



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 Palo Alto Fire Department!
- Firehire biannual firefighter testing process – 33 fire departments participating in this process!
- EMS related educational seminar in San Francisco!
- Santa Clara City Fire Department – Line-Of-Duty-Death.
- Firefighter Preparation Assistance: The Firefighters Boot Camp!
- Firefighter Preparation Tip of the month – what NOT to do when taking a written test.
- 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, Union City, Denver Regional Departments!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

For reaching various career goals and/or milestones:

- **Chris Bland** has been promoted to the position of Captain at the [Union City Fire Department](#)
- **Rich Brown** has retired from the [Alameda County Fire Department](#), last serving as an Assistant Chief. Rich is also currently on our instructional staff, teaching the Fire Technology 52 (Firefighter Safety and Public Education course).
- **Sean Burrows** has been promoted to the position of Captain at the [Union City Fire Department](#)
- **Jason Cartee** has been promoted to the position of Engineer at the [Union City Fire Department](#)
- **Jared Jamison** has been hired as a Firefighter with the [Elko \(NV\) Fire Department](#)
- **Xavier Poulleau** has been promoted to the position of Engineer at the [Union City Fire Department](#)
- **Jeff Ramia** has been promoted to the position of Captain at the [Union City Fire Department](#)
- **Paul Tappan** has been promoted to the position of Engineer at the [Union City Fire Department](#)
- **Ken Waldvogel** has been promoted to the position of Interim Fire Chief at the [Santa Clara County Fire Department](#)
- **John Whiting** has been promoted to the position of Captain at the [Union City 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 EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – Union City Fire Department

The [Union City Fire Department](http://www.union-city.ca.us) is accepting applications for Firefighter/EMT, and the following information was found on their city website at www.union-city.ca.us

Firefighter/EMT

Close Date: Aug 18, 2006

Salary: \$5,482.00 - \$6,664.00 Monthly

Job Announcement:

THE POSITION

The City is seeking a highly energetic, highly motivated Firefighter/EMT. Under general supervision, the Firefighter/EMT extinguishes fires and protects life and property endangered by fire; performs hazardous materials mitigation activities in support of the over all mission of the Fire Department; provides Basic Life Support first responder pre-hospital emergency medical care and emergency medical assistance to victims of accidents, injuries or illness; assumes within an EMT's scope of practice responsibility for patient care at the scene; maintains equipment and quarters, and does other related projects and work as assigned.

This examination is being given to fill 5 current vacancies and any other opening, which may occur during the next 12 months.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department currently consists of 53 personnel. Twenty-one of the operations personnel are licensed paramedics. Four fire stations covering 15.5 square miles The Union City Fire Department is committed to providing our community with the finest fire protection possible and excellence in emergency medical services. If you want to make a positive change in your career and you are up to the challenge, Union City might be the Fire Department for you.

THE COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The City of Union City, a general law city is the gateway to the Silicon Valley and a recipient of the 1999 All-America City award. Union City is located in the San Francisco Bay Area and we are proud of our culturally diverse population of 70,000. We have safe and award winning schools, and we are close to shopping and transportation. The City of Union City offers home loans to those interested in residing in the community. Also, our community is near parklands such as Coyote Hills and the Alameda Regional Trails and in our residential community you will enjoy over 15 parks and our mild climate year round.

REQUIREMENTS

Age: Must be at least 18 years old at the end of the application filing date and must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

Experience: Any experience that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain knowledge and abilities would be graduation from high school.

An EMT/Paramedic skills assessment will be administered by the EMS Battalion Chief, to evaluate candidate's skills set.

License:

Possession of a Class "C" Driver's License.

Ability to obtain and maintain a valid Class B California Driver's License by completion of the probationary period. Class 'B' is a condition of employment.

At the time of the Oral Board Process, possession of and the ability to maintain a valid Basic Life Support (BLS) certification and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification is required.

Additional Requirements:

Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) card required at the time of oral boards. To find out more information about how to obtain a CPAT card, visit their website at www.cpatonline.org

Candidates presently employed as a full-time professional Firefighter at a recognized full service Fire Department will be exempt from taking the written examination and from submitting a CPAT card.

Successful completion of a FF-1 academy sponsored by the Union City Fire Department is a condition of employment.

Probation Period: 18 months (121) 24 hour shifts.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated using, in part, the criteria contained in this brochure. The selection process may consist of one or more of the following components: a written exam, an oral interview, and personal history assessment, medical and physical evaluation. Only a very limited number of persons whose application materials clearly demonstrate that they meet the needs of the City in terms of training, experience, education, and other job related characteristics will be accepted to participate in the selection process.

The written exam process is tentatively scheduled for the week of September 11, 2006. Upon successful completion of the written exam, applicants will be invited to the oral interview process. Applicants who are invited to continue in the selection process will be notified by mail. Successful candidates' names will be placed on an employment eligibility list. The eligibility list will remain in effect for one year from the date the list is established. Additional vacancies that occur for this classification may be hired from the list.

BENEFITS

- Flexible benefit option
- PERS 3% @ 50 plan
- Agency and employee PERS contribution paid by the City of Union City
- Majority paid medical, dental, and vision
- Fully paid disability insurance
- Fully paid \$50,000 life insurance
- \$500 annual uniform allowance
- Time and one-half overtime
- Educational Incentive (2.5-7.5%)
- EMT Incentive (2.5%)
- Holiday Pay (6.5%)
- Vacation days beginning at 158 hours per year increasing to a maximum of 295 hours per year
- 12 hours of sick leave per month
- Home ownership program
- No Social Security deductions (except 1.45% Medicare deduction)
- FLSA: Non-Exempt
- Paramedic Incentive (12%)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications may be obtained from:

City of Union City

Personnel Department

34009 Alvarado-Niles Road

Union City, CA 94587-4497

Job Hotline: 510-675-5339

Electronic applications may be obtained via the CalOpps website:

http://www.calopps.org/profile_agency.cfm?id=43&start=34

Filing of Applications:

Applications should be completed on-line via the CalOpps website:

http://www.calopps.org/profile_agency.cfm?id=43&start=34 On-line applications must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2006. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application. Late, faxed application material will not be accepted.

