the house?
 - C) Did you see anybody running from the house or do you know how the fire started?
 - D) How long have the occupants lived at this address?
19. **Your officer has just received information from the Battalion Chief that a complete apparatus inventory will be needed within one hour. Normally, this procedure would take 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Which of the following would be the best way for you to accomplish this task on time?**
- A) immediately start the apparatus inventory since there is little time to complete it
 - B) ask others to assist you in the job so that you retain a coordinator's role in the task with little or no work involved on your part
 - C) first look over the inventory, organize it, and see what will be needed to accomplish the task within the given time frame
 - D) tell the officer it will be impossible for you to complete this task within the time frame presented to you
20. **You have just reported for your shift at a fire station and are stowing your gear in your locker when you hear something in the bathroom. You enter the bathroom and call out, but there is no response. You proceed into the bathroom and observe Firefighter B slumped over the sink. There is a strong smell of alcohol. What should you do?**
- A) ignore Firefighter B and forget the whole thing
 - B) immediately take Firefighter B home without telling anyone
 - C) summon an officer
 - D) ask Firefighter B if he is all right, how much he had to drink, and how long ago

(Questions 21 through 50 will appear in the upcoming issues) – You can also go to www.fireprep.com to view them as well.

[Click here for answers to the Free 50 Question Practice Firefighter Exam](#)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AMLS AND PHTLS

We need five (5) volunteers per session to ensure that these educational experiences are a success! Volunteering will expose you to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and take your knowledge base to the next level. Registration can be made until the day before the session if space is available. Volunteers may sit in and audit the lecture portion of the session if interested. There are no CE credits for volunteers and no certificate is issued for those who audit the lecture. However, each volunteer will receive a free SFPA t-shirt and invaluable experience! You may volunteer for one or both days.

As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play the victim of a medical scenario. Please wear old, loose, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the ground/floor for some scenarios. Scenarios may involve hands-on physical assessments.

Please register to volunteer by calling the SFPA office at 415.543.1161 or online at www.sfparamedics.org If you are unable to attend, please call the SFPA to cancel. Thank you for your consideration.

Advanced Medical Life Support AMLS

Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support PHTLS

Advanced Medical Life Support takes a practical approach to assessing and treating adult medical emergencies. AMLS focuses on abdominal and chest pain, altered mental status, shock, and dyspnea etiologies. Emphasis is placed on history taking and the physical examination skills necessary to obtain critical information from vague medical complaints.

This 2-day scenario-based course is designed to provide participants with an understanding of the anatomy & physiology of the body systems, kinematics of trauma, provide an understanding of the importance of rapid assessment, provide an overview and discuss methodology of establishing a plan of treatment for multi-system trauma patients, and enhance the knowledge and skills of prehospital trauma interventions.

SFPA

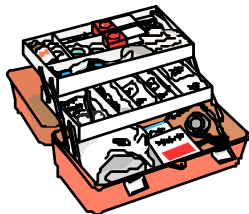
567 Mission St. Ste 302, San Francisco, CA

Bay Model Vistor Center

2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA

Table with Class Dates and CEs for AMLS course.

Table with Class Dates and CEs for PHTLS course.



Registration Form

Registration form fields: Name, Address, City/St Zip, Phone, Employer, SFPA Member (Yes/No), Signature

Course Title	Desired Date

Mail to: SFPA Registration
657 Mission St Ste 302
San Francisco, CA 94105
Call: 415.543.1161 or Fax to: 415.543.0415
Online: www.sfparamedics.org

FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION ASSISTANCE:

I was asked to pass on the following information, by two Oakland Fire Department personnel who have created the 2 Day Firefighter Exam Boot Camp. This sounds like a great opportunity to see what the testing process consists of, and also learn valuable tips to help you succeed in your pursuit of becoming a firefighter.

This is a course taught by professional teachers. They have researched various sections that routinely show up on firefighter written exams and their instructors have come up with some great techniques that can help anyone pass the exam.

They have also interviewed many who have served on Firefighter Oral boards and have a growing list of questions for their mock orals.

Course Outcomes:

- Develop a community of learners and a support network.
- Gain an understanding of the phases of the application and hiring process.
- Become familiar with the structure and content of the firefighters written exam.
- Acquire study skills that will support independent preparation for the exam.
- Learn techniques to successfully respond to specific sections of the exam such as math and mechanical aptitude questions.
- Participate in mock oral interviews in order to become familiar and comfortable with the process.

Scheduled Boot Camp Sessions (Scheduled to change, confirm with them):

- Saturday and Sunday October 7 and 8

Here is a copy of the flyer they sent me:

WANT TO BECOME A
FIREFIGHTER?



**WE CAN SHOW YOU HOW
THE FIRE SERVICE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE ACCESSIBLE
AND THIS ESSENTIAL AND PROFESSIONAL BOOT CAMP
WILL HELP YOU GET THE CAREER YOU WANT.**



**YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INSIDER TIPS AND ADVICE BY
CURRENT SERVING FIRE STAFF WHO WILL SHOW YOU HOW
TO SECURE ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND
REWARDING CAREERS AVAILABLE.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING VITAL INFORMATION
THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE EDGE OVER OTHER APPLICANTS
CALL 24Hrs: 1-800-894-2706 EXT. 9001
FOR INFORMATION, PRICING, DATES AND RESERVATIONS**

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 RESERVATIONS!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – Fire Command 2A:

NOTE: These classes are not intended for future firefighters; they are meant for chief officers, company officers aspiring to be chief officers and firefighters desiring to eventually promote and wanting to sharpen their skills and increase their knowledge. I list these classes as a courtesy to the numerous fire service personnel already on the job wanting to eventually promote.

