



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:

- Welcome to the new Fire Technology Coordinator / Instructor at Chabot College!
- Fire related employment opportunity – Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center!
- 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
- This month's written examination testing tips, courtesy of the Don McNea Fire School!
- FREE Firefighter Preparation Seminars at Chabot College!
- Firefighter employment opportunities – Oakland, Oxnard, Sonora, Long Beach and Colorado Springs!

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW FIRE TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR/INSTRUCTOR AT CHABOT COLLEGE!

I would like to congratulate Bob Buell for being named as my replacement as the Fire Technology Coordinator/Instructor at Chabot College! He successfully competed against four other highly qualified individuals for the position, and officially takes over in mid-August 2006. Until that time, I will stay on board as the Fire Technology Coordinator while he takes care of some previous commitments during the summertime.

Bob is also a Captain with the [Alameda Fire Department](#), and has been teaching with the Chabot College Fire Technology program since the mid 1980s, shortly after completing the Chabot College Firefighter 1 Academy and getting hired with Alameda. Bob brings extensive teaching and training coordination experience to the position and I am very proud to say he will be taking my position, and I feel the program is being left in great hands. I plan to be a resource for Bob and will continue to assist him in any way I can.

Congratulations Bob!

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:

- July 12, 2006
- October 18, 2006

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

MORE FREE FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION SEMINARS!

Become a better firefighter candidate!

You are invited to attend FREE seminars to help learn how to better prepare yourself to become a firefighter!

DATES: Thursday June 22, 2006
 Thursday June 29, 2006
 Thursday July 27, 2006
 Thursday August 3, 2006

TOPICS: June 22:

Careers In The Fire Service – An overview of the various opportunities available to people interested in a career in the fire service. Also, learn valuable tips to help best prepare yourself to become a firefighter. Resume preparation will also be discussed.

June 29:

The Firefighter Candidate's Action Plan – Becoming a firefighter is not easy, and many people give up and never obtain the career of their dreams. Don't let this happen to you. Take the time to put together an action plan to help focus and guide you to obtain a job in the fire service.

July 27:

20 Steps To Becoming The Best Firefighter Candidate You Can Be – Attendees will learn 20 steps that will help them be the best firefighter candidate they can be.

August 3:

Fire Service Oral Board Preparation – Learn some valuable steps that will assist you when you are faced with your next fire service oral board. Time permitting; some students may also get the opportunity to participate in a mock oral interview!

FACILITATOR: Steve Prziborowski, Fire Technology Coordinator at Chabot College and a Captain with the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

ADDED BONUS!!

Bring a copy of your resume and I will critique it for you free of charge, before the seminar or during one of the breaks (time permitting).

TIME: 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night
LOCATION: Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward, CA 94545
Room 2205 (in Building 2200)

REGISTRATION / MORE INFO: Space is limited. If you would like to attend, please email me at sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu.

Please visit the Chabot College Fire Technology website at www.chabotfire.com for more information on becoming a firefighter.

For directions to Chabot College, [CLICK HERE](#).

**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!](#)

So, you think you know what a firefighter does for a living? Maybe you do – maybe you don't. While the duties and responsibilities of a firefighter can vary from department to department, here are a variety of things a firefighter is expected to do:

DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES OF A FIREFIGHTER

Results from a Nationwide Job Analysis Survey

A Job Analysis Survey is used to determine what duties, qualities and traits firefighters are expected to exhibit.

A. INITIAL RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS: Tasks occurring between the receipt of an alarm and initial firefighting or emergency scene activities.

1. Makes preliminary evaluation of incident based on alarm information received (e.g., alarm type, structure type, etc.).
2. Proceeds to assigned apparatus upon receipt of call for service.
3. Dons personal protective equipment before and at emergency scenes.

B. WATCH DUTIES: Stands watch to receive incoming alarms and information, answers phones, and monitors access to the station house.

1. Receives notification of alarms, multiple alarms, EMS alarms, and other significant emergencies through the dispatch office.
2. Notifies station personnel (over public address or through use of signals) of incoming alarms and required response (e.g., everybody goes, truck only, engine only, etc.)
3. Answers department and outside phone.

C. ON-SCENE COMMUNICATION: Communicates at the emergency scene to ensure appropriate coordination of apparatus and personnel.

1. Receives information (e.g., regarding the assignment of personnel and apparatus) from the officer in command upon arrival at the emergency scene.
2. Communicates with other fire personnel at emergency scene about conditions, size-up, etc.
3. Relays orders from superior officers at emergency scene.