Authorization of Work:

Before an appointment may be made to the position, the person selected must provide proof of identity and authorization to work in the United States, according to Federal Law.

Medical Examination/Background Investigation:

Before an appointment may be made, the person selected will be required to pass a medical examination and a personal history assessment given by a licensed physician designated by the City, in addition to a thorough background investigation.

Special Note:

If you believe you have any physical limitation(s) that would require accommodations, contact the Personnel Department, within 3 days of testing, so that the necessary accommodations may be made.

The information contained herein is subject to change and does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract.

Salary: \$5,482.00 - \$6,664.00 Monthly

For more information about the Union City Fire Department and the City of Union City, visit the following websites:

- Union City Fire Department website at www.union-city.ca.us/fire/ucfd.htm
- Union City website at www.union-city.ca.us

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

The [Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center](http://www.srfecc.ca.gov) 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MDA:

Hello Friends of MDA,

MDA's 2006 summer camp is quickly approaching and we still need a few great counselors. We are expecting a record breaking number of campers and are asking if you would please pass the following information on to anyone that you know that would be a great counselor. Are you looking for something different to do this summer besides hanging out at the mall? Looking for something more

rewarding that sitting on the couch all day watching boring daytime television shows? How about spending one week camping and doing outdoor activities in the scenic Santa Cruz Mountains while helping kids and teens with neuromuscular disease?

Each year the Muscular Dystrophy Association sponsors local summer camps for youngsters ages 6 to 21 that are affected by neuromuscular disease. At this one-week session campers are given an opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities, including swimming, basketball, music, arts and crafts, horseback riding, campfires and much more. The MDA camp will be held at Camp Harmon in the Santa Cruz Mountains from August 12th through August 17th. Volunteers will be in residence at this camp for the full week - it is not a day camp. Volunteer counselors must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a person between 6 and 21 years old.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Counselors and Activity Staff. Please contact Laura or Mario if you or some you know want to obtain a volunteer application or learn about other ways to support MDA's summer program, email us at mhernandez@mdausa.org or lchenault@mdausa.org or call our San Francisco office at 415-673-7500

As a volunteer counselor, you will be assisting individuals with muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular disorders with daily activities. This may include pushing their wheelchairs or helping a camper with walking, eating, toileting, bathing, lifting, caring, and dressing. The campers who will be attending this session are both male and female and range in age from 6 to 21. Their degrees of disability vary. Not all of them use wheelchairs; some are able to walk but may need assistance. Of foremost importance are you relationship with your camper. It is especially important for you to feel free to ask him or her things to know in regard to lifting, bathing, dressing, etc. You should have a cheerful, warm and congenial personality, but above all, you should possess a deep desire to help a camper. The camp is for them, but without you it would not be a reality.

Best Regards,

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Don't forget about the MDA Muscle Team Walk on September 23, 2006 at Crown Memorial Beach in Alameda!!! Check out the latest research news and information on our web sites:

<http://www.mda.org>

<http://www.als-mda.org>

<http://www.mdaenespanol.org>

SANTA CLARA CITY F.D.: Line-Of-Duty-Death:

The [Santa Clara City Fire Department](#), and the [Santa Clara Firefighters Local 1171](#) lost a dear friend and brother firefighter recently. **Dave Eurele** recently passed on after a long bout with brain cancer. While I did not have an opportunity to go to the services or know Dave, I would still like to share the

following information, including some words from one of his former students at Mission College (Dave instructed in their EMT program), Rocky Ling:

Steve,

Can you spread the word about this particular LODD in your email newsletters?

I am sure must have already heard, but if not, a Santa Clara City Firefighter by the name of Dave Euerle recently passed on after fighting a long bout with brain cancer. It is always sad when people fight the good fight, but aren't able to overcome their illnesses and it is especially sad when people we know personally face this particular fate.

Dave was the lead instructor in my EMT labs at Mission College four years ago. I still remember his humor, wit, and overall general kindness when teaching the class and I know that the hundreds of EMT students that he's taught and inspired would want to know the sad news. In the year or so since the news came out about his cancer, he has been on many of our minds. Though tragic, I hope this news will help to give closure to some of his students out there.

Here are the links:

http://www.cpf.org/default/whats_new/santa_clara_city_lodd/index.cfm

http://www.iaff1171.org/Brother_Dave_In_Memoriām.htm

Thank you Steve,

Rocky Ling

FIREHIRE FIREFIGHTER TESTING UPDATES:

If you are not aware of the twice a year [Firehire](#) test, you are missing out on a valuable opportunity to get hired by a fire department! Some fire departments only use [Firehire](#) to put on their entry-level or lateral-level firefighter examinations. Go to their website at www.firehire.com for more information. The information below is what you would receive if you were on their email mailing list, which I would encourage you to find out more information about, on their website above.



FIREHIRE® Inc. Newsletter

APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS AUGUST 1ST, 2006

The application period for the next Bay Area Consortium Firefighter/EMT and Firefighter/Paramedic examination will begin on August 1st, 2006. The application packets must be postmarked on/or before August 31st, 2006. We have 33 agencies included in this recruitment. Applications are available to download from www.firehire.com/downloads.htm

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The next FIREHIRE® Inc. written examination will be held at the San Rafael Community Services Department Auditorium on Thursday, October 5th, 2006. The Community Services Department building is located at 618 "B" Street in San Rafael, California.

Please read your invitation letter thoroughly. Please DO NOT bring any personal items. This includes pens, pencils, backpacks, study material, etc. The items required to participate in the examination will be provided.

Please DO NOT bring any food or drink, as they WILL NOT be allowed at the test site.

Please leave your pagers and/or cell phones in your vehicle.

You will not be required to possess your invitation letter, but you will have to have picture identification available upon sign-in.

Please DO NOT show up late, because you WILL NOT be admitted under any circumstances once the doors to the examination site are closed.

FPAT INFORMATION

The next FIREHIRE® Inc. Physical Ability Test (FPAT) will be held at the San

LATE BREAKING NEWS AND UPDATES

We are currently pursuing contracting with the Elk Grove Fire Department. It looks good, but we will keep you updated on the website. We have also put in an interest phone call with the City of Sacramento. Please stay tuned for details.