Chabot College is offering:

Fire Command 2A

Certification: This course is certified by the California State Fire Marshal's Office and is part of the requirements for Chief Officer Certification within the State of California.

Credits: Unfortunately, we are not able to offer college credits for this course.

Cost: \$250.00 (cost includes CSFM Certificate and Student Manual)
- Make checks payable to: Chabot College Community Education
- Credit cards also accepted: see registration form below

Location: **Emeryville Fire Department** OR: **Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department**
Fire Station #2 Classroom Fire Station #2 Classroom
6303 Hollis Street 6300 Stoneridge Mall Road
Emeryville, CA 94608 Pleasanton, CA 94588

Instructor: Mike Grillo – retired Training Officer with the Hayward Fire Department, and a certified Master Instructor with the California State Fire Marshal's Office.

Time: 0830 to 1700 (day 1), 0900 to 1700 (day 2, day 3, day 4 and day 5)

Dates: We will make every effort to offer this course on a Firefighters schedule, meaning you only have to show up at one session per week. Please register early to allow us this flexibility!

Prerequisites: Fire Command 1A

	DATE:	LOCATION:	DATE:	LOCATION:
Day 1	Monday October 9, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday October 12, 2006	Pleasanton
Day 2	Monday October 16, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday October 19, 2006	Pleasanton
Day 3	Monday October 23, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday October 26, 2006	Pleasanton
Day 4	Monday October 30, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday November 2, 2006	Pleasanton
Day 5	Monday November 6, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday November 9, 2006	Pleasanton

More Info: Contact Steve Prziborowski, Chabot College Fire Technology Coordinator: 408-205-9006 or sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu - Also, visit our website at www.chabotfire.com (click on Training Opportunities).

- You can also download a registration flyer by going to www.chabotfire.com/Training.htm

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

Name: _____ Department: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Course name: Command 2A: Oct/Nov 06 Preferred Class Location: ___ Emeryville or ___ Pleasanton
Credit card type (Circle type): Visa MC Discover AMEX Card #: _____ Exp.
Date: _____ Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

Please return this form with your payment information to: Chabot College, Attention: Steve Prziborowski, Fire Technology Instructor, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545 **or** fax to 408-358-9400.

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

The [Sacramento City Fire Department](#) is one of the larger fire departments in the State. They operate out of 23 fire stations, protecting 458,000 people over 144 square miles. 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 14, 2006** **Cut off for filing for this test is September 15, 2006**

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

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/

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.

Here is more information I downloaded from their website:

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION APPLICANTS MUST:

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

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING

PHASE I - (Didactic & Lab)

400 Hours (approx. 6 months)

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

PHASE II - (Clinical Rotations)

160 Hours (approx. 2 months)

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

PHASE III - (Field Internships)

480-720 Hours (approx. 4 months)

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

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

General knowledge of first aid and the ability to 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:

- Thursday January 4, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday January 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 November 8, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday November 15, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday February 7, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- Wednesday February 14, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Roseville Classroom
- 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** that will be held in Santa Barbara County, CA, the examination dates are as follows:

- Wednesday December 6, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
- Wednesday December 6, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
- 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:

- Thursday October 5, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday October 12, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday May 10, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Thursday May 17, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location

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

- Wednesday December 13, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at TBA
- Wednesday December 13, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at TBA

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

- Monday November 6, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday November 13, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- 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

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

- Monday September 11, 2006 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday September 18, 2006 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday April 9, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at their Livermore Satellite Location
- Monday April 16, 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.

EMS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – NTCI

The [Northern California Training Institute](#) (NCTI) is looking for Paramedic Lab Instructors for their Paramedic program occurring in Milpitas, CA.

Class days/times: Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1900 hours

Class location: Milpitas Fire Station #1 / Training Center
777 Main Street
Milpitas, CA 95035

Pay: \$25.00 per hour

Contact: Jennifer Reed at (510) 772-9246 or at jreed@amr-ems.com for more information.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Denver Area Fire Agencies

- [Online Application](#)



You need to take the DRCOG test because by doing so you can be eligible for hiring by 13 metro area fire districts/departments. The Firefighter Intraregional Recruitment and Employment (FIRE) program is a cooperative screening and testing program for entry-level firefighter candidates. The area covered by these jurisdictions includes approximately 2,450 square miles from Larkspur in the south to the Mountain View Fire District in the north, which extends as far north as Mead.

The program is administered by DRCOG on behalf of the member [district/departments](#) in the Front Range. FIRE uses common initial legally validated testing procedures--by passing the written exam with an overall score of 70 (departments have the right to use a higher score for their recruitment process) you become eligible to be placed in the pool of qualified candidates for potential employment with member departments. Just think of the time and money you will save by taking the DRCOG single exam! Testing is held quarterly.

Upcoming test dates in 2006 and Application Deadlines (no exceptions to any deadlines)

Oct. 30--Application Deadline: Sept. 15, 2 p.m. MST

Please note: Applications (including testing fee) must reach DRCOG no later than 2 p.m. MST on the deadline date of the test you choose. Apply early because seating is limited! Colorado residents, be aware: You may be asked to take the test on a different date if the test date you selected fills up.

Note: You will receive a test notice stating your test time along with a study guide (if purchased), but not until a couple weeks after the application deadline passes.