D. DRIVING: Drives apparatus (engine, truck, ambulance, etc.) to and from, and positions apparatus at, emergency scene.

1. Obtains knowledge of traffic laws and street conditions in order to operate the apparatus safely and expeditiously.
2. Obtains knowledge of most direct and expeditious routes and studies them prior to incident response.
3. Selects most direct and expeditious route to alarm site.

4. Maneuvers and positions apparatus at incident scene.

E. PUMP OPERATIONS: Connects or hooks up apparatus to fire hydrant and operates pumps to supply water in appropriate pressure and volume – using couplings, hoses, spanner wrenches, and other tools.

1. Opens and flushes hydrant to ensure it is functional.
2. Fills hose with water by hydrant pressure.
3. Engages pumps.
4. Monitors control panel (e.g., water temperature, oil pressure gauge, fuel gauge, hydrant pressure).
5. Connects and lays supply line from supply to the apparatus.
6. Notifies officer of any problems that occur while pumping.
7. Shuts down pump when ordered to by officer.

F. HOSE (AND EXTINGUISHER) OPERATIONS: Stretches line or uses extinguisher to deliver water, foam, and other extinguishing agents to emergency scene.

1. Determines type (size) and number of lengths of hose needed for operation.
2. Pulls hose out of hose bed.
3. Determines proper nozzle and nozzle setting.
4. Connects hoselines to nozzles.
5. Connects to standpipe when necessary/appropriate.
6. Flakes out or dekins hoseline prior to charging or during extinguishment to ensure proper operations.
7. Locates seat of fire or other hazard (e.g., gas leak) by observing, smelling or listening for smoke, sound, flames, gas, vapors, etc.
8. Operates ladder pipe on aerial ladder to apply water to structures on fire.
9. Uses extinguisher to extinguish, contain and/or control incident.

G. MECHANICAL LADDER OPERATIONS: Stabilizes ladder trucks and elevates and operates aerial ladders in order to rescue victims, provide access for ventilation, operate master stream devices, etc.

1. Stabilizes elevating apparatus using wheel chocks, stabilizing pads, stabilizing jacks and outriggers.
2. Operates ladder from ground controls or from platform controls, while watching for power lines, trees and other overhead obstructions.
3. Climbs mechanical ladders to perform search, rescue and other operations.

H. MANUAL LADDER OPERATIONS: Carries, raises, extends and climbs manual ladders to perform search, rescue and other operations.

1. Determines manual ladder type and size needed at incident scene.
2. Determines proper placement of manual ladder at scene.
3. Raises and positions manual ladder at incident scene.
4. Anchors and secures manual ladder (i.e., tying off) at scene.
5. Climbs manual ladder to perform search, rescue, and other operations.

I. FORCIBLE ENTRY: Pries open, cuts, or breaks down doors, or otherwise enters structures, vehicles, aircraft and other entrapments in order to search for and rescue victims and provide access to the emergency scene – using axes, halligan tools, hooks, rabbit tools, battering rams, sledge hammers, power saws and other tools.

1. Determines best location for forcible entry.
2. Cuts through surfaces using power saws and other power tools.
3. Gains entry into structures using axes, sledge hammers, battering rams, halligan tool and other forcible entry tools.
4. Pries open doors in structures using pry bars, halligan tools, bolt cutters and other tools.
5. Removes locks or hinges from doors using sledgehammers, battering rams, axes or other forcible entry tools.

J. VENTILATION: Opens or breaks windows, chops or cuts holes in roofs, breaches walls or doors, and aims fog stream out of window or hangs fans in windows or doors to remove heat, smoke and/or gas from structures or entrapments.

1. Determines best location for venting structure based on location of hazard and fire personnel, roof type, and building construction.
2. Opens windows and other points of entry manually or by using pry bars, halligan tools, and other tools, to ventilate structure.
3. Breaks windows and other points of entry using axes, ladders and other tools, to ventilate structure.
4. Cuts open walls, roof and other structures to ventilate structure.
5. Uses fans for positive and negative pressure.

K. SEARCH: Searches assigned area in order to locate victims and to obtain further information about incident, following standard search procedures.

1. Determines search procedure or strategy needed to accomplish objectives.
2. Searches structures for seat of fire, or other hazard, and extensions.