We would like to clarify our pricing policy. There seems to be some confusion in our process. **We DO NOT require a CPAT card or certificate.** We only require completion of the FPAT or the CPAT. If you don't have a CPAT and you wish to participate in our testing process, that's OK. **The pricing structure includes participation in our FPAT.** If you have taken the CPAT before, then by all means submit the card with your application packet. **Don't go and spend \$150.00 for a CPAT, when you will be scheduled for our FPAT for the initial \$75.00 fee.** If you are obtaining the CPAT for another agency, then knock yourself out. We just don't want you spending \$150.00 to submit a CPAT certification for our process, when it is not really necessary.

Beginning January 1, 2007, the FIREHIRE® Inc. fee schedule will change. The examination participation fee will be \$125.00. The FPAT renewal fee or CPAT certification acceptance fee will be \$50.00. The written retest fee will be \$50.00. The \$25.00 reinstatement fee will be deleted.

If you elect not to show up for any of the phases, you will be responsible to pay the initial examination fee of \$125.00.

If you fail the written, FPAT, or Assessment Center phase of the examination, then you will have to pay the written retest fee, FPAT renewal/retest fee, or Assessment Center retest fee.

We will also have a restructured hardship program.

RECENT FIREHIRE CANDIDATE HIRINGS

As of January 1st, 2006, to July 17, 2006, the Millbrae Fire Department has hired 1 FF/Paramedic, the Half Moon Bay Fire District

Ramon Valley Fire District Station #36 on Thursday, November 2nd, 2006 through Saturday, November 4th, 2006. FIREHIRE® Inc. reserves the right to add or delete a testing date due to candidate participation. The address is 6100 Camino Tassajara in Pleasanton, California. The fire station is located up in the hills bordering Contra Costa and Alameda County.

We still accept successful completion of the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) in lieu of participating in the FPAT. Your CPAT certificate or card MUST be submitted on/or before the written examination date. If you do not submit a valid CPAT card or completion certificate, you will be scheduled for the FPAT.

If your FPAT is current or your CPAT is dated after December 1st, 2006, then you will not be scheduled. If you have not participated in the assessment center phase of the examination, you will need to monitor the website after the FPAT is complete for assessment center dates and times.

PLEASE do not show up late for the FPAT, as you will not be allowed to participate. There are NO exceptions.

hired 5 FF/Paramedics, the San Mateo Fire Department hired 3 FF/EMT's, the San Bruno Fire Department hired 1 FF/Paramedic, the Redwood City Fire Department hired 1 FF/Paramedic and 3 FF/EMT's, the Daly City Fire Department hired 1 FF/Paramedic, the Woodside Fire Protection District hired 1 FF/Paramedic and 2 FF/EMT's, the San Ramon Fire Protection District hired 8 FF/Paramedics, the El Cerrito Fire Department hired 1 FF/Paramedic, the Mill Valley Fire Department hired 2 FF/EMT's and 1 FF/Paramedic, the Fremont Fire Department hired 7 FF/Paramedics, the Rio Vista Fire Department hired 1 FF/Paramedic, the Larkspur Fire Department hired 2 FF/EMT's. There are currently interviews in progress for the next San Mateo County Firefighter academy. **COULD YOU BE NEXT?**

WRITTEN EXAMINATION STUDY GUIDE

Don't forget to purchase your Written Examination Study Guide. This guide has been developed specifically for the FIREHIRE® Inc. written exam. The study guide consists of 225 questions that are representative samples of the type of questions that are administered on the exam. The cost is \$15.00 (electronic version) and \$16.50 (hard copy). You can purchase it on our website at www.firehire.com/pay_options.htm

FIREHIRE is going to be accepting applications for Firefighter, Firefighter / EMT and Firefighter / Paramedic positions August 1 through 31, 2006. For a list of departments that will be hiring off of this list, take a look at the list on the following pages.

Benefits of taking this test include:

- You're only taking one test (as opposed to separate tests for each fire department)
- The hiring list will be in effect for one year
- There is a chance other fire departments will hire off of this list

To participate in the entry-level firefighter examination process, you must possess or meet the following minimum requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- At least 18 years old
- California Drivers License – Class "C"

- Proof of citizenship or legal ability to work in the U.S.

You may be wondering, is any fire department going to be hiring? Of course! While the California budget crisis has impacted a number of their clients, and there are some agencies that do not have or do not anticipate any openings in the next year, there are always going to be some departments that will be hiring.

Why then would a department participate if they were not planning on hiring? Well, number one, things can and do change. Just because a department does not have any openings as of this moment, does not mean that situation cannot change over night. Firefighters retire, firefighters get injured, firefighters quit (usually to go to other departments), many times without any advance notice to the department. Number two, many fire departments are required to keep a current, active hiring list because of their civil service rules or union contract. Even if they do not anticipate hiring, many departments still have to have a current list. Why is that so? Well, just like number one, things can and do change. Additionally, it allows them to get the most current “best-of-the-best” candidates out there. Even though fire departments are facing severe (or potentially severe) budget shortfalls, it does not mean they won’t ever hire again. Departments will have to hire at some time in the future to fill vacancies from retirements, permanent injuries, etc. The question is when, and **the bottom line is that if you are not actively testing and on the current hiring list, you do not stand a chance at getting a badge!**

The financial situation in the State is very dynamic and it is just a matter of time when it gets better (when exactly is anyone’s guess). If you decide not to test because of the budget problems, that is your choice. Many departments ONLY hire candidates from the [Firehire](#) testing process. So, if you don’t take the test, you don’t stand a chance.

Some of the fire departments might have other requirements (view the Firehire web site at www.firehire.com for more specific information) such as:

- EMT
- Paramedic
- Firefighter – 1 Academy
- Firefighter – 1 Certificate

For application materials or more information, visit their website at www.firehire.com or if you do not have internet access, call them at 1-800-755-5891.

