

Public Safety

Industry Snapshot



Public safety is a term used to describe the administration of justice, public order, and protection. This can include the courts, police, fire, correctional, and parole institutions, as well as investigative and security services. Public safety nationwide is

projected to add more than 400,000 jobs by 2018, and almost half of new jobs will be with state and local governments.

Forensic science technicians, firefighters, detectives and criminal investigators, and security guards are among the fastest growing jobs in public safety. Public safety jobs in the State of Arizona averaged \$39,680 annually in 2010.

Essential Industry Skills

For anyone who plans to enter the job market in this field, a strong knowledge base in biology, chemistry, English, and psychology, along with active listening, social perceptiveness, and speaking skills, are a must.

High school students should meet with an advisor/counselor to create an appropriate career action plan that may include high school classes in:

- Fire Science
- Law Enforcement
- JROTC
- Government
- Chemistry
- Biology

Source: O*NET & Western Maricopa Tech Prep Consortium

| Occupation | Annual Entry-Level Wage Range* | Typical Training Required |
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| Correctional Officers & Jailers | \$32,060 - \$41,730 | On-the-Job or Community College Training |
| Forensic Science Technicians | \$35,820 - \$49,680 | Associate's Degree |
| Firefighters | \$29,690 - \$50,180 | On-the-Job or Community College Training |
| Police & Sheriff Patrol Officers | \$48,930 - \$62,950 | On-the-Job or Community College Training |

*Source :U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010

Public Safety Programs at the Maricopa Community Colleges

| Program | College/Skill Center | Program | College/Skill Center |
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| ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE | | Law Enforcement Technology | Rio Salado |
| Administration of Justice | Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix | Law Enforcement Training Academy | Chandler-Gilbert, Glendale |
| Administration of Justice - Comprehensive | Phoenix | Legal Studies | Mesa |
| Administration of Justice - Fundamentals | Phoenix | Paralegal | Rio Salado |
| Administration of Justice Studies | Chandler-Gilbert, GateWay, Mesa, Scottsdale | Police Academy Preparation Level I | Scottsdale |
| Advanced Corrections | Rio Salado | Police Science | Mesa, Scottsdale |
| Basic Corrections | Rio Salado | Police Supervision | Glendale |
| Corrections | Rio Salado | Public Safety Technology | Rio Salado |
| Crime & Accident Scene Photography | Phoenix, Scottsdale | Victimology | Mesa |
| Crime & Intelligence Analysis | Chandler-Gilbert | EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY | |
| Crime Scene Investigation | Phoenix, Scottsdale | Advanced Emergency Medical Technology (Paramedic) | Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale |
| Crime Scene Technology | Phoenix, Scottsdale | Basic Emergency Medical Technology | Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale |
| Detention Services | Rio Salado | Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Level I | Phoenix College |
| Evidence Technology | Estrella Mountain, Phoenix | Emergency Communications & Deployment | Phoenix College |
| Fingerprint Classification & Identification | Phoenix, Scottsdale | Emergency Medical Technician | SouthWest Skill Center |
| Forensic Investigation | Mesa | Intermediate Emergency Medical Technology | Phoenix |
| Forensic Science | Chandler-Gilbert | Secondary Basic Emergency Medical Technology | Phoenix |
| Forensic Science - Crime Lab | Scottsdale | FIRE SCIENCE | |
| Forensic Technology | Phoenix | Driver/Operator | Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale |
| Global Citizenship | Mesa | Emergency Management | Mesa, Glendale, Paradise Valley, South Mountain |
| Homeland Security | Chandler-Gilbert, GateWay | Emergency Response & Operations | Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale |
| Information Security Forensics | Glendale | Fire Academy | Glendale, Scottsdale |
| Judicial Studies | Mesa | | |
| Justice & Government Agency Administration Level I | Mesa | | |
| Justice & Government Agency Administration Level II | Mesa | | |
| Justice & Government Agency Administration | Mesa | | |
| Justice Studies | Chandler-Gilbert, Mesa, Scottsdale | | |
| Law Enforcement | Scottsdale | | |
| Law Enforcement Field Training | Rio Salado | | |
| Law Enforcement Investigator | Glendale | | |



Public Safety Programs (continued)



| Program | College/Skill Center |
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| FIRE SCIENCE (continued) | |
| Fire Investigation | Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale |
| Fire Officer Leadership | Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale |
| Fire Science | Estrella Mountain, Mesa Paradise Valley, Rio Salado |
| Fire Science Technology | Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Paradise Valley, Scottsdale |
| Firefighter Operations | Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale |
| Hazardous Materials Response | Phoenix |

Source: <http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/ccta/curric/index.php>

