

Public Service & Safety



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Utah Career and Technical Education
CAREER CLUSTER

The **Public Service & Safety** Career Cluster focuses on promoting civic responsibility and ensuring the well-being, security, functionality, and resilience of communities, state, and countries. Students will prepare for careers in local, state, and federal government, legal and justice systems, security, and military operations.



CAREER PATHWAY

> Protective Services

Each CTE Career Pathway culminates in an industry recognized credential of value.

FACTS

- > There are 4,990 total agencies who employ police and sheriff's patrol officers in local, state, and federal agencies throughout Utah.¹
- > Police candidates must be U.S. citizens, usually at least 21 years old, and able to meet rigorous physical and personal qualifications.²
- > Nationwide, employment of police and detectives is projected to grow 3 percent through the year 2032.²
- > Most firefighters receive training at a fire academy, pass written and physical tests, and hold an emergency medical technician (EMT) certification.²
- > Nationwide, employment of firefighters is projected to grow 4 percent through the year 2032.²
- > Nationwide, women represent 3.9 percent of firefighters, compared to 14.4 percent of women who are employed as police officers.³

¹ Utah Department of Workforce Services
² Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*
³ U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, *Utah Economic Data Viewer*

“The CTE program provided me with the opportunity to prepare myself for a career in law enforcement.”

Participation in and completion of a CTE Career Pathway will provide you with the academic knowledge and technical skills to successfully compete in a global economy. Learn about Career and Technical Education and the **Public Service and Safety Career Cluster** at UtahCTE.org.