3. Searches floor or area of fire, or other hazard, for conscious and unconscious victims, sweeping assigned search area with arms, legs or tools.

4. Work together as a team/company to maintain personnel accountability.

L. RESCUE: Assists, hoists, carries or drags victims from emergency area by means of interior access (stairs, hallways, etc.) or, if necessary, by ladders, fire escapes, or other means of escape – using rescue harnesses, ropes, backboards and other equipment. Extricates victims from vehicles, aircraft, cave-ins, collapsed buildings or other entrapments in order to save lives – using shovels, torches, drills, pry bars, saws, jacks, jaws, air bags, and other equipment.

1. Evacuates persons from incident scene due to risk of fire, explosion, exposure to hazardous chemicals, etc.

2. Hoists or lowers victims or fire personnel using ropes, knots and rescue harnesses.

3. Drags or carries victims from emergency scenes.

4. Places victims onto stretchers, backboards, baskets, etc.

5. Digs to free victims trapped in tunnels, pipes, excavations, cave-ins or other entrapments using shovels, picks, spades and other equipment.

6. Conducts water rescues (i.e., river rescue, using boats) in accordance with established guidelines.

7. Rescues drowning victims using life-saving techniques.

M. SALVAGE: Moves and covers furniture, appliances, merchandise and other property; covers holes in structures; stabilizes damaged structural components; and redirects or cleans up water in order to minimize damage – using plastic and canvas covers, ropes, staple guns, mops, squeegees, and other tools.

1. Spreads salvage covers over property.

2. Moves furniture and other objects to protect from water or other damage.

3. Tears down weak and dangerous structural components (e.g., floors, walls, roofs, overhangs and stairs) using hooks, axes, saws and other tools.

N. OVERHAUL: Opens up walls and ceilings, cuts or pulls up floors and moves or turns over debris, in order to check for hidden fires which could rekindle or spread – using hooks, axes, saws and pitchforks.

1. Checks and searches open areas, walls, open structures for fire extension.

2. Searches for and extinguishes any hidden fires by looking, feeling or smelling for fire and smoke.

3. Opens ceilings, walls, etc., to expose hot spots and other hazardous conditions with axes, pike pole/ceiling hook, etc.

4. Removes and extinguishes burned or smoldering debris from buildings.

O. CLEAN-UP/PICK UP: Picks up, cleans and returns equipment to vehicle and rolls or folds hose, so that the company can go back in service.

1. Backs lines out of structures.
2. Rolls and holds hoses after use and returns them to appropriate vehicle.
3. Determines that all hoses used during response to incident are present and accounted for.
4. Cleans and returns all tools, equipment, supplies and property in usable condition to appropriate vehicles.
5. Cleans the apparatus.

P. EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE: Performs thorough patient evaluation and intervenes with the appropriate medical care for persons requiring medical care and/or requesting assistance with medical care.

1. Assess and prioritize patient according to medical and/or injury.
2. Intervenes with oxygen therapy or assisted ventilations, using oxygen adjuncts when appropriate.
3. Identifies life-threatening bleeding and intervenes appropriately.
4. Identifies the pulseless, apneic patient and administers cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
5. Evaluates the patient's responsiveness (awake, alert and oriented vs. unresponsive) based on the patient's response to verbal and painful stimuli.
6. Determines whether patients need emergency or non-emergent transport.
7. Works to maintain the patient's well being, emotionally as well as physically.
8. Assesses the patient's vital signs using a watch, stethoscope, and sphygmomanometer.

Q. EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Checks, cleans, and maintains personal gear and equipment to ensure proper and safe operation.

1. Places turnout gear on or near apparatus.
2. Checks extension ladders.
3. Checks medical equipment.
4. Checks the condition of generators, blowers, lights, cords and fans.
5. Checks hose on apparatus (proper bedding and amount).
6. Checks and maintains power equipment.
7. Checks and performs ordinary maintenance on other portable equipment (e.g., checks oil levels, greases, etc.).

8. Changes over equipment and supplies from one apparatus to another.

R. APPARATUS MAINTENANCE: Checks, cleans, and maintains apparatus to ensure proper and safe operation.

1. Performs normal daily apparatus check (e.g., oil, fuel and water levels; proper pressures and lubrications; batteries; lights; sirens; brakes; tires; etc.).
2. Performs normal weekly apparatus check (e.g., hydraulic fluid levels).
3. Checks ability of engine to pump water.
4. Checks engine pumper pressure.
5. Notifies officer of electrical or mechanical problems on apparatus.
6. Notify the officer of needed repairs on apparatus.
7. Notify the officer that apparatus needs to be kept out of service due to mechanical problems.

