



## PATHWAY SPOTLIGHT: PUBLIC SERVICES

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### STUDENT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### WHY DID YOU PICK THESE PATHWAYS?

I wanted to stick to law enforcement and public safety because I'm really interested in law, but I know I don't want to be a lawyer.

#### FAVORITE THING YOU LEARNED IN YOUR PATHWAY(S)?

As of now, my favorite part has been learning what to do during investigations in my Crime Scene Investigation class.

#### BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ONE OF YOUR PATHWAYS.

In CSI, there were set-up scenarios like robberies and altercations and we were able to solve these problems using the tactics we were taught. It was super fun working with a team.

#### FAVORITE MEMORY OF BEING A PART OF A PATHWAY.

In my Criminology pathway, walking into a murder scene and trying to solve it with a team, using communication skills and knowledge, was an exciting experience. I also loved going to Alcatraz. It was fun to learn about one of the most infamous prisons in U.S. history.

#### ADVICE TO STUDENTS INTERESTED IN YOUR PATHWAYS.

Whether you are interested in law, law enforcement (criminal justice) or firefighting, I strongly suggest that you just have fun. These pathways are meant to be done with a team; communication is key, and it's important to keep your head up. As long as you show effort, you will do amazing in these pathways and have lots of fun.

#### DO YOUR FUTURE GOALS INCLUDE WHAT YOU LEARNED IN YOUR PATHWAYS?

Yes. If I want to continue, my future goals will require me to write incident reports and communicate with witnesses and victims alike. I was taught all of this in my Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Justice, and Firefighting classes.

#### PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL:

My plans after high school are most likely to attend Fresno City College to continue in firefighting. This is what I'm most certain about right now. I know I need a lot of improvement, but I am confident I will get there.

#### HOW HAVE THE PATHWAYS PREPARED YOU FOR THE FUTURE?

These pathways have prepared me for my future job by teaching me to be assertive, communicate clearly, handle problems under pressure, and use critical thinking to solve issues and improvise.



### PATHWAY AT A GLANCE

The public services industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors, offering essential services provided by the government to its citizens. Careers in public service are distinct in their focus on addressing complex issues that shape the public agenda and delivering critical services to communities at both local and international levels.

There are many career paths within public service, including Public Safety, Emergency Response, and Legal Practices. Jobs in these areas include law enforcement, homeland security, cybersecurity, and correctional services. The sector continues to evolve, requiring cooperation between state and federal agencies to ensure public safety and security.

Dinuba High School offers two pathway options within the Public Services career sector: Emergency Services (Urban & Rural Firefighting) and Public Safety (CRIM). If you have a passion for community involvement and a commitment to serving the public interest, this industry is perfectly suited for you!



PATHWAYS AT DHS

-Public Safety  
-Emergency Services



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## COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

At Dinuba High School, students can study and take entry level courses designed to prepare them to become a public service agent in Urban & Rural Firefighting or Criminology.

Students in a pathway will earn college credits and gain skills and experience relevant to their chosen careers. In the field of Criminology, students will learn about the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems in California. In the Rural Firefighting pathway, they will acquire the foundational skills, tools, and knowledge necessary to enter the fire academy or pursue various job opportunities with the U.S. Forest Service.

According to the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, in 2023, there were a total of 24,990 jobs in the Fresno, Tulare, and Kings County region, and 34.7% of the public service jobs were in Local Government, including Education and Hospitals.

Local colleges and universities offer programs that can lead to careers in firefighting and criminal justice. [Reedley College](#) offers an Associate of Science degree in Wildland Fire Science, while [Fresno City College](#) offers the Fire and Police Academy as well as Associate Degrees in Fire Science and Criminology. Students can earn an Associate for Transfer in Criminology at either campus and pursue a higher degree in criminology at [Fresno State University](#).

Click on the links above or use the QR codes below to explore the programs at each college and university.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
Miss Dinuba Pageant

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
See You at the Pole event

**SEPTEMBER 25-28**  
Raisin Day Festival

**OCTOBER 7**  
CSU Application Workshop

**OCTOBER 11**  
Visalia Band Review

**OCTOBER 2024**  
Homecoming Week

**OCTOBER 25**  
Selma Band Review

**OCTOBER 28**  
MED Meet & Greet

## EDUCATION LEVEL & RELATED OCCUPATIONS

### Entry Level Careers (High School Diploma)

- Security Guard 🏠 \$28,000-\$45,000 → Stable Demand
- Correctional Officer 🏠 \$45,000-75,000 → Increasing Demand
- Police Officer 🏠 \$40,000-\$90,000 → Stable Demand
- Animal Control Officer 🏠 \$40,000-65,000 → Stable Demand
- TSA Officer 🏠 \$35,000-50,000 → Stable Demand

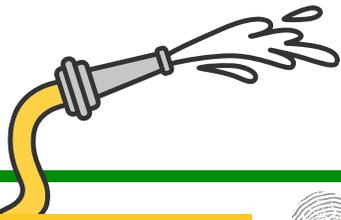
### Technical Level Careers (Certificate and/ or Associate Degree)

- EMT/Paramedic 🏠 \$35,000-\$60,000 ↑ High Demand
- Firefighter 🏠 \$40,000-80,000 → Stable Demand
- Forensic Technician 🏠 \$45,000-80,000 ↑ High Demand
- 911 Dispatcher 🏠 \$35,000-55,000 ↑ High Demand
- Fire Inspector 🏠 \$50,000-80,000 → Stable Demand
- Environmental Health Technician 🏠 \$45,000-75,000 ↑ High Demand

### Professional Level Careers (Bachelor's Degree)

- Lawyer 🏠 \$70,000-\$250,000 → Stable Demand
- Police Detective 🏠 \$70,000-\$130,000 → Stable Demand
- Probation Officer 🏠 \$45,000-85,000 → Increasing Demand
- Homeland Security Officer 🏠 \$60,000-130,000 → Increasing Demand
- Intelligence Analyst 🏠 \$65,000-120,000 → Stable Demand





**Career Cluster:**  
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security  
 Careers in this cluster provide safety to the public and enforce the laws.

**College & Career Resources**

**College Majors:**

- [Criminology](#)
- [Pre-Law/Law](#)
- [Political Science](#)

**College & Universities:**

- College of the Sequoias
  - [Fire Technology](#)
  - [Police Science](#)
- Fresno City College
  - [Fire Technology](#)
- Fresno State
  - [Criminology](#)

**TED Ed**  
 A life lesson from a volunteer firefighter  
 - Mark Bezos

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 Books to READ!  
 Sign-in to Clever & click on the book to read!

- [EMT: CHIEF, COPIER, INJURIES, AND ILLNESS](#) (3-6)
- [Ambulances on the Go](#) (K-2)
- [WHAT I WANT TO BE: FIRE DEPARTMENT](#) (K-2)
- [Marine Firefighters](#) (3-6)
- [K-9 Cops](#) (3-6)
- [Meet my neighbor, the fire fighter](#) (K-2)



## PUBLIC SERVICES INDUSTRY

This industry prepares students for careers in Public Services. A public service is a service that is provided by the government to its citizens. The careers in this pathway address law enforcement services, homeland and cyber security services, and correctional services. If you are interested in being involved in their community and serving the public's interest, this industry is for you! At Dinuba High School you can study and take classes in the Urban & Rural Firefighting and Public Safety pathways.



## ZOOM INTO CAREERS



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