



Pathway: Protective Services

Get the Facts:

Firefighters control and extinguish fires or respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk. Duties may include fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and disaster assistance.

Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers maintain order and protect life and property by enforcing laws and ordinances. Duties include patrolling a specific area, direct traffic, issue traffic summonses, investigate accidents, apprehend and arrest suspects, or serve legal processes of court.

Workforce Trends:

In Utah, physically fit applicants with high test scores, some post-secondary firefighter education, and paramedic training should have the best job prospects.

In Utah, between now and 2024, the projection for growth in law enforcement jobs is 19.4%.

Protective services is:

- High demand
- Medium wage
- High skill

Occupation Outlook:



The Utah statewide annual median wage:

Firefighter	\$34,340
Police/Sheriff Patrol Officer	\$50,600

Sample Career Occupations:

- Firefighter
- Forest Firefighter
- Fire Inspector
- Police/Sheriff Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Police Detectives
- Security Guard

College and Career:

There are a number of options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.

Many cities in Utah have their own Fire Academies The following are also offered