S. STATION MAINTENANCE AND DUTIES: Checks, cleans, and maintains house facilities. This includes the performance of routine housekeeping chores.

1. Cleans apparatus bay and rooms.
2. Cleans and maintains fire house yard.

T. INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND FIRE PROTECTION DEVICES: Inspects building for fire prevention/hazardous materials code violations or hazards on a periodic basis or during the course of their activities. Inspects alarms, hydrants, sprinkler systems, and standpipe systems for operational use.

1. Inspects buildings upon request of occupants/owners.
2. Investigates buildings suspected of violating codes.
3. Recognizes code violations (e.g., blocked exits, improper storage of chemicals, etc.)

U. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Engages in activities which have an impact on the department's image in the community. Such activities include providing information to the media, providing assistance and support to civilians seeking help or information, and giving presentations to community groups and other members of the public.

1. Deals with distressed individuals at emergency scene.
2. Meets civilians in the fire station, conducts tours and provides information.
3. Provides information to civilians on service runs.
4. Makes public presentations and conducts demonstrations of apparatus and equipment on behalf of the fire department.

V. TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Participates in training drills and classes to enhance job-related skills and abilities. Reads internal memos and bulletins to keep

apprised of new developments in departmental operations and procedures. Attends lectures, seminars, courses, etc., and reads external documents (e.g., professional trade publications) to remain current in the fire service.

1. Maintains knowledge of latest firefighting equipment and techniques.
2. Maintains basic knowledge of building structures related to fire control.
3. Maintains basic knowledge of chemicals and other hazardous materials.
4. Attends routine training drills and sessions.
5. Participates in physical fitness sessions.
6. Attends specialized training sessions (e.g., CPR certification, special schools, etc.).
7. Reviews internal fire department bulletins, memos, etc. to remain aware of departmental updates.
8. Reads professional journals and publications (e.g., Fire Command) to be aware of current developments in the fire service.

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FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – **Oxnard Fire Department**

The [City of Oxnard Fire Department](http://www.cityofoxnard.com) is going to be accepting applications for the position of **Firefighter Trainee** as follows:

FILING DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, JUNE 23, 2006 (Accepted this day only)

MONTHLY SALARY: \$3,781 During Academy Training + excellent benefits

THE POSITION:

All qualified applicants must have a valid California Fire Fighter Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certification at filing deadline in order to be considered for this position. To obtain your CPAT certification, go to www.cpatonline.org

As a Firefighter Trainee, you will attend a 12-week fire academy conducted by the Oxnard Fire Department designed to provide an overview of the fire service, training in various procedures and policies, emergency medical services, fire suppression techniques, fire prevention practices, and physical fitness.

Upon successful completion of the fire academy, trainees will advance to a full-time firefighter position and be assigned to 24-hour shift duty. Under direct supervision, the firefighter responds to emergency medical calls, fire alarms, rescues, hazardous materials, and other emergency calls; protects life, environment and property endangered by fire and other hazards; participates in regular fire prevention inspections; assists in maintenance of fire stations and equipment; participates in training exercises, and performs additional tasks as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

ABILITY TO Speak Spanish is highly desirable.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE: A valid California Class "C" driver's license; Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-1 or EMT-B) and a California Fire Fighter Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certifications are required. For information on where to obtain CPAT certifications, please contact Oxnard College at 805-384-8109 or visit www.oxnardcollege.edu/programs/firetech or the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee Testing Center toll-free at 877-648-CPAT or visit www.cpatonline.org

MINORITY AND FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications and copies of EMT and CPAT certifications will be accepted on JUNE 23, 2006 ONLY, at the City of Oxnard Human Resources Department, Activity Room between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Applications may be obtained from the City of Oxnard, Human Resources Department, 300 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 or via our website at <http://www.ci.oxnard.ca.us>. Facsimiles and postmarks will not be accepted. The application must be filled out completely. Failure to provide required information will result in disqualification from the process. Those candidates whose qualifications most closely meet the needs of the City will be invited to continue in the process.

The written examination will be conducted on July 13, 2006, at the City of Oxnard, Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA. Proof of identification, preferably a driver's license, is required to take the written test .