Here's how it works:

- Since testing is held quarterly, recruitment is ongoing. No prequalification is required; complete the online application at our secure site and pay your non-refundable \$50 testing fee online as well via credit card. Click on the "Online Application" link at the top of this page.
- There are NO physical tests administered in conjunction with the DRCOG written exam. Departments will contact candidates about physical testing once applications have been reviewed during a recruitment process.
- The testing fee is non-refundable under any circumstances. If you are not able to test on the date you chose, you may defer your testing fee **one** time to a future test date by calling 303-480-6729.
- When [departments in the program](#) have positions to fill, they can review your application from our files. Applications remain active for one year.

Minimum qualifications for applying include the following:

- Some departments require you to be a U.S. citizen, but some departments only require you to be legally entitled to work in the U.S. or be a legal permanent resident. Requirements vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Contact a specific jurisdiction for its policy.
- Minimum age requirements for applicants vary by department; some will accept applications from anyone 18 years of age or older. Other departments require that applicants be at least 21 years old.
- High school diploma or GED
- Ability to obtain Colorado drivers license
- Having some college education is helpful, as are EMT/firefighter/paramedic certifications (most departments prefer you have your EMT prior to being hired)
- Colorado will only accept Colorado or National paramedic certification
- Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

If you have questions, contact [Suzi Walker](#) at 303-480-6730.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) to visit their website.

FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Captain Ricky Hurtado of the [Union City Fire Department](#) (and also one of our veteran Fire Technology Instructors at Chabot College, teaching in the Firefighter 1 Academy and also the primary instructor of our Fire Technology 52 (Firefighter Safety and Public Education) course, has asked me to pass along the following volunteer opportunity:

I am coordinating Union City Fire Department - Local 1946 Muscular Dystrophy Association / Fill the Boot / Ice Cream Social event on Saturday, September 30th from 0900 to 1500 hours at Alberston's Supermarket in the Union Landing shopping complex (at the corner of Alvarado-Niles Road and Dyer Street). We are looking for volunteers and would like to get the message out to the community.

If you are interested, contact Ricky Hurtado at rhurtado@chabotcollege.edu or at Union City Station #2: 510-675-5473. If you are a Chabot College Fire Technology student, he would like you to wear a Chabot College Fire Technology T-shirt (available at the Chabot College bookstore). Thanks in advance for your assistance!

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:



California Training
Officers Fall
Training Symposium



November 13 - 17, 2006

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center - Fresno, California

5 DAY FORMAT CSFM CERTIFICATION CLASSES EVENING SPEAKERS

CSFM Certifications

- RESCUE SYSTEMS 1
- CSFM INSTRUCTOR ORIENTATION
- CSFM ETHICS CLASS
- VEHICLE EXTRICATION
- COMMAND 1B
- COMMAND 1C
- TRENCH RESCUE
- DRIVER/OPERATOR 1A
- LOW ANGLE RESCUE (TRAIN THE TRAINER)

Special Interest

- EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE - THE FIRE CHIEF
- FORCIBLE ENTRY PRACTICES/THROUGH THE LOCK
- RIC OPERATIONS
- VENTILATION TECHNIQUES
- CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION
- IMPROVING COMMAND PRESENCE
- REAL LEADERSHIP IS NOT FOR WIMPS!
- DEVELOPING FIRE DEPT WELLNESS PROGRAMS
- TRAINING MANDATES
- COMPANY OFFICER DEVELOPMENT

- ASSESSMENT CENTER PREPARATION
- BIG BOX FIRES
- READING SMOKE
- FIRE SERVICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
- COMPANY/BATTALION LEADERSHIP LESSONS
- CAREER DEFINING INCIDENTS
- ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP
- COURAGE TO STAY SAFE (TRAIN THE TRAINER)
- 10 STEP ACTION PLAN FOR FIRE ATTACK
- POWERPOINT (BASIC AND ADVANCED)
- WMD INCIDENT MGMT / UNIFIED COMMAND
- KNOWING YOUR AERIAL LADDER
- BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- AIR AWARE ORGANIZATION
- COMMERCIAL FIREGROUND OPERATIONS

ICS

- I-300 INTERMEDIATE ICS
- S-330 STRKE TEAM/TASK FORCE LEADER
- S-390 FIRE BEHAVIOR CALCS
- S-404 SAFETY OFFICER
- S-430 OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF

5-Day Package: **\$215*** (2006 Members: \$190*[#])

1-Day Package: **\$80*** (2006 Members: 65*[#] per day)

#Go to: <http://www.norcaltos.org/index.cfm?Section=57&PageNum=646> to check your membership status.

***Some classes require an additional materials or State Fire Training fee.**

Printable Registration Forms and Class Descriptions available online:

www.norcaltos.org or www.calchiefs.org

Pre-Register Early! Class sizes are limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

2006 NORCAL and SOCAL Members will receive registration priority until September 30th!!!!

Symposium 2006 - Class Descriptions

CSFM Certification Classes

CSFM ETHICS CLASS *Ron Martin* 8 hours

State Fire Training has set forth new requirements to instructors that teach Fire Officer courses. All instructors must take the Ethics class by July of 2007 to remain an instructor. This will be a mandatory class and no grand-fathering will be allowed.

Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday

INSTRUCTOR ORIENTATION FOR STATE FIRE TRAINING
8 hours

This course is required for potential instructors who want to teach State Fire Training certification courses (CFSTES classes). Topics include an overview of State Fire Training, instructor registration requirements, how to setup and return classes, certification tracks, instructor responsibilities, and the curriculum development process. [\\$125 materials and certification fee.](#)

Thursday or Friday

RESCUE SYSTEMS 1 *Tony Escobedo* 40 hours

A basic course in Rescue Scene organization, ropes, knots, rigging and the use of basic tools and machines. This is a hands-on course. Participants will need to bring appropriate personal protective equipment for working with ropes and rescue rigging.