The following fire departments are expected to be participating (based on the information I had available at the time I printed this document) in this recruitment and will be using the list that is established to hire for open positions:

Fire Department

- [Albany Fire Department](#) –
- Central County Fire Department –
- [El Cerrito Fire Department](#) –
- [Foster City Fire Department](#) –
- [Fremont Fire Department](#) –
- Galt Fire Protection District –
- [Half Moon Bay Fire District](#) –

Positions available

- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic

- [Kentfield Fire Protection District](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Larkspur Fire Protection District](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Menlo Park Fire District](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Millbrae Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Mill Valley Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [North County Fire Authority](#) - Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Novato Fire Protection District](#) – Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Oroville Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Petaluma Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Piedmont Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Redwood City Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT
- [Rio Vista Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Ross Valley Fire Authority](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [San Bruno Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [San Mateo Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [San Rafael Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [San Ramon Fire Protection District](#) – Firefighter/Paramedic
- Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority - Engineer/Paramedic
- [South County Fire Authority](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic
- [South Lake Tahoe Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Vallejo Fire Department](#) – Firefighter/Paramedic
- [Woodside Fire District](#) – Firefighter/EMT & Firefighter/Paramedic

To join the **FREE** FIREHIRE mailing list and find out about their latest updates, go to www.firehire.com/mail_list.htm

FALL 2006 FIRE TECHNOLOGY FIRE CLASSES STILL OPEN FOR REGISTRATION:

The fall 2006 semester at Chabot College will begin Monday August 21, 2006! While many of the classes are already full, there are still a few openings left as of the time this newsletter went to print. To view the latest openings, go to the main college website at www.chabotcollege.edu and navigate to the CLASS WEB (online college registration system). Using your social security number and by creating a password, you can navigate to the registration system and then to the “LOOK UP CLASSES TO ADD” to section. I encourage you to not wait for the 1st day; many of these classes will fill up.

Also, the college stops registration one week prior to the first day of school so they can get their opening day rosters printed. What this means to you is if you don't register by approximately Monday August 14, you run the risk of having to show up on the first class day and take your chances at getting an add number (no guarantees, and not all instructors take add-on students due to limited classroom space and because of the extra hassle of more students.

The following classes are full and have been full for months:

- **Fire Technology 90A, 90B and 90C** (Firefighter 1 Academy)
- **Health 81** (EMT)

However, the following classes still have a few vacancies and if you snooze, you may lose!

- **Fire Technology 52:** Firefighter Safety & Public Education (Wednesday evenings, from 6 pm to 9 pm)
- **Fire Technology 53:** Fire Behavior (Wednesday evenings, from 4 pm to 7 pm)
- **Fire Technology 54:** Fire Prevention (Thursday evenings, from 7 pm to 10 pm)
- **Fire Technology 89:** Firefighter 1 Academy Evaluation (One Tuesday, one Thursday and one Saturday in October – see dates and info below)
- **Fire Technology 89:** Firefighter 1 Academy Evaluation (One Tuesday, one Thursday and one Saturday in December – see dates and info below)

Effective Spring 2007, there is going to be one additional prerequisite class to get into the Firefighter 1 academy - Fire Technology 89. This class is scheduled to be offered once in the spring and once in the fall, and will be 16 hours in length. The purpose of this class is to evaluate your potential for success in the firefighter 1 academy. Some of the biggest reasons students are failing include not maintaining an 80% average on all of their quizzes, not being able to perform the physical fitness requirements, and not being able to successfully perform many of the hand-eye coordination skills (tying knots, raising ladders, etc.). **This class will also provide a waiting list for future academy vacancies.** This will be a credit/no-credit class that can be repeated until success is obtained.

For now, the plan is to offer Fire Technology 89 twice in the fall:

- Tuesday October 17 (1700 to 2100 hours)
- Thursday October 19 (1700 to 2100 hours)
- Saturday October 21 (0800 to 1700 hours)

OR

- Tuesday December 5 (1700 to 2100 hours)
- Thursday December 7 (1700 to 2100 hours)
- Saturday December 9 (0800 to 1700 hours)

And once in the spring of 2007:

- Tuesday January 16, 2007 (1700 to 2100 hours)
- Thursday January 18, 2007 (1700 to 2100 hours)
- Saturday January 20, 2007 (0800 to 1700 hours)

NOTE: For more information about the Firefighter 1 Academy, including prerequisites and registration information and tips for success, go to www.chabotfire.com and click on FIREFIGHTER 1 CERTIFICATION AND ACADEMY INFORMATION.

Additional courses with available spots include:

- **Fire Technology 91A:** Wildland Firefighting (40 hours total over a couple of weeks)
- **Fire Technology 91B:** Haz Mat First Responder – Operations Level (27 hours total over a week: one Tuesday evening, one Thursday evening, and all day Saturday and Sunday)
- **Fire Technology 91C:** I-200 (ICS 200) – Basic ICS (27 hours total over a week: one Tuesday evening, one Thursday evening, and all day Saturday and Sunday)
- **Fire Technology 95:** Fire Department Work Experience
- **Fire Technology 96:** Fire Department Work Experience Seminar (for more information about the work experience program, see the information directly below).

The Chabot College Student Firefighter Work Experience Program

Two of the biggest challenges of becoming the best firefighter candidate you can be are having quality experience that you can sell to a fire department during the oral interview, and also having experience that not everyone is able to say that they have (meaning you are unique). One of the ways to gain valuable experience and also be unique is to become a student firefighter through the Chabot College Work Experience program. Many of you might not be aware of this unique and incredible program that is available to students. To the best of my knowledge, this program has been around for at least 15 years (and probably more). I was a student firefighter with the Oakland Fire Department during 1992 and 1993. I saw more fires in the 21 months I participated in the program than most people will see in a 25 to 30 year career (unless of course you get the opportunity to work for big city fire departments such as Oakland, San Francisco, Stockton, Los Angeles, New York, Detroit, etc.).

What are the minimum requirements to participate in the program?

- **You have to be presently certified as an EMT** (this can be done by having completed Health 81 and 83 at Chabot **or** EMT training at another college or private institution).
- **You have to have completed a firefighter 1 academy** (this can be done by having completed Fire Technology 90A, 90B, and 90C at Chabot College **or** by having completed another California State Fire Marshal's Office approved firefighter 1 academy through another college).
- **You have to be presently certified in CPR** (either CPR for the Professional Rescuer through the American Red Cross **or** BLS: Healthcare Provider through the American Heart Association).

If I have completed all three of the above requirements, how do I apply for the program?

- You have to register for **both** Fire Technology 95 (Work Experience) **and** 96 (Work Experience Seminar).