Candidates who successfully complete all phases of the selection process will be placed on the eligibility list. These phases include: written test, interview board, Chief's interview, thorough

background investigation, polygraph, and a medical/fitness examination (including a pre-employment drug screening).

On May 4, 1999, the Oxnard City Council amended the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations to provide preference points to veterans. If you are a veteran and wish to receive additional points, please attach a DD Form 214 or applicable verification to your application.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
City of Oxnard, Human Resources Department
300 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030
(805) 385-7590

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

For more information about the **City of Oxnard**, visit their website at www.ci.oxnard.ca.us

EMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE BAY AREA:

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

Advanced Medical Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday August 7 from 1230 to 1700 hours- Tuesday August 8 from 1030 to 1630 hours <p>NOTE: All of the above classes will be held at the San Francisco Paramedic Association – 657 Mission Street, Suite 302, San Francisco, CA 94116</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monday June 26 from 1300 to 1700 hours- Tuesday June 27 from 1200 to 1630 hours <p>NOTE: The two above classes will be held at the San Jose Fire Department Training Center, 255 S. Montgomery St., San Jose, CA 95110</p>
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a 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
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Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Classes - Volunteers Needed

Dates / Locations / Times:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday June 20 from 0700 to 0930 hours - Wednesday June 21 from 1230 to 1730 hours - Wednesday August 23 from 0700 to 0930 hours - Thursday August 24 from 1230 to 1730 hours
NOTE:	All of the above classes will be held at the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito (2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito)
You will receive:	Valuable experience watching paramedic level (or higher) students perform patient assessments. Learn from their plusses and minuses. You will also receive a free San Francisco Paramedic Association t-shirt.
Your role:	As a volunteer, you will be moulaged and designated to role-play a victim of a trauma emergency scenario. Please wear loose, old, comfortable clothing, as you may be on the floor for some scenarios.
Contact person(s):	Call the San Francisco Paramedic Association for more information or to sign-up at (415) 543-1161 (tell them Steve at Chabot sent you) or email them at director@sfparamedics.org or visit their website section on volunteer opportunities at www.sfparamedics.org/volunteer.htm

FIREFIGHTER PREPARATION TIPS FOR THE MONTH:

I was asked to pass along the following information by Curt Cozad, Spokesperson/Liaison for Fire Hire. [Fire Hire](#) is a company that offers a firefighter examination twice a year, and there usually over 20 different fire departments that utilize [Fire Hire](#). Folks, this is your competition that is doing stupid things such as what is mentioned below. As a firefighter, you must have excellent listening skills and you must be able to follow instructions. Not doing so can lead to serious problems, including death or injury to yourself or a co-worker.

Steve,

We had an interesting situation happen at our written on April 19, 2006. I'm telling you this because I would like you to pass this onto your students.

When we send the written examination invitation letters to the candidates there is information that is important for them to read. The case in point; the letter states "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". While standing at the entrance to the testing facility, I must have turned 40-50 people away at the door trying to bring in their favorite beverage.

Once we get everyone signed in, I give the examinees a briefing on what is to be expected and some simple instructions. It never fails that we get candidates that show up late and request to be tested. That is one of my simple rules that are outlined in their invitation letters "Please DO NOT show up late, because you WILL NOT be admitted under any circumstances once the doors to the examination site are closed".

During the briefing, I thanked the candidates that read their letters and left their cell phones and pagers in their car, and stated "For those who did not read their letters, please turn off all cell phones and pagers at this time". Needless to say, there was quite of bit of movement in the room turning off cell phones and pagers.

I'm now to my main point of this email. The test session was about 2/3 complete, when I hear a cell phone ring. I proceeded to track down where it was coming from, then escorted the individual to our table and told him that he could leave without finishing his test, as I told him he was "done". He stated that he put his phone on vibrate. I then asked him if he heard me tell them during the briefing to turn your cell phones or pagers off. He replied "Yes".

Please let your students know to read their invitation letter completely and follow simple instructions. If they can't follow simple commands, they will never make it in the Fire Service.

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FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Colorado Springs Fire Department:

The [Colorado Springs \(CO\) Fire Department](#) will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter, June 5 through June 23, 2006.

Candidates must meet the following minimum qualification and have documentation to [Colorado Springs Fire Department](#) Human Resources by July 15, 2006 in order to test for firefighter.