[Bring Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment. Additional \\$150 Materials and CSFM Certification Fees.](#)

Monday through Friday

TRENCH RESCUE *Stan Klopfenstein* 16 hours

The trench Rescue class will focus on the first responder/rescuer. The emphasis of the class is as follows: hazard recognition and mitigation, soil classification and hazards for each type, OSHA requirements, basic shoring principles, case studies, and hands on shoring in trenches. The class takes the student from basic familiarization to actual trench shoring techniques. CSFM certificate is available.

[Bring Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment. Additional \\$25 Materials Fee.](#)

Monday and Tuesday

LOW ANGLE ROPE RESCUE Train the Trainer *Jim Mendonsa*
24 hours

This new FSTEP course from State Fire Training will provide the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform low angle rope rescues according to the NFPA Operational Guidelines and is designed to meet the demands of primarily rural "vehicle over the bank" incidents. This offering is intended for currently registered Low Angle Rescue and Rescue Systems 1 Rope Module instructors. This hands-on, in-the-field class will be taught in the approved twenty-four hour format using the student task book as the evaluation tool for all participants.

1. Current Low Angle Rope Rescue instructors
2. Current Rescue Systems 1 Rope Module Instructors

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3. Other Firefighting personnel

[Bring Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment](#)
Wednesday through Friday

DRIVER OPERATOR 1A *Don Ockey* 40 hours

This course provides the student with information on driver responsibilities, recognized standards, and related laws for fire apparatus. Topics include basic inspections, documentation, maintenance, and troubleshooting fire apparatus, and techniques on driving and positioning fire apparatus. Each student also has the opportunity to increase his or her driving skills during simulated emergency conditions.

Monday thru Friday

CSFM VEHICLE EXTRICATION COURSE

Rich Stover 16 hours

This course provides students with hands on experience in the procedures and systems utilized during an automobile extrication. Subjects covered include: Auto extrication size-up, types of incidents, safety precautions, ICS for auto extrication, types of hand and power tools, removing windows, opening doors, removing roofs, pulling steering wheels, moving foot pedals, raising dashboards, pulling seats, stabilization of vehicles, and simulated rescues of trapped victims. [Additional \\$25 materials fee.](#)

[Bring full personal protective equipment.](#)

Wednesday and Thursday

FIRE COMMAND 1B *Kevin Taylor*
40 hours

This course provides the student with information on tactics, strategies, and scene management for multi-casualty incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and wildland fires. Each student also has the opportunity to increase his or her knowledge and skills by handling initial operations at these types of incidents through simulation and class activities.

[Prerequisite: Command 1A, I-200 or I-220](#)
[Additional \\$20 Materials Fee](#)

Monday through Friday

FIRE COMMAND 1C *Doug McKelvey*
40 hours

This course is the latest in the Command series. It will provide the student with information on wildland and I-Zone fire fighting. Topics include: ICS, communications, size-up, firefighter safety, evacuation, and structure triage and protection in the I-zone. The class will include information on the duties and responsibilities of the Strike Team company officer and the opportunity to perform under simulated conditions in the classroom.

[Prerequisites: Command 1A, I200](#)
[Additional \\$20 Materials Fee](#)

Monday through Friday

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Special Interest Classes

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – THE FIRE CHIEF 32 hours

Presented by the California Fire Chief's Association, this course is designed to provide new Chief Officers with a well-rounded overview of the California fire service. Contemporary issues and networking with your peers will be the focus. Total Fee is: \$325 for CFCA members. \$425 for non-members. This includes Symposium registration.
Monday through Thursday

IMPROVING COMMAND PRESENCE *Kim Alyn* 8 hours

Your ability to articulate yourself, inspire confidence and communicate effectively is imperative to your success. This 8-hour workshop will provide you with practical tools to improve your command presence in all aspects of your job requirements. Topics include: Improving your training program and methods, why you put people to sleep when you talk, the delivery of your message to others, ways to improve your presentation skills, surviving oral and panel interviews, and how to master communication skills.

Tuesday

CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION

Kim Alyn 8 hours

This 8-hour workshop covers important concepts for conflict prevention and resolution. Topics of training include: Understanding social styles to reduce conflict; how to deal with back-against-the-wall behaviors; adapting to get along better with others; why others annoy you and you annoy them; how to counsel or discipline effectively; laws governing discipline; and using the sandwich method to facilitate subordinate counseling, discipline and conflict resolution. This session is interactive and includes role-playing as well as hands on participation.

Wednesday

REAL LEADERSHIP IS NOT FOR WIMPS!

Kim Alyn 8 hours

Supervisors/managers are not always leaders. Great leaders positively influence others to WANT to follow. This workshop will cover some of the important aspects of being an effective leader. Regardless of your position in the fire service, leadership skills are necessary to be successful and effective. Training will include hands-on activities, discussions, and interactive learning tools. Topics include: The real definition of leadership, why individuals won't follow certain people in positions of power, real leadership versus positional leadership, the four main leadership styles, how to lead and follow the different styles of leadership, the 15 hats every leader must wear, roles and responsibilities of a supervisor, how to manage change, creative problem-solving, and stress management for leaders. Your instructor is Kimberly Alyn, author of 101 Leadership Reminders.

Thursday

FIREGROUND COMMAND *Mike Bryant* 8 hours

This presentation is designed for persons who currently operate in the seat of command, or plan to in the near future.