When is the program offered?

- The program is offered year-round (Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters).

Which fire departments are presently allowing student firefighters?

- Presently, the college has agreements with the following departments:
 - [Alameda Fire Department](#)
 - [Oakland Fire Department](#)

NOTE: Other fire departments have expressed interest at participating, but those are the only departments presently participating.

How does the program work?

- The Fire Technology 95 class is the actually time that you are assigned as a student firefighter. On the first night of the 96 class, you are expected to sign up for one of the above fire departments. You are then assigned to a specific station and platoon. It is then up to you to make contact with

your assigned officer and discuss your planned work schedule with them. Signing up for this class ensures that you are covered by the College's insurance carrier in case of injury.

- The Fire Technology 96 class is a seminar class. We usually meet on six (6) different occasions throughout the semester (in the evening from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) to discuss your experiences and get more in depth about what it takes to become a firefighter and how to better prepare yourself to become a firefighter.

How much of a time commitment am I expected to put in?

- The Fire Technology 95 class can either be a 1-unit class, a 2-unit class, or a 3-unit class.
 - If you sign up for 1 unit, you are expected to average five (5) hours a week.
 - If you sign up for 2 units, you are expected to average ten (10) hours per week.
 - If you sign up for 3 units, you are expected to average fifteen (15) hours per week.
- Most students attempt to do average one 24-hour shift per week (regular firefighters usually work 56 hours per week). Some do more hours per week, some do less hours per week.
- As much as we all have so little free time, it can be to your benefit to complete as many hours as possible. In the 21 months I was in the program, I completed over 1800 hours of service. I put that on my resume and also mentioned that during every oral interview I had. How do you think that came across - even though I was not a true "volunteer firefighter," I was still spending a great deal of time preparing myself to be the best I can be.

Will the college provide me with my uniforms or safety gear?

- The college will not provide your uniforms. You will have to purchase them on your own. Details will be provided on the first night of class. If you went to the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy, the t-shirts, pants and boots used in that class will suffice. If you did not attend Chabot's academy, there are t-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase to identify you as a Chabot student.
- The college will provide safety equipment that will include a helmet, structure firefighting jacket and pants, and wildland firefighting jacket and pants. The college does not provide safety gloves, nomex hoods, or boots. Because those items tend to be very user-specific (meaning that once you have used a pair of gloves or boots for a year or more, they tend to form fit you) it has been agreed upon that the student will provide those items for themselves.

Will I be able to put this experience on my resume under the heading of Volunteer Firefighter?

- **NO! BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM, YOU ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER!** The participating fire departments do not have volunteer firefighters and if you call yourself one, I am willing to bet that I will be hearing from their administration and/or their firefighter's union local. Some of you might be saying that the Alameda County Fire Department has volunteers, so why didn't he mention them? If I am not mistaken, in early 2003, the Alameda County Fire Department eliminated their Volunteer Firefighter program and instead created their Reserve Firefighter program. Two different classifications and programs.

- However, you will be able to put the program under the heading of "EXPERIENCE" on your resume. Even though it is not true volunteer firefighter experience (even though you are volunteering your time), or true community service experience (because the community really isn't directly benefiting from your participating), it is still valuable work experience that can make you unique and more marketable. You are a Student Firefighter participating in the Chabot College Work Experience program. That is how you will need to market it.

If I participate in the program, do I guarantee myself a job with that department?

- Of course not. Just like with anything else, your participation can either hurt your chances or help your chances. It all depends on how you perform, how you interact with the crews, how you react and handle yourself on both the emergency scene and non-emergency scene (at the fire station, during training evolutions, during company inspections, etc.).
- It all depends on timing. Even if you are doing a great job, that department might not even be hiring firefighters for a few years. Because of that, you can't bank on doing well with that department. You have to continue taking every test you qualify for and better preparing yourself every waking minute.

Consider my situation. I would have taken a job with Oakland in a second when I was testing. Remember that I was a student firefighter from 1992 through 1993. They had last tested around 1988 or 1989 (I don't remember exactly which year) and they did not test again until 1995 or 1996. There was about a 6 to 8 year gap in testing! If I had just waited or banked on Oakland who knows what have happened. By then, I had already been hired as a firefighter with the department I presently work for. It was meant to be I guess. Plus, I had no guarantee that I would have even been offered a job with Oakland. The point I'm trying to make is that you have to take every test you can take, don't count on one department to give you the badge, and continue preparing yourself to become a firefighter at all times!

How do I get more information about the program?

- Visit www.chabotfire.com and click on FIREFIGHTER 1 CERTIFICATION AND ACADEMY INFORMATION for more details.
- Contact Bob Buell, the Fire Technology Coordinator at Chabot College – bbuell@chabotcollege.edu

EMS RELATED SEMINAR IN SAN FRANCISCO!

The [San Francisco Paramedic Association](http://www.sanfranciscoparamedic.org) 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 August 2006

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](#).

Speakers:

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
Dan Smiley, Deputy Director	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 Compassion

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](#).

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

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 1-10

(Questions 11 through 50 will appear in the upcoming issues)

Below is a FREE 50-question practice examination that will help you in preparing for your entry-level firefighter examination. An answer key can be found at the end of the questions; a step-by-step instructional for the math problems is also included to help you determine how the answers were obtained.

Reading Comprehension

Use the information below to answer questions 1, 2 and 3:

At 3:00 a.m., firefighters at House Number 9 were dispatched to respond to a fire involving two adjacent two-family homes numbered 136 A, 136 B, 137 A, and 137 B. When the firefighters arrived on the scene, both two-family homes were fully involved and some residents were standing outside. One of the residents, Mrs. Renner, came running up to Captain Keller, the commanding officer on the scene, to inform him about the status of the other residents. Mrs. Renner indicated that the occupants of 136 A, Mr. and Mrs. Spina and their daughter Helen, were on vacation. She was especially sure of this because the Spina's car was still gone. Mrs. Renner added that she, her husband and her son, Gary, had gotten out safely from 136 B. Mrs. Renner's son, Gary, informed the captain that he had gone around back to see if Mr. and Mrs. Simms, the elderly couple who lives alone in 137 A, had escaped through the back. Gary indicated that he could not see anyone and Mrs. Renner added that she hadn't seen the old couple either and was hoping they had already left town for their annual summer vacation. Finally, Mrs. Renner pointed to her neighbors from 137 B, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, and indicated that they had gotten out safely and that they had no children in their home.

