

Public Safety FAQs

Does my student need any previous experience before taking this class?

No previous experience is needed before taking this course.

If my student attends this course, should they go to college or straight to the workforce?

Most law enforcement agencies and career fire departments require applicants to be at least 21 years of age to apply. Therefore, students will have several years after high school before they can apply. Most law enforcement agencies and many career fire departments require a high school diploma and either 60 hours of college credit (this is the equivalent to an associate degree at most colleges), military, or some type of related work experience following high school to apply.

How much homework can a student expect from this course?

There is some homework, but students have class time to get most work done in class.

What expenses will I incur? Fees, book rental or purchase, tool costs, etc?

Most years the students are required to purchase a class uniform consisting of a class t-shirt and one of three types of pants. The cost of the uniform varies from about \$35.00 to \$45.00 depending on which pair of pants the student selects. Some financial assistance is available if the cost of the uniform creates a burden for a family. Students in the second year of the program must purchase an item of medical equipment (a CPR mask) for approximately \$8.00 and CPR Certification paperwork which is approximately \$25.00.

If I want a career in one of the public safety fields, what should my major be in college?

The short answer is it really does not matter. What does matter is that you attend classes, study, make good grades, and stay out of trouble. One school of thought is to major in something other than a public safety field just in case you do not get hired by a public safety agency right away. If you have a degree in something else, you have a "plan B" until you are able to start your career with a public safety agency. Again, the most important thing is to pick a major that you enjoy so that will attend class, study, and do well.