The objective of this class is that the students will learn a basic incident command process to assist them in organizing their thoughts at their next emergency incident.

The students will participate in the development of the 3 essential components of size-up, identify strategic mode of operation (offensive/defensive), incident command implementation (organization), task supervision, and most importantly the implementation of the "action plan" to include the identification of the strategic and tactical objectives and the incident safety plan. These areas will be reinforced through illustrations, group simulation exercises, and discussions.

Monday

DEVELOPING FIRE DEPT. WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Ken Harrison 8 hours

How to implement a Wellness Program within your own fire department. Instructors will discuss how their departments accomplished these tasks. LACoFD and Orange County Fire Authority instructors.

Tuesday

FORCIBLE ENTRY TECHNIQUES

Ed Hadfield 8 hours

High-Density Forcible Entry/Firefighter Egress. With the ever changing dynamics of today's fireground, the need for creating rapid access points and emergency egress points on structures is critical. This course will establish the necessary skills that all fire personnel must have to be successful in accomplishing High-Density Forcible Entry, and Firefighter Emergency Egress Points. From the initial companies on scene to RIC Companies, firefighters will learn the techniques of "SOFTENING THE STRUCTURE" for rapid fire attack and RIC Operations.

Bring Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.
Wednesday or Thursday

COMMERCIAL VENTILATION PRACTICES

Ed Hadfield 16 hours

Commercial Ventilation is a critical component to today's fireground. To be effective and safe while operating at larger commercial and industrial structures, all fire personnel must have the skill sets developed to properly size-up the occupancy, choose the appropriate ladder compliment, and successfully ventilate the structure in an effective and efficient manner. This course will teach the basics and the advanced skills necessary to perform critical functions of ventilation at these occupancies. From the Chief Officer to the firefighter, each team member must work cooperatively to eliminate the rapid spread of fire throughout these larger structures.

Bring Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.
Additional \$100 Materials Fee.

Monday and Tuesday

RIC OPERATIONS *Ed Hadfield* **8 hours**

This session will provide the student with valuable Rapid Intervention Crew techniques and information that may save the life of themselves or a fellow firefighter. There will be lecture and hands-on practice.

Bring Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

Friday

KNOWING YOUR AERIAL LADDER **16 hours**

This two-day course will provide classroom and hands-on opportunities for apparatus operators who wish to gain a greater understanding of aerial ladders. The class will include the construction features of aerial apparatus with special emphasis on stabilizing the apparatus. In addition, aerial ladder operations will be covered along with regular maintenance.

Thursday and Friday

READING SMOKE *Peter McBride* **8 hours**

NFPA 1521 Standard on Fire Department Safety Officer requires that Incident Safety Officers (ISO) evaluate visible smoke and fire conditions and advise Incident Commanders, tactical level officers and company officers of the potential for hostile fire events. This course reviews and builds on fire behavior knowledge that fire service personnel already possess and presents a system for evaluating smoke and fire. This skill is essential in ensuring the correct selection of firefighting strategies and employed tactics. Participants will learn how to read a fire, predict its progress and make decisions based on knowledge and skill, not guess work or good luck. Of Special interest to Training Officers is a component on integrating this subject with core competencies and curricula to enhance experiential learning and build on our oral traditions. The ISO should not be the only person evaluating visible smoke and fire on the fireground.

Friday

BATTALION / COMPANY LEADERSHIP

Bruce Martin **8 hours**

Battalion/Company Leadership – Lessons From 12 O'clock High. "What's your leadership philosophy? How does your crew or battalion react? Watch 12 O'Clock High, and discuss situational leadership, transformational leadership and focus on mission as tools for the leader."

Friday

SO, YOU'RE GETTING PROMOTED– ARE YOU PREPARED? *Clinton Smoke* **8 hours**

Continuing the discussion started in the Tuesday evening session we will look at many of the challenges that face company officers. Most fire departments spend most of their time preparing (or just waiting) for, rather than responding to emergencies. Many departments do not prepare their officers adequately for these roles. In this setting, we will look at some of the requirements for Fire Officer Certification and how these might be satisfied. Part of the material will be drawn from the first seven chapters of *Company Officer, second edition*, authored by Clinton Smoke and published by Delmar-Thompson Learning. **Wednesday**

COMPANY OFFICER PREPARATION *Scott Goodwin* **16 hours**

This two-day course is designed to prepare the candidate for company officer. This class will consist of four modules: Making the Transition to Management, Making Good Decisions the First Time, Significant Management Policies-Know'em and Follow'em, and What Else Do I Need to Know?

Thursday and Friday

ASSESSMENT CENTER PREPARATION

Paul Lepore **8 hours**

What is your plan for promotion and how do you plan on getting there? This session will cover critical components of a fire service promotional examination assessment center, particularly the Fire Simulator, the Personnel Problem, and the Oral Interview. Samples of each will be provided including how each exercise would be scored.

Friday

WMD INCIDENT MGM / UNIFIED COMMAND

Texas A&M Staff **24 hours**

The Incident Management / Unified Command (MGT 313) course trains emergency response supervisors and managers in the skills necessary to effectively plan for and manage a CBRNE/terrorism incident by applying the "all-hazards" command and management structures found in the National Incident Management System (NIMS); with emphasis on The Incident Command System (ICS), Multiagency Coordination Systems and, Public Information Systems. The course is intended to assist your jurisdiction in developing a multi-discipline "incident management team" capable of responding to a CBRNE or terrorist incident. Upon course completion, participants will possess a working knowledge of local, state, and federal agency roles and responsibilities and their integration into a unified command for managing terrorism and CBRNE incidents, as well as other incidents of national significance, such as hurricanes or mass casualty incidents. The course uses a multidiscipline, jurisdictional team building approach to accomplish the learning objectives. The course delivery methodology consists of lectures, small group discussions, participant activities, multimedia scenarios, and a concluding tabletop exercise.