1. The following number of individuals normally reside in the homes on fire:

- A) 8
- B) 9
- C) 10
- D) 11

2. The address of the home that may still be occupied is:

- A) 136 A
- B) 136 B
- C) 137 A
- D) 137 B

3. The person who had gone around back to check for the elderly couple was:

- A) Mrs. Spina's daughter
- B) Mrs. Renner's son
- C) Mrs. Renner's husband
- D) Mr. Sloan

Use the information below to answer questions 4-6:

Hoselines

At the scene of a fire, crews attempting to perform a rescue should have every kind of protection available. The primary type of protective equipment is a hoseline with an adequate supply of water. The advantages of a fire stream are its effect in the control of fire in the rescue area and its cooling effect. The force of a water spray will also help ventilate the structure. This will help to provide cool fresh air, which will assist the victims as well as the rescue crew.

Another advantage of taking in a hoseline is that the hose automatically marks an escape route. If the conditions in the structure worsen, smoke may decrease most visibility. When this occurs, the hoseline will lead the rescue team out of the structure. Since searches for victims in the fire structure must be done quickly, the rescue crew may not be able to use hoselines in all cases. However, as the rescue continues, hoselines should be advanced to protect rescue workers and trapped victims. Fire streams may have to be used to knock down the fire and to protect victims.

At times it may be necessary to delay rescue in an area until a charged hoseline is ready to advance. The rescue crew must then enter the structure behind the protection of the fire stream. As the fire is controlled, the rescue crew can search each room.

To speed up the search of the more distant rooms, the rescue crew can leave the protection of the charged hoseline. Before this occurs, the rescue crew must tell the firefighter on the charged line of their actions.

Firefighters on the fire floor must keep in mind the presence of other rescue crews on the floors above the fire. If it appears that the fire streams will be unable to hold the fire, instant warning must be given to the crews above the fire. Steps should be taken to provide escape by ladder. An effort should also be made to place fire streams between the fire and the exposed rescue crews.

Caution must be exercised when stretching hoselines to keep them from blocking any rescue attempts. The one exception to this would be where the fire stream is required to protect the occupants' escape. When many persons have to get out of a building, rescue plans must be considered in the placement of equipment. This includes the stretching of hoselines. While hoselines are designed as an extinguishment device, it is clear they are very effective in the rescue process. Firefighters must use the hoselines to assist them in all rescue operations for their safety and the safety of the trapped victims.

4. **Firefighters must exercise extreme caution when stretching hoselines to keep them from blocking any rescue attempts. The one exception to this would be:**
- A) when a fire stream is used to cover a nearby exposure
 - B) the fire floor is fully engulfed in flames
 - C) when a fire stream is required to protect occupants' escape
 - D) when salvage operations have begun
5. **You are on Engine 17 and have taken a hoseline into the second story of a three-story building. Engine 22 has proceeded to the third floor and is attacking the fire that is spreading upward. While fighting the fire on the second floor, you realize that extinguishment operations are going to be difficult if not impossible and it appears that the fire is stretching above to the third floor. Which of the following would be the correct procedure?**
- A) Order additional help into the second floor area to alleviate the situation
 - B) Give a warning to the members of Engine 22 above you that the fire has spread into the third floor area
 - C) Withdraw your crew members immediately and escape by ladder
 - D) Limit the amount of rescue and ventilation operations
6. **According to the passage:**
- A) Crews attempting to perform rescue should have every type of protection available. The primary type of protective equipment is an operating air mask.
 - B) During rescue operations, firefighters for their own safety and that of trapped victims can call on the assistance of hoselines to provide them with direction.
 - C) An uncharged hoseline with a water spray will help ventilate a structure allowing for additional assistance in rescuing the victims.
 - D) Decrease the amount of hoseline stretched into the area while increasing horizontal ventilation

Use the information below to answer questions 7-10:

In investigating an explosion it must first be determined whether a diffuse or a concentrated explosion has occurred. Diffuse explosions occur as a result of the ignition of natural gas, vapor from volatile liquids, or dust in an enclosed area. Thus, many diffuse explosions occur accidentally. In most cases, a diffuse explosion will create no crater or discoloration. It may or may not be followed by a fire, depending on the conditions at the time of ignition. In a diffuse explosion, the nature of the exploding material may often be determined by examination of the structure. If the explosion was caused by vapors which are lighter than air, such as natural gas, the explosion will tend to push out the walls of the structure near the top causing the ceiling to collapse. An explosion of vapors which are heavier than air, such as gasoline or kerosene, will tend to push out the walls near the bottom.

In a concentrated explosion there is a secondary force following the explosion, known as return force, or implosion. Frequently the explosion merely weakens the structure and the implosion causes it to collapse. High order concentrated explosions result from dynamite, TNT, and similar materials. This type of explosion is distinguished by local shattering and the presence of a crater. When craters are found, all crater materials should be collected, sealed and forwarded to the laboratory for examination. In low order concentrated explosions from such materials as black powder, an investigator should be able to find some unburned explosive that was blown outward from the center of the blast. Fragments of the container or the ignition device may also be found embedded in objects along the leading edge of the explosive force. In investigating all explosions, it is important to provide a careful sketch and

photographs of the entire area; and to preserve all evidence from deterioration, change or modification.

