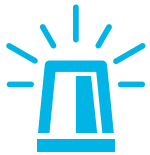




Police & Fire Program Guide

Police & Fire programs prepare students for careers in fields of public safety, which include positions as firefighter, paramedic, patrol officer, detective/investigator, emergency management coordinator, correctional officer and security guard. Columbus, Georgia currently has a shortage of law enforcement, firefighters and EMT/Paramedics and an estimated job growth of 5%.



Start In High School. Follow *Your* Perfect Path.

High Schools

By participating in high school CTAE programs, students can create opportunities to continue their studies in college, pursue an entry-level job, or serve in a related field in the military. (See back for a full list of programs.)

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is the Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that gives students an opportunity to participate in career-related competitions across the state and nation, and gain leadership experience.

Certifications

After completing a CTAE pathway, students prepare for NOCTI certification exams, at CTAE expense, that may qualify them for entry-level jobs and/or college credit such as Criminal Justice for three hours college credit, Emergency and Fire Management Services for three hours college credit, and NREMT-EMT Basic certification.

Work-Based Learning

Students have the opportunity to be released early from school to work in positions related to their CTAE pathways.

Direct-to-Work

Rigorous high school programs prepare students for Firefighting, EMS and corrections careers upon graduation.



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Sample Entry-Level Positions

Police Patrol Officer	\$40,588
Sheriff's Deputy	\$40,588
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	\$33,800
Paramedic	\$46,239
Fire Fighter	\$38,260

Data source for the above information: www.salary.com

Desired Aptitudes & Skills

- Team Work
- Situational Awareness
- Mental Toughness
- Physically Fit
- Communication

MCSO Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Programs

Law Enforcement-Criminal Investigations: In this program, students learn fundamentals of law enforcement and investigations to include patrol tactics, identification and processing of evidence and court testimony. *(Hardaway and Shaw)*

Firefighting: In this program, students develop knowledge and skills to prepare to enter a Fire Fighter 1 program. Upon successful completion of the program, students may earn three hours of college credit in Emergency and Fire Management Services. *(Northside)*

Emergency Medicine: In this program, students will be prepared to provide basic emergency medical care and may achieve certification to be an EMT. *(Shaw and Northside)*



For more information, contact your school counselor, CTAE Supervisor, or visit the Muscogee County CTAE website by scanning the QR code on this document.



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