The course focuses on applying the "all-hazards" command and management structures found in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to the unique requirements required for responding to CBRNE or terrorist incidents, to include:

- * Identifying and assessing a CBRNE or terrorist incident
- * Planning for and initiating a unified command using NIMS command and management structures; i.e., The Incident Command System (ICS)
- * Defining the operating characteristics, interactive management components, and organizational structure of supporting incident management entities at the federal, state, tribal, regional and, local levels as prescribed by the National Response Plan

* Identifying the public information systems available to communicate timely and accurate information to the public during crisis or emergency situations.

The IM/UC (MGT 313) is ICS-300 "equivalent" training.

This class ONLY is \$60 for the 3 days. This will include lunch. Any additional Symposium classes you register for will be at the regular rate.

Wednesday thru Friday

BIG BOX FIRES Don Abbott 8 hours

Big Box, Warehouse and Commercial Building Fires. This 8 hour presentation will be divided in to four parts:

- An intro to each type of building and its purpose; the importance of pre-planning information.

- Review of building codes, building construction and fire protection.

-A look at the problem from a strategical, tactical and task analysis.

- Several simulations that allow the participants to play various roles in each of the three response levels.

This program will review different types of construction, materials, the cause and effect of smoke, heat and fire on the materials, as well as acts of weather created by mother nature.

It will also cover several case studies of our success and failures. **Friday**

FIRE SERVICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS

McClatchy / Gregson 8 hours

This course is designed to give the supervisory officer a comprehensive overview of the organization and design of Internal Affairs Investigations in the Fire Service. This course should be attended by any Civilian Staff Member, Fire Captain, Chief Officer or Executive Officer that could find themselves dealing with Internal Affairs issues or complaints of misconduct by service members. **Friday**

BUILDING THE PERFECT PLAYBOOK

Jeff Seaton

8 hours

Building Construction for firefighter safety and survival. This dynamic, interactive based program will explore why firefighters get into trouble on the fire ground and how these statistics can sharpen our awareness. We will discuss: sharing of practices around the country, tactical considerations of all 5 construction types, and identification of specific hazards. The fire ground playbook is a means to identify a building type with a specific set of hazards that exist. Course content includes: lecture/discussion, case studies and fire ground simulations. This high-impact, high-energy one day program will include interactive case studies and incident footage.

Tuesday

AIR AWARE ORGANIZATION

Jeff Seaton

8 hours

The modern day fire ground is very dynamic and can change in a matter of seconds. The air on our backs is one of the constants that we can count on, or is it? The U.S. fire service has the highest firefighter fatality rate of any industrialized country in the world. Every year, five to ten firefighters in the U.S. die and an untold number of fire fighters experience near miss situations by not being "Air Aware" and by not having an Air Management System in place! Today's fire service is in

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desperate need of ensuring that safe and effective fire ground operations are practiced to ensure "*Nobody Gets Left Behind*"! This program will identify, discuss & address:

- Implementation, education and delivery of a department wide "Air Aware" training program to all ranks
- An organizations "Risk Management" practices
- Critical "Air Aware" / Air Management factors and components at the Strategic, Tactical & Task level
- An organizational approach to providing fire fighters with a "round trip ticket"
- Operating Guidelines for your "Air Aware" organization
- Development and implementation a department-wide "Air Management" System
- How to provide the necessary tools and skills to make this cultural change regarding the air on our backs.

This program will take you through the steps of preparing your department to think, train and act safely in a proactive manner on the fire ground. By having "Air Aware" fire fighters and an Air Management System in place. This "Nobody Gets Left Behind" Training Group program is dedicated and committed to "Preventing The Next 100"!

Bring Personal Protective Equipment

Wednesday

PREVENTING THE NEXT 100! Jeff Seaton

16 hours

Today's commercial fire ground is more dynamic than ever before, with fires raging more intensely due to extreme fire loading; as well as, a dramatic increase of cold smoke fires in our nation. The result is the same, an environment that changes to a deadly one for fire fighters instantly! The American fire service has the highest fire fighter fatality rate of any fire service in an industrialized country in the world. Today's fire fighters are in desperate need of ensuring that safe and effective fire ground operations at commercial fires are practiced daily to ensure "*Nobody Gets Left Behind*"! Successful fire ground operations begin with a size up, not only by the officer, but also more importantly by all crewmembers. A correct initial and continual size-up process will determine the correct strategies and tactics and will set in motion the ability to safely and effectively accomplish all critical fire ground benchmarks at the strategic, tactical and task level. "As the first line goes, so goes the event". This one of a kind hands-on-training program with live fire will demonstrate the dynamic applications and abilities of:

-Size-up

-Coordinating multi-company operations

- Thermal imaging camera applications

- Hose line operations

- Aggressive forcible egress & entry practices

- Search operations for life (building occupants) and fire

- "Air Aware" Operations

Participants will learn to "think outside the box". This program will challenge participants mentally and physically through demanding and challenging scenario/reality-based training. This program emphasizes: who, when, where, why and how of proper fire ground operations at commercial fires. This "Nobody Gets Left Behind" Training Group program is dedicated and committed to "Preventing The Next 100"!

