

Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from police officer and firefighter to political scientist and lawyer.

Firefighter



The Firefighter program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with fire prevention, protection, and firefighting. This program of study includes firefighter safety, building codes, and the necessary physical skills to perform rescues. Students will learn about preparedness, basic fire suppression techniques, basic arson investigation, hazardous material management, and educating the public about fire safety.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- *Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Level 2

- *Disaster Response

Level 3

- *Firefighter I
- Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (H) ¹

Level 4

- Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security (H) ²



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)
- Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician

Bachelor's Degrees

- Fire Science/Firefighting
- Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Join the Texas Public Service Association (TPSA)

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Volunteer at a hospital or a fire station
- Attend local emergency awareness events

Industry-Based Certifications

- Emergency Medical Technician – Basic ¹
- Basic Structure Fire Protection ²

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

* Dual credit course aligned with Dallas College



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Firefighters	\$53,700	2,300	14%
Fire Inspectors and Investigators	\$66,100	200	14%
Emergency Medical Technicians	\$36,000	1,600	19%

Successful completion of the Firefighter program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – July 2024

Firefighter Course Information

Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	13029200 (1 credit)	None	9

Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Disaster Response	N1303011 (1 credit)	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	10

Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Firefighter I	13029900 (2 credits)	Disaster Response	11
Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (H)	N1303015 (2 credits)	Disaster Response & Biology	12

Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security (H)	13030100 (2 credits)	Successful completion of Firefighter I course & certification	12

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