- 7. Which of the following explosions is most likely to be accidental?**
- A) An explosion where the base of the walls of a structure is blown outward
 - B) An explosion in which there is considerable shattering of objects
 - C) When there is considerable structural evidence of implosion effects
 - D) When a crater area of special damage is found
- 8. An explosion in a small warehouse resulted in the ceiling's collapsing. If no crater is observed, which of the following would be the most probably cause of the explosion?**
- A) Arson caused by gasoline spread evenly on walls and floor
 - B) A leak in the gas main to the heating system
 - C) A homemade bomb constructed of lead pipe and black powder
 - D) Several sticks of dynamite or plastic explosive placed in the center of the room
 - E) Spontaneous combustion from kerosene soaked rags in a metal container
- 9. After an explosion in the living room of a residential home, a couch and the floor beneath it are found to be severely damaged. While the windows are blown out and one of the walls slightly caved in, most of the furniture in the room is only moderately damaged. | These circumstances suggest that the damage was caused by:**
- A) a high order concentrated explosion from some material such as dynamite
 - B) a diffuse explosion resulting from the ignition of a volatile liquid
 - C) a low order concentrated explosion, probably from a homemade bomb
 - D) a gas leak in the basement
 - E) gasoline on the couch
- 10. Which one of the following statements is implied by the passage?**
- A) Diffuse explosions are less likely to result in a fire than concentrated explosions
 - B) The results of an implosion are more likely to be visible on the structure than the primary force of a concentrated explosion
 - C) Crater material is likely to be the most valuable evidence in a low order concentrated explosion
 - D) Explosions involving high degrees of local shattering are not likely to produce much evidence concerning the explosive device used

(Questions 11 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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FIREFIGHTER EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY – Palo Alto Fire Department

The [Palo Alto Fire Department](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org) is accepting applications on a continuous basis for EMT Basic – Technician 1, to staff their ambulances. This is not a firefighter position per se, but it does offer excellent pay and experience. The following information was taken from the City of Palo Alto website, specifically their Human Resources section at www.cityofpaloalto.org – you are encouraged to apply early as this may close at any time.

Technician I - EMT B

[Download an Application in PDF](#)

Position Overview: Performs less advanced technical work than that of the Technician II class. Normally requires some specialized skills such as basic life support/paramedic, drafting, electronics, building maintenance, crafts, etc. and ability to operate associated vehicles or equipment.

Essential functions related to Basic Life Support Transports/ALS downgrades: Responds to non-emergency requests for medical transport. Assists in maintaining BLS apparatus and equipment. Attends specialized training in first aid and related subjects. Participates in BLS drills, housekeeping duties and other related tasks. Drives ambulance under various situations. Helps with the delivery of medical care to patients within the guidelines of EMT-Basic. May be assigned special duties such as marketing. Participates in public relations and training activities to the public, and may assist in conducting training programs.

Special Requirements: Age 18 years or older. Height and weight proportional to medical standards. Vision correctable to 20/30 in one eye and 20/40 in the other eye. Mild red-green defects are acceptable, but complete color blindness is disqualifying. Possession of ambulance license endorsement at time of hire. Possession of a current EMT-Basic accreditation with Santa Clara County at time of hire.

Candidates must provide proof that they possess the following required documents: current CPR Healthcare Provider card, Ambulance drivers license, Medical Examiners card, current Santa Clara County EMT accreditation, and California Drivers license.

To apply to this position please send your application and/or resume along with photocopies of the above required documents to the following mailing address, email address or FAX number:

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City of Palo Alto
Attn: Kim Roderick
250 Hamilton Ave., 6th Floor
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Email: kim.roderick@cityofpaloalto.org

FAX: (650) 322-3607

Salary: \$13.88 - \$17.39 per hour

Division: Fire

Location: Fire Station I

Req#: H06Apr015

Schedule: 8:00-6:00 / 20 hours a week

Posting Date: May10, 2006

Closing Date: Continuous Recruitment

For more information about the Palo Alto Fire Department, visit the following websites:

- Palo Alto Fire Department website at www.pafd.org
- Palo Alto Firefighters I.A.F.F. Union Local 1319 – www.paloaltofirefighters.org

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

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

Advanced Medical Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	- Monday August 7	from 1230 to 1700 hours
	- Tuesday August 8	from 1030 to 1630 hours
	- Monday October 16	from 1230 to 1700 hours
	- Tuesday October 17	from 1030 to 1630 hours
*** Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer to confirm the above dates and times.		
NOTE: All of the above classes will be held at the San Francisco Paramedic Association – 657 Mission Street, Suite 302, San Francisco, CA 94116		

You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be mouldaged and designated to role-play a victim of a medical emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
Contact person(s):	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or email them at director@sfparamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfparamedics.org/volunteer.htm

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	- Wednesday August 23	from 0800 to 0930 hours
	- Thursday August 24	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Tuesday September 19	from 0800 to 0930 hours
	- Wednesday September 20	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Thursday October 19	from 0800 to 0930 hours
	- Friday October 20	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Tuesday November 7	from 0800 to 0930 hours
	- Wednesday November 8	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Tuesday November 14	from 0800 to 0930 hours
	- Wednesday November 15	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	- Thursday December 7	from 0800 to 0930 hours
	- Friday December 8	from 1230 to 1730 hours
	* **Go to their website at www.sfparamedics.org and click on Volunteer to confirm the above dates and times.	
	NOTE: <i>All of the above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)</i>	
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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 August 12 and 13
- Saturday and Sunday October 7 and 8

Here is a copy of the flyer they sent me:

WANT TO BECOME A
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FOR INFORMATION, PRICING, DATES AND RESERVATIONS*

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 RESERVATIONS!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – I-400 (Advanced ICS) and 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:
I-400 (Advanced ICS)

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

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

Cost: \$175.00 (cost includes CSFM Certificate and Student Manual)
 - Make checks payable to: Chabot College Community Education
 - Credit cards also accepted: see registration form below

<u>Location:</u>	Emeryville Fire Department Fire Station #2 Classroom 6303 Hollis Street Emeryville, CA 94608	Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Fire Station #2 Classroom 6300 Stoneridge Mall Road Pleasanton, CA 94588
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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: 0900 to 1700 hours (22 hours total)

Dates: We are going to 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: I-300 (Intermediate ICS)

	DATE:	LOCATION:	DATE:	LOCATION:
Day 1	Tuesday August 22, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday August 24, 2006	Pleasanton
Day 2	Tuesday August 29, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday August 31, 2006	Pleasanton
Day 3	Tuesday September 5, 2006	Emeryville	Thursday September 7, 2006	Pleasanton

NOTE: Course locations are tentative and may be subject to change.

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: I-400: Aug/Sept 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.



