

Firehouse Food: Cooking With San Francisco's Firefighters



Synopsis

Firefighters are famous for their food and it's no wonder since they cook their own meals seven days a week. All that practice, not to mention the peer pressure, makes for some of the best recipes in town, especially when that town is a culinary mecca like San Francisco. *Firehouse Food* introduces firehouse life, its brave denizens, and more than 100 of their best recipes. We meet greenhorns and veterans, retirees and local characters, all the while enjoying terrific meals designed to cook up easy and satisfy the whole crew. The recipes reflect the diversity of the San Francisco Fire Department personnel themselves-Latin-American, Asian, African, Italian, Irish, Eastern European-with a melting pot of delectable flavors. From barbecue by the experts to a Pineapple Upside Down Cake just like mom's, these dishes are forgiving enough for anyone to try, and generous enough for everyone to enjoy. With color photographs of meals, downtime, cookery in action, and of course the food itself, *Firehouse Food* illustrates the daily routine that turns a firehouse into a family.

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Customer Reviews

San Francisco firefighter and chef Chase Wilson wittily sums up her feelings about cooking for her fellow firefighters: "It's putting dinner on the table for 14 that gets my adrenaline going." And with that, authors Dolese (food writer and cookbook photos stylist) and Siegelman (cookbook writer) present meals that can be prepared for either army or family. These recipes, which often reflect the flavor of San Francisco, are as simple as Coleslaw with Pineapple and Dried Cherries (from Marty Verhaeg, Engine 13) or as time-consuming as Pork Mole, which can be prepared two days ahead of time (from Theresa Wolowic, Engine 32). The flavor-intense Villa Gumbo requires a roux and is

served by Rich Gibson, whose Station 37, founded in 1915, ranks as one of the oldest. Desserts such as Warm Swiss Almond Apple Cake (from Lt. Richard Busalacchi, Truck 19) round out the recipes. From beginning to end, this accessible cookbook presents an enthusiastic, adrenaline-infused tone perfect for homecooks of any level. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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This book is awesome! My neighbor recommended that I buy that book since he's a fireman and he's made some great dinners from this book. Kudos to the SFFD!

My husband is a SF firefighter and tells me that these recipes get made on a regular basis. My husband is a great cook and enjoys cooking for his fellow firefighters. He also knows that if it's not good he's going to hear about it. When he first started with the department he used this book a lot knowing that the recipes had been tested in the firehouses and became classics. The men and women of SFFD know how to cook and love really good food. If you want to get a sense of what they eat in a real big city firehouse you can't go wrong with this book!

This is a really unique cookbook and it contains some terrific recipes as well as a glimpse of firehouse life. It's also beautifully produced with great photography, simple yet elegant design and excellent quality paper. There's a particularly good recipe and detailed description for making tamales. As for it being "a couple of jakes out for a quick buck", a portion of the profits go to the Surviving Families Fund of San Francisco Firefighters Local 798. A good cause in this firefighter's opinion...

I bought this book because a friend made soup one night and it was spectacular. When I asked

where the recipe was from, she showed me this book that she bought down in the City (San Francisco). I quickly picked it up too. It almost makes you want to be a SF Firefighter -- just for the food. Great stuff!

Recommended to me by SF finest! Great recipes!

This was a Christmas gift for my son, currently receiving a degree in Fire Science. He was thrilled with it and very excited about trying out the recipes. All three of my boys were intrigued with this 'manly' cookbook. The recipes sound absolutely delicious, the book is filled with pictures, ingredients are readily available, prep info is easy to understand and the overall organization of the book is intuitive. My 21 year old is now going to be cooking for the family once a month. What could be better?! Thank you to all the FF who shared their stories, pictures and recipes in this wonderful cook book.

Great firehouse recipes. My dad is an SFFD fireman and most of their recipes are done by memory so it's great to have them written down for others to use. It was wonderful to also see old friends cooking. A great book for the fireman or cook in your family.

This is one of my favorite go-to cookbooks! Absolutely love the recipes, along with the great photos. Simple home cooking, comfort style food, with a gourmet flair. From a delicious Skillet Paella, wonderful Salads, to a Green Chile and Cheese Cornbread. So much variety and plenty to choose from. Thank you, San Francisco Firefighters!

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