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- **33. Fire Captain Erika Enslin**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/10/19/the-future-firefighter-erika-enslin>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Captain Erika Enslin from the Sacramento (CA) Fire Department as they discuss future female firefighter recruitment topics, including girls fire camps, Golden State Women in the Fire Service, Triple F - Fierce Female Firefighters, and Firefighter Mentorship.

- **32. Fire Captain Chris Ruano**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/09/07/the-future-firefighter-chris-ruano>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Fire Captain Chris Ruano as they discuss how the pre-service firefighter candidate prepares for the fire academy mentally, physically and emotionally. This episode discusses physical conditioning and training before the entry-level fire academy, injury prevention during the academy, and transition from the fire academy into the first year of probation.

- **31. Fire Chief Dave Emanuel**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/07/27/the-future-firefighter-dave-emanuel>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Fire Chief Dave Emanuel as they discuss grounding, values, and organizational culture. During this episode, they discuss workplace bullying and how future firefighters can respect our house by [extinguishing bullying](#) in the fire service.

- **30. Battalion Chief Chad Costa**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/06/22/the-future-firefighter-chad-costa>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Battalion Chief Chad Costa as they discuss the keys to getting hired in today's fire service. During this episode, they discuss how to be prepared as a candidate, including education, experience, attitude, work ethic, and customer service.

- **29. National Fire Chief Tom Harbour**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/05/11/the-future-firefighter-tom-harbour>

Join host Chris Baker and guest National Fire Chief (Ret.) Tom Harbour, former Director of Fire and Aviation for the U.S. Forest Service, as we discuss starting a career as a wildland firefighter and the philosophy of being a student of fire. During this episode, we also discuss the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Everyone Goes Home in the wildland and the importance of the firefighter life safety initiatives for the structural and wildland firefighter in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) environment.

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- **28. Dr. Kellie O'Dare and Blake Richardson**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/03/30/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker speaks with guests [Dr. Kellie O'Dare](#), Co-Director of the [2nd Alarm Project](#) and [Blake Richardson](#), Co-Founder of [EaseAlert](#). They discuss why sleep is mission critical in the fire service, and touch on various topics including firefighter health and wellness, behavioral health resources, and the value of peer support for the future firefighter.

- **27. Deputy Chief Ian Emmons**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/02/17/the-future-firefighter-ian-emmons>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Deputy Chief Ian Emmons of the Washington Township (OH) Fire Department as they discuss the value of mentorship. During this episode, they also discuss maintaining accountability, celebrating success and how mentorship can bring positive continuous improvement to the fire service.

- **26. Deputy Chief Joe Powers**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2021/01/06/the-future-firefighter-community-risk-reduction#>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Deputy Chief [Joe Powers](#) as they discuss embracing career opportunities, cultivating positive relationships and building sustainability in the fire service. During this episode, they also discuss the [Vision 20/20 project](#) and the value of community risk reduction through risk assessments, establishing partnerships and building more resilient communities.

- **25. Ben May**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/12/09/the-future-firefighter-1>

Join host Chris Baker and guest [Ben May](#) as they discuss why marketing is important for the future firefighter. During this episode, we cover a wide range of topics, including what is marketing and why it is so important, what is a brand and the most trusted brand in America, brand evolution of the fire service, and why the future firefighter is responsible for representing the brand of the entire fire service.

- **24. Fire Chief Gary Ludwig**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/11/24/the-future-firefighter>

Join host Chris Baker and guest Fire Chief [Gary Ludwig](#), Immediate past President and Chairman of the Board of the International Association of Fire Chiefs ([IAFC](#)) 2019-20, as they discuss the following roles and responsibilities of the future firefighter, including customer service, emergency medical services, fire prevention, and community risk reduction. During this episode, they also discuss Chief Ludwig's recently published book, [401 Things Veteran Firefighters Can Teach You: Firefighter Tips and Tricks of the Trade](#).

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- **23. Fire Chief Nathan Trauernicht**

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Joining Host Chris Baker is Fire Chief Nathan Trauernicht as they discuss a wide range of topics, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), Safety Health and Survival Section, and the focus of inclusivity in the fire service highlighting the IAFC's Diversity Executive Leadership Program (iDELP). During this episode, we also discuss the University of California, Davis Fire Department Student Firefighter Program and the value of a membership with the Institution of Fire Engineers, USA Branch.

- **22. Growing Leaders Using Empowerment with Larry Conley**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/09/01/the-future-firefighter>

Joining Host Chris Baker is Larry Conley of [Leadership Development Concepts, LLC](#). This episode, we discuss GLUE (Growing Leaders Using Empowerment) and why this personal leadership development program is essential for the future firefighter.

- **21. Surviving the Fire Service: Assistant Chief (Ret.) Todd LeDuc**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/07/21/the-future-firefighter>

Join Host Chris Baker with guest Assistant Chief (Ret.) Todd LeDuc, as they discuss his new book titled [Surviving the Fire Service](#), published by [Fire Engineering Books & Videos](#). This episode will focus on how the future firefighter can manage and reduce risks throughout their careers in the fire service.

- **20. Planning your Mental Health with Mark Lamplugh**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/06/09/the-future-firefighter>

Joining Host Chris Baker is President of the [Institute of Responder Wellness](#), [Mark Lamplugh](#), as they discuss planning your mental health. The future firefighter must be ready to plan their mental health and wellness on the testing circuit, given the unprecedented unemployment rate combined with devastating firefighter layoffs.

- **19. NFHC President/CEO, Fire Chief (Ret.) Bill Killen: Fire Service History**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/04/28/the-future-firefighter>

Join Host Chris Baker as he discusses the history of the fire service with [Fire Chief Bill Killen](#) (Ret.) President/CEO of the [National Fire Heritage Center](#) and why it's important to learn about the history of the fire service. This episode is dedicated to the men and women that built the American Fire Service.

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- **18. How to Become a Firefighter for the Los Angeles City Fire Department**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/02/04/how-to-become-a-firefighter-for-the-los-angeles-city-fire-department>

"The Future Firefighter" Host Chris Baker talks [LAFD recruitment](#) with City of Los Angeles Fire Department Captain Rick Najera.

- **17. Lead Where You Are**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2020/01/27/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker talks to guests Rayne Gray, Marc Davidson, and Nick Baskerville about leadership and why it's important to lead where you are!

- **16. Firehouse Kitchen Table**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/11/06/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker joins guests from the Firehouse Kitchen Table as they discuss how to learn from each other.

- **15. Fire Chief Dennis Rubin**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/09/24/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses Rube's Rules for the Future Firefighter with his guest and mentor Fire Chief [Dennis Rubin](#).

- **14. Dr. Rich Gasaway**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/08/13/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker talks with guest [Dr. Richard Gasaway](#) about situational awareness for the future firefighter.

- **13. Rescue Captain Justin Schorr**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/05/21/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses why it's important to become a Paramedic with [The Happy Medic](#), Rescue Captain Justin Schorr.

- **12. Live from FDIC 2019: Deputy Chief Billy Goldfeder**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/04/13/live-from-fdic-international-2019-day-four-hours-3-5>

Live from FDIC International 2019: Day Four Hours 3-5

Deputy Chief Billy Goldfeder, [Firefighter Close Calls - Home of the Secret List](#)

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- **11. Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/04/02/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses mentoring in the fire service with Deputy Chief [Frank Viscuso](#).

- **10. Training Chief Dave McGlynn**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2019/02/13/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses networking opportunities for the future firefighter with Training Chief [Dave McGlynn](#).

- **9. Regional Fire Chief Christopher Connelly**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/12/19/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses career opportunities in the Federal Fire Service as a Department of Defense Firefighter with Regional Fire Chief Christopher Connelly.

- **8. Fire Chief Reggie Freeman**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/10/30/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses the topic of community service with Fire Chief Reggie Freeman.

- **7. 9/11 Memorial Episode**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/09/11/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses the significance of this impactful day in the history of the fire service. Tune in and listen to this episode as he shares how this day ultimately contributed to his involvement in this honorable profession.

- **6. Deputy Chief Steve Prziborowski**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/07/31/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses the entry-level firefighter interview process with guest and mentor Deputy [Chief Steve Prziborowski](#).

- **5. Assistant Chief Nicol Juratovac**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/06/19/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker talks with special guest San Francisco (CA) Assistant Chief Nicol Juratovac about mentoring tips for the future female firefighter. This show will discuss the future female firefighter highlighting the importance of having a mentor to help you overcome both mental and physical obstacles to achieve this highly desired position in the fire service. Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in this Fire Engineering blog talk radio show are not the views of the San Francisco Fire Department.

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- **4. Firefighter Functional Fitness: Chief Dan Kerrigan & Captain Jim Moss**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/05/08/the-future-firefighter>

Join Host Chris Baker and his guests, Chief Dan Kerrigan and Captain Jim Moss from [Firefighter Functional Fitness](#) as they discuss the culture of physical fitness in the fire service and what it takes to become a future firefighter. Our discussion will range from pre-academy fitness assessments in the application process, to the importance of maintaining a fitness lifestyle beyond the fire academy and throughout your career.

- **3. Live from FDIC 2018: Dr. Harry R. Carter**

<https://youtu.be/0vV1iwZcEyM>

- **2. Building the Unbreakable Future Firefighter**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/03/15/the-future-firefighter>

Host Chris Baker discusses mentoring and other issues affecting the next generation of firefighters.

- **1. The Future Firefighter: Debut Episode**

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/fireengineeringpodcast/2018/01/19/the-future-firefighter>

In this debut show, Chris Baker talks about fire service mentorship and engaging the future members of our profession in a positive way.

This show will discuss the importance of implementing a plan and the process of becoming a firefighter. If you are interested in pursuing a career in the fire service; tune in and listen as we discuss the importance of planning for success mentally, emotionally, and physically.