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 August 2006

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 handles 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 – NCTI

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 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Mark your calendars for the annual California Training Officers Symposium this November in Fresno, CA! This year's program will be held **Monday November 13 through Friday November 17, 2006** at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Downtown Fresno. I will provide the flyer once it has been finalized, but as of now, here are the classes I have scheduled (I am serving as the Instructor Coordinator), subject to change for unforeseen reasons:

- I-300 (Intermediate ICS)
- S-330 (Strike Team/Task Force Leader)
- S-390 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations)
- S-404 (Safety Officer)
- S-430 (Operations Section Chief)
- Rescue Systems 1
- Fire Command 1B
- Fire Command 1C
- Driver/Operator 1A
- Trench Rescue
- Low Angle Rescue – Train-the-trainer
- Auto Extrication
- Ethics in the Classroom (Mandatory for ALL State Fire Training Instructors as of July 1, 2007)
- State Fire Training Instructor Orientation (Mandatory for anyone wanting to teach State Fire Training certified courses)

** NOTE: All of the above are either California State Certified and/or National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) certified courses.

Also being offered:

- PowerPoint Basic and Advanced
- Company Officer Development Academy
- Truck Operations Academy (Five days of RIC operations, ventilation and forcible entry lecture and hands-on practice)
- Conflict Prevention and Resolution
- Company/Battalion Leadership: Lessons from 12 O'Clock High
- Command Presence
- Creating Fire Service Wellness Programs
- Courage to Stay Safe – National Fallen Firefighters Foundation: Train-the-trainer class
- WMD Incident Management/Unified Command
- Promotional Preparation Information for Company Officers/Chief Officers
- Fire Chief Executive Leadership Academy
- Fire Service Internal Affairs
- Reading Smoke
- Training Mandates
- Web Based Training Management Solutions for the Fire Service
- Ethics and Leadership

- Big Box Fires
- Career Defining Incidents – I’ve Had Three!
- Knowing your Aerial Ladder
- Building the Perfect Playbook – Building Construction for Firefighter Safety and Survival
- Air Aware Organization
- Preventing the Next 100! Commercial Fireground Operations for Today’s Fire Service

Evening Sessions (1900 to 2100 hours):

Sunday: Los Angeles County Fire Department Deputy Chief Mike Bryant will be presenting Command Lessons Learned (Captain Gary Morgan's Fire Fighter Emergency). Learn valuable tips and lessons learned to keep yourself and your crew safe.

Monday: Ronny Coleman, retired Fire Chief and Former California State Fire Marshal will be presenting “A history of fire service training in California.”

Tuesday: Clinton Smoke (author of the book Company Officer, available through Delmar Publishing) will be providing a session on Company Officer Development and Preparation.

Wednesday: Fresno Firefighters will be hosting a reception.

Thursday: Ottawa (Canada) Fire Services Safety Officer Peter McBride will be presenting “Two Story Rollover.” Learn valuable tips and lessons learned to keep yourself and your crew safe.

The perfect plan is to have all of the attendees stay at the hotel and conference center, so you have a chance to network with other fire service professionals of all ranks. You do not have to be a training officer to attend – anyone wanting to take the classes may attend!

More classes are being finalized every day and more information will be in the August and September newsletters as it is confirmed.

Instructors Confirmed as of August 1, 2006 include:

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| • Don Abbott | • Kelly Gouette | • Steve Raney |
| • Kim Alyn | • Ed Hadfield | • Marc Revere |
| • Dan Ardoin | • Ken Harrison | • David Schoonover |
| • Geoff Balton | • Marc Hawkins | • Jeff Seaton |
| • Bill Bondshu | • Marvin Howard | • Texas A and M Staff |
| • Mike Bryant | • Stan Klopfenstein | • Tim Sendelbach |
| • Dave Calderwood | • Paul Lepore | • Clinton Smoke |
| • Ronny Coleman | • Ron Martin | • Rich Stover |
| • George Cruz | • Peter McBride | • Kevin Taylor |
| • Jim Eastman | • Doug McKelvey | • Michael Velasquez |
| • Tony Escobedo | • Don Ockey | • More to be announced! |
| • Kent Freeman | • Phill Queen | |

Registration will open up in late August/early September, and I will post the final flyer in the September newsletter and email it out earlier to the folks on my email mailing list.

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](#).

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

[Fire Engineering Magazine](#) will be offering a free webcast – PRIDE & OWNERSHIP, THE LOVE FOR THE JOB, something all current and future firefighters should take the time to experience!



Pride and Ownership The Love for the Job

SYNOPSIS

Webcast Speaker:

Rick Lasky

Fire Chief - City of Lewisville, Texas

Who owns your fire department? It's been said for years that being a firefighter is the best job in the world. Why is it the best and what kind of a leader does it take to provide that feeling? And just as important, what kind of firefighter does it take? Do you own your fire department, know where it all started and why, have that love for the job, or do you just show up? If you need that shot in the arm, to reenergize or just need a "systems check" when it comes to you and the fire service, this program will move you in the right direction.

Pride and Ownership holds no punches. Chief Rick Lasky takes a hard look at the fire service and finds it short on the only element that makes it effective: passion. Chief Lasky gives an upfront and honest criticism about the need to reignite the love of the job on every level, from chiefs on down. Not everyone is cut out for the fire service. It takes only the best to serve the public when people need help most. Pride and Ownership calls for men and women with honor and integrity to measure up to the task.

For more information, and to register, go to:

http://fe.pennnet.com/webcast/display_webcast.cfm?id=212

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!

Steve Prziborowski, Fire Technology Instructor - Chabot College

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Chabot College website: www.chabotcollege.edu

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

The Fine Print:

- If you would like to be added to our mailing list (no, I won't give your email address out to others), email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and I will add you to the list. Benefits of being on the mailing list include being notified when the latest Fire & EMS news is published, and being notified of firefighter testing opportunities, volunteer opportunities, or training opportunities.
- If you know of someone who wants to receive this newsletter (as well as other updates) email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and I will place them on the mailing list.
- If you want to take your name off of the mailing list, just send me an email at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu and in the subject heading, and type in "unsubscribe from mailing list" and I will remove your name.
- If you are subscribed to my email mailing list and you are not receiving anything (a problem some earthlink, aol, hotmail and yahoo users have at times), make sure you add my name – Steve Prziborowski and the email address I use to send this newsletter and other fire and EMS related news items out – sprziborowski@aol.com to your address book, safe list, white list, etc. Since I mass mail items to 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!