- Maintain a current EMT - Basic Certificate or above. Candidates must have a Colorado EMT certificate at the time of final employment offers*

- Successfully completed the Candidate Physical Abilities Test (CPAT) no more the 12 months prior to the testing process**
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED Certificate
- Be eligible to work in the United States
- Be in good physical condition
- Have or be able to obtain a Colorado driver's license

** PLEASE NOTE: Proof of certificate must be provided at time of application. Out-of-state certified individuals must apply to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Emergency Medical Services Division. For more information [click here](#). We recommend you start the Colorado EMT reciprocity process as soon as you decide to test as obtaining reciprocity can be a rather lengthy process.*

*** The Colorado Springs Fire Department requires candidates to have a valid CPAT at the time of application and at the time of final employment offers. Information on the CPAT may be found by [clicking here](#).*

Pikes Peak Community College offers courses necessary to receive your EMT-B and CPAT certificates. You may contact them at (719) 540-7650 or click on these links - [Emergency Medical Programs](#) and [Fire Science Programs](#) Parker Fire Department is currently offering an EMT course. For more information, [click here](#).

Testing Timeline (tentative – may change):

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| June 5 - June 23, 2006 | Applications available online |
| July 15, 2006 | Deadline for Minimum Qualification documentation. Documentation must be sent to CSFD HR Office no later than 5:00 p.m. MST on this date. Candidates will have to have meet minimum qualifications (including valid EMT and CPAT certifications) at the time of <u>application</u> in order to be eligible to take exams. |
| July 21, 2006 | Letters to candidate with test date, time and study guide |
| July 31 - August 4, 2006 | Testing
The Colorado Springs Fire Department is proposing a new testing process. The new testing process is FireTEAM. You can find more information about FireTEAM by going to their website at www.fireteamtest.com . We will know after May 2nd if this testing process is approved. |
| the week of August 14, 2006 | Letters sent to candidates with their band placement |

[CLICK HERE](#) more information about the **Colorado Springs Fire Department** and to visit their website.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the **City of Colorado Springs** and to visit their website.

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Oakland Fire Department:

The [Oakland Fire Department](#) will be accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Trainee (their entry-level firefighter position) and Firefighter/Paramedic Lateral.

You may pick up an application in person:

- Tuesday May 30, 2006 (0830 to 1700 hours)
- Wednesday May 31, 2006 (0830 to 1700 hours)
- Thursday June 1, 2006 (0830 to 2000 hours)
- Friday June 2, 2006 (0830 to 1700 hours)

Completed applications will be accepted one day only:

- Saturday June 3, 2006 (0900 to 1400 hours)

Applications may be picked up at:

Office of Personnel Resource Management
150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 238-3111 – Job line
(510) 238-3112
(510) 238-6465

For more information about the openings, visit their city personnel website at www.oaklandnet.com/government/jobs/current_openings.html

For more information about the **City of Oakland**, visit their website at: www.oaklandnet.com

For more information about the **Oakland Fire Department**, visit their website at: www.oaklandnet.com/oakweb/fire/index.html

For more information about the **Oakland Fire Department**, visit their **IAFF Union Local (Local 55)** website at: www.iafflocal55.com

**See the actual job flyer on the following
pages**

FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – **Sonora Fire Department**

I received the following information from Sean Farrelle, one of our former students:

I am sure you have heard stories about Columbia College and the fire tech program that exists here, and I am confident you know where the city of Sonora is. I am writing this to you because the City of Sonora Fire Department is in dire need of applicants for the position of Scholarship Firefighter, and you are a fantastic means of getting this information out to a large audience of dedicated people looking for that head-start into the career field. The SFD is staffed by three rotating platoons of four crew members who work a 48-hour shift of two days on, four days off; a crew consists of one career captain, one career engineer, and two scholarship firefighters. Due to my leaving the scholarship program to take a job offer given me by CDF, there is an *immediate* opening, with the possibility of two more openings by the end of the Summer.

Minimum qualifications:

- **18 years of age**
- **High School diploma or G.E.D.**
- **First responder (must achieve EMT within one year of employment)**
- **Class C drivers license**

There is no requirement for previous fire experience, as the whole purpose of the scholarship firefighter program is to train, prepare, and equip students so that they are better candidates for career jobs with other departments. The department will help a student achieve their California State Firefighter 1 certificate in conjunction with the Columbia College fire academy as well as get their Fire Control 3 cert, Driver/Operator 1A and 1B, Vehicle Extrication, High and Low Angle rope rescue, a number of NWCG S-series classes, and their Class-B drivers license. But the best possible plus from being a member of this program is the experience.

There is an educational requirement involved, however. All scholarship firefighters must pull a *minimum* 12-unit college class load in the Fall and Spring semesters; there is no restriction as to what college you attend to meet this requirement. Members can go to class while on-duty should they attend Columbia College, however. This requirement is waved during the summer months, making this the perfect time to apply and get picked up while not having to worry about school quite yet. Payment for scholarship firefighters is \$500 per month, with a paid call-back program currently under works.

All interested parties should contact the City of Sonora Fire Department immediately by phone, and applications must be picked up and submitted in person at the fire station located at:

**201 South Sheppard Street
Sonora, California 95370
Phone: (209) 532-7432**

Applicants should expect to be placed through a physical agility and oral board exam.

Thank you for your time and effort, and good luck to all those who apply for the job!

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)

July 31--Application Deadline: June 16 2 p.m. MST

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.

FIREFIGHTER RELATED EMPLOYMENT **OPPORTUNITY – Long Beach Fire Department**

Job Title: **AMBULANCE OPERATOR**

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/02/06 4:30 PM Pacific Time

Salary: \$8.49 - \$9.36 hourly
 \$681.92 - \$751.76 biweekly
 \$1,477.49 - \$1,628.81 monthly
 \$17,729.92 - \$19,545.76 annually

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Long Beach, California

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

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

Under general supervision, provides basic medical care and transport of the ill and injured as an Emergency Medical Technician.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Under general supervision, provides basic medical care and transport of

the ill and injured as an Emergency Medical Technician; responds to emergency medical calls for service including accidents and other emergencies; operates an emergency vehicle to and from the scene of an emergency; assists paramedics and other emergency medical personnel in providing emergency medical and health care; monitors communications equipment to maintain contact with dispatchers; provides emergency medical care to the ill and injured within the scope of an Emergency Medical Technician; transports patients to hospitals or other emergency care facilities; assists receiving facility to obtain and record patients vital statistics and circumstances of emergency; prepares reports of incidents for billing and other record keeping purposes; participates in training, public education, and station/equipment maintenance; and performs other related duties as required.

REQUIREMENTS TO FILE:

- One year recent experience as an Emergency Medical Technician-I responding to emergency medical calls for service; AND
- A valid State of California certified Emergency Medical Technician-I (proof required) *;
- A valid California Motor Vehicle License with Ambulance Driver Certification (proof required) *. Proof of a valid motor vehicle operator's license at time of employment. (A current DMV driving record must be submitted to the hiring department at time of selection interview.);
- Ability to safely and effectively operate an emergency vehicle;
- Ability to handle a high volume of emergency calls with tact and good judgment;
- Ability to lift and carry heavy objects, including moving and transporting patients;
- Willingness to work any shift assignment including weekends, holidays, overtime and 24-hour shifts.

* Applications will not be processed until all required proofs are received. Any required proofs, such as certificates, diplomas, licenses, or transcripts, must be received in the Civil Service Department by June 7, 2006.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Bilingual language skills (English/Spanish or English/Southeast Asian).

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of applications and supplemental applications submitted. Therefore, it is to the candidate's advantage to clearly document all job-related education, training, and experience. Resumes will be accepted, but may not be submitted in lieu of the required application and supplemental application. Only those candidates whose education/experience clearly meets or exceeds the stated requirements will be placed in score bands on the eligible list, depending upon qualifications evaluated in a comparative analysis.

EXAMINATION WEIGHTS:

Evaluation of Application & Supplemental Application 100%

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 Coordinator (temporary) - Chabot College

Office: 510-723-6851
Cellular: 408-205-9006 (Best number to contact me)
Fax: 510-782-9315
Email: sprziborowski@chabotcollege.edu

Chabot College Fire Technology & EMS web site: www.chabotfire.com
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.
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- If you are subscribed to my email mailing list and you are not receiving anything (a problem some earthlink, aol, hotmail and yahoo users have at times), make sure you add my name – Steve Prziborowski and the email address I use to send this newsletter and other fire and EMS related news items out – sprziborowski@aol.com to your address book, safe list, white list, etc. Since I mass mail items to over 1000 people, some email providers may think these items are spam or junk mail, even though they are not. I typically send a couple of things out per week; if you have not received anything from me in over two weeks, email me to let me know so that I can attempt to troubleshoot the issue.
- Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation!