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San Mateo County Truck Academy Strengthens Firefighter Readiness and Regional Collaboration

The San Mateo County Truck Academy, hosted by multiple agencies within San Mateo County has concluded its two-week annual training. This academy plays a critical role in sharpening firefighter technical proficiency to meet the growing demands of complex emergencies across the region. This specialized, hands-on training is designed to develop highly skilled, adaptable firefighters capable of operating effectively at multi-level and technically challenging incidents. From structure fires to rescues and extrications, the academy ensures personnel are equipped with the advanced knowledge and confidence required to protect the community.

The academy was originally created to build more well-rounded firefighters—professionals who can seamlessly transition between roles and perform the unique and demanding functions of a truck company. In 2020, the program expanded from San Mateo County Fire to include outside agencies, quickly evolving into a regional training hub that strengthens interagency coordination and shared operational standards.

A truck company specializes in complex and high-risk tasks. Firefighters in the academy hone their skills in **roof operations, vehicle extrication and stabilization, live-fire search and rescue, ladder operations, forcible entry, and building construction**. These evolutions are designed to mirror real-world conditions, ensuring firefighters can perform safely and effectively when lives are on the line.

We'd like to thank our partners across San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties for participating. Their collaboration directly contributes to safer outcomes for both first responders and the residents we all serve.

You'll find photos of San Mateo County Truck Academy 2026 on Page 2. Please use the QR code to watch a video. Video Link: [Truck Academy](#)





Firefighters use chain saws, ladders and roof props to master vertical ventilation during training at San Mateo County Fire's Station 17.