Thursday and Friday

ETHICS AND FIRE SERVICE LEADERSHIP

Dave Schoonover **8 hours**

This course will examine the ethical dilemmas of fire service leadership, the foundations and context of moral choice, the moral implication of decision-making within public organizations and the impact upon staff, morale, personal integrity and citizens. In doing so, our purpose is to make visible the ethical challenges and decisions criteria facing leaders and to explore the leadership role in sharing the organization's ethical culture.

Wednesday

TRAINING MANDATES

Dave Schoonover **8 hours**

Training mandates are a collection of laws, regulations, and their interpretations that define what training a fire department is legally required to deliver to its personnel. Most of these mandates are regulations of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CalOSHA). Compliance with these mandates has three goals: worker safety, performance to recognized standards, and reduction of liability for the city and its employees. The pressure for meeting all mandates has increased since passage of AB 1127 eliminated immunities of government personnel from civil and criminal prosecution. Presented by Dave Schoonover, San Jose Fire Dept. (6 hours)

Followed by:

Web Based Training and Mgmt Solutions for the Fire Industry
Josh Arbenz

This class addresses the potential of a web based training platform for fire departments. Special consideration will be given to compliance management, recordkeeping, content, customization, state/federal requirements, technical issues and implementation. (2 hours)

Tuesday

COURAGE TO STAY SAFE *Train the Trainer*

8 hours

The Courage To Stay Safe... so Everyone Goes Home A

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Life Safety Initiatives Program

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

This provocative and moving presentation is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence. Building on the untold story of LODD survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death and provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.

The Courage to Stay Safe" Program was conceived and developed by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's

Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Program Team, with assistance from Deputy Chief Billy Goldfeder of the Loveland-Symmes (OH) Fire Department and FDNY Battalion Chief John Salka, two highly experienced command officers and accomplished fire service educators.

Instructors who are passionate about the need to have the Courage to Be Safe and the importance of the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives in reducing Line of Duty Deaths should attend this program.

Thursday

CAREER DEFINING INCIDENTS

Steve Raney **8 hours**

Most people only have one per lifetime, if they are lucky. So far I have had three. 750 Adams, a propane truck explosion in the middle of the freeway, and two firefighters being shot and killed, by a fellow firefighter, while responding to a structure fire. (The fire was set by the shooter.) As expected, these were the worst days of my 34-year career. I would like to share the insight of these particular incidents with the hope that I can relate some safety aspects that you may use. We are all in this together!

Monday or Friday

INITIATING A SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT FIRE

ATTACK **Tim Sendelbach** **8 hours**

Today's fireground continues to mystify even the most knowledgeable and experienced fire service experts. Changes in modern building construction, coupled with the advancements in firefighting technology have brought about a desperate need to adjust our traditional tactics. This high-impact, high-energy program will provide attendees with a 10 Step Action plan on how to safely initiate an effective interior fire attack including; size-up, hose line deployment, fire stream management, progress reporting, and much more.

Friday

BASIC POWERPOINT COMPUTER LAB

Jim Eastman **8 hours**

PowerPoint 2003: This program will include how to prepare a presentation outline and add animation effects. Learn how to add objects and insert pictures using a digital camera. This hands-on program will walk students through preparing a presentation.

Monday

ADVANCED POWERPOINT COMPUTER LAB **Jim**

Eastman **8 hours**

This course continues on from the basic PowerPoint Lab. Learn more advanced skills for using PowerPoint 2003.

Tuesday

ICS Classes

I – 300 INTERMEDIATE ICS *Michael Velasquez and Geoff Balton* **27 hours**

Consists of Modules 7 – 11 and expands on basic ICS by providing more description and detail of the organization and operation of ICS. Topics include: Management of resources, duties of all positions, examples of how essential principles are used in incident or event planning.

Prerequisite: I - 200

Monday through Thursday

S –330 StrikeTeam/Task Force Leader *Marvin Howard / Bill Bondshu* **32 hours**

This course is designed to prepare the student to perform in the role of task force leader or any strike team leader. Subjects covered include: The strike team concept, types of strike teams, pre-incident responsibilities, assembly and travel, incident arrival and check in, assigned/available status, and demobilization and release.

Prerequisites: S-290, I-300 and pre-course assignment to be mailed.

Monday thru Thursday

S – 390 ADVANCED FIRE BEHAVIOR AND CALCULATIONS *Dan Ardoin* **32 hours**

This course is designed to develop knowledge and skills required for effective fire behavior prediction.

Prerequisite: S – 290

Monday through Thursday

S – 404 SAFETY OFFICER *Phill Queen* **32 hours**

This course is designed to meet the training needs of the safety officer position in the incident command system.

Tuesday through Friday

S- 430 OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF *Kelley Gouette / Marc Hawkins* **32 hours**

This course concentrates on the duties and responsibilities as they pertain to planning for, supervision of, and the coordination of the Operations Section. Subjects covered include: information gathering, interaction with the Command and General Staff, incident action plan development, operational period briefing, OSC daily schedule, interaction with incident and non-incident personnel and demobilization.

Prerequisites: I-400, S-330, S-339

Monday thru Friday

EVENING PROGRAMS

Start at 1900 hours at The Radisson Hotel

Sunday – Command Lessons Learned - Mike Bryant

Most of you have probably seen the presentation where Captain Gary Morgan provides a very humbling account of his near death experience when he fell through the floor and into a fiery basement nearly losing his life during a commercial building fire in 2000. For Sunday evening's presentation, Chief Bryant will examine the command breakdowns that lead up to Captain Morgan's Fire Fighter Emergency situation. Also, Chief Bryant will identify a command process that will assist incident commanders in organizing their thought process to ensure a more efficient, effective, and safe action plan. In addition, Captain Morgan will examine his actions as a company officer prior to and throughout his emergency situation. He will share his lessons learned (challenges & accomplishments) and explain what he is doing differently today.

Monday - Once Upon a Time, The Fairy Tale of Fire Service Training - Ronny Coleman

This presentation covers the evolution of fire service training and education from the beginning of our profession up to the modern day.

Tuesday - So, You're Getting Promoted - Are You Prepared? - Clinton Smoke

At this informal gathering we will discuss professional development (maybe *personnel development* would be a better term, as volunteers are welcome here to too) and the promotion process in the fire service, share personal experiences about this process, and maybe find ways to make improvements in the present system. Come prepared to participate, have fun, and contribute.

Wednesday - Fresno Firefighters Reception (1800 hours)

Hosted by the Fresno Firefighters Association starting at **1800 hours**.

Thursday - Two Story Rollover - Peter McBride

This session examines the latest building technologies which have and will continue to dramatically impact the art and science of firefighting. Participants will be offered alternative thinking, tactical approaches and recommendations for a sane approach to "Performance Based Design" structures.

Evening Programs included with Registration, No Pre-registration Necessary

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2926 Tulare Street
Fresno, California 93721

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Proof of Prerequisites may be required.

2006 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM (this page and the top of the next page)

✓ Check Desired Classes. **Do Not Schedule More Than One Class Per Day.** Copy This Form For Additional Registrations

Morning Sessions 0800-1200 Lunch 1200-1300 Afternoon Sessions 1300-1700

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Basic PowerPoint		Advanced PowerPoint		Instructor Orientation ⌚	Instructor Orient (Repeat) ⌚
CSFM Ethics		CSFM Ethics (repeat)	CSFM Ethics (repeat)	Courage to Stay Safe(T-t-T)	Career Defining Incidents (Rpt)
Fireground Command		Command Presence	Conflict Prevention	Leadership is not for wimps!	Battalion / Company Leadership
Career Defining Incidents		Training Mandates	Ethics and Leadership		Reading Smoke
		Developing a Wellness Program	Vehicle Extrication (CSFM) ⌚⌚ 2 Days \$25 Additional Material Fee		Initiating a Safer Fire Attack
Comm. Ventilation Practices ⌚⌚ 2 Days \$100 Additional Material Fee			Forcible Entry ⌚	Forcible Entry ⌚ (Repeat)	RIC Operations ⌚
I - 300 Intermediate ICS 4 Days					Fire Service Internal Affairs
S - 330 Strike Team / Task Force Leader 4 days					Big Box Fires
S - 430 Operations Section Chief 4 Days					Assessment Center Preparation
S - 390 Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations 4 days					
Executive Leadership Institute - The Fire Chief ⌚ 4 Days Cost includes Symposium Registration and Lunches					
Trench Rescue (CSFM) ⌚⌚ 2 Days \$25 Additional material Fee		Perfect Playbook, Bldg Const	So, You're Getting Promoted	Company Officer Preparation 2 Days	
			Air Aware ⌚	Commercial Fireground Operations 2 Days	
			Low Angle Rescue Train the Trainer ⌚ 3 Days		
			WMD Management / Unified Command 3 days		
				Knowing your Aerial Ladder 2 Days	
		S-404 Safety Officer 4 Days			
Rescue Systems 1 ⌚⌚ 5 Days \$150 Additional Material Fee					
Fire Command 1B (CSFM) ⌚ 5 Days \$20 Additional Material Fee CSFM Manual and Certificate Fee Included in Registration					
Fire Command 1C (CSFM) ⌚ 5 Days \$20 Additional Material Fee CSFM Manual and Certificate Fee included in Registration					
Driver Operator 1A 5 Days					

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Full Conference – Paid in 2006 Member of CA Training Officers Includes 5 lunches	\$190
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Instructor Orientation for State Fire Training	Conf Reg Fee + Add. CSFM Fee of \$125
Command 1B, or Command 1C	Conf Reg Fee + Add. Material Fee of \$25
Driver Operator 1A	Conf Reg Fee + Add. Material Fee of \$25
Vehicle Extrication	Conf Reg Fee + Add. Material Fee of \$25
Rescue Systems 1	Conf Reg Fee + Add. Material Fee of \$150
Ventilation Practices	Conf Reg Fee + Add. Material Fee of \$100
Trench Rescue	Conf Reg Fee + Add. Material Fee of \$25
WMD Incident Mgmt/Unified Command - \$60 Fee if you take this class <u>ONLY</u>	Total Fee for 3 days incl. 3 lunches \$60
Executive Leadership Institute – CA Fire Chiefs Assoc. Members	Total Fee- Including Conf. Registration \$325
Executive Leadership Institute - Non CFCA Members	Total Fee- Including Conf. Registration \$425

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Make room reservations directly with the Radisson Hotel (559-268-1000).

For more information or to download a cleaner version of the registration form, go to www.calchiefs.org and click on TRAINING OFFICERS.

The California Training Officers Symposium is a joint venture hosted by the Southern California and [Northern California Training Officers Associations](#). I am currently serving on the Executive Board as the First Vice President. Membership is only \$40.00 per year and members receive discounts on training sessions such as this one, as well as the ability to be on our email mailing list and receive numerous training opportunities on a weekly basis, and have the ability to network with training officers and others with an interest in fire service training. We are a subsection of the [California Fire Chiefs Association](#).

CLOSING COMMENTS

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

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- 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 over 1000 people, some email providers may think these items are spam or junk mail, even though they are not. I typically send a couple of things out per week; 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.
- Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation!