



"Preparing Men and Women for Fire Service Careers"

PORTERVILLE COLLEGE FIRE TECHNOLOGY

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To All 2011 Fire Academy Enrollees:

Welcome to the Porterville College Fall 2011 California State Fire Marshal Accredited Firefighter 1 Academy. The Academy will begin on Monday, **August 1, 2011 at 1800 hours (6:00 p.m.) at the Porterville Fire Department Training Facility** at Fire Station #2, 500 N. Newcomb, Porterville, CA. Off-street parking is available at the facility, just inside the gate to the north of the fire station. **You do not need to purchase a Porterville College parking permit.** You must be on time or your seat may be given away!

All Fire Academy information is now available for download at the Porterville College Fire Technology website: www.portervillecollege.edu/fire_tech All documents are in a .PDF format and will require Adobe Reader to view and print.

You must go to this website and download the following documents:

- **Cadet Manual**
- **Physical Agility Manual**
- **Medical Evaluation Forms**
- **Uniform Standards**
- **Personal Protective Equipment Standards**

You should also open the "**Frequently Asked Questions**" (FAQs) and "**Career Information**" links.

As you read the documents, pay particular attention to the information regarding Personal Protective Equipment (Turnouts, etc.), Uniforms, and Medical Clearance! Please be certain to read ALL of the material thoroughly as there are several things that you MUST do before the Academy starts:

- **Obtain Uniforms**
- **Obtain Personal Protective Equipment**
- **Obtain Medical Clearance**
- **Obtain Textbooks and other supplies**

BUY THE CORRECT TEXTBOOK! The correct title is "**Firefighter's Handbook, Firefighting and Emergency Response, Third Edition**"- published by Delmar Learning (ISBN13: 9781418073206). You will also need the related **Firefighter's Handbook Study Guide ISBN-13: 9781418073220**.

We will conduct a thorough "Academy Orientation" the first night of class and discuss the Class Schedule, "Code of Conduct", Attendance Requirements, Testing and Grading, and so forth. I ask that you reserve questions about these issues until the first class session.

If you must contact me to get clarification of Uniform, PPE or Medical Clearance issues before the Academy starts, please EMAIL me: rstover@portervillecollege.edu.

Again, thank you for enrolling, and I look forward to seeing you on August 1st!

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