Uniform, Equipment, and Textbook Information

PPE and SCBA Requirement
The Firefighter I Academy offered at College of San Mateo is required to comply with California State Fire Marshal standards. Under these standards, students are required to attend and successfully participate in live fire training. This training requires the student to be in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) that meet all current standards for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

- Estimated PPE rental cost: $435 plus a $100 deposit for 12 weeks
  $85 for roundtrip shipping
- Estimated SCBA rental cost: $380 for the semester

All rental agreements will be between the student and the vendor(s). Current information from the vendor(s) will be provided at the orientation meeting.

Uniform Requirement
CSM Fire Academy students are required to adhere to a dress code for the course. This will help the student get used to wearing, cleaning, and maintaining a uniform. Expect to spend approximately $400 on the required uniform items. Uniform information will be provided at the orientation.

Textbooks
You will be using the following books for this course:

Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills
International Association of Fire Chiefs/National Fire Protection Association
Jones and Bartlett Learning
ISBN: 9781284059656

Firefighter’s Handbook on Wildland Firefighting
William C. Teie; Deer Valley Press
ISBN: 9780879396763

Books will be available for purchase at the CSM bookstore one week before classes start; online orders will start earlier. If you would like to familiarize yourself with the text before that, you may use the above information to order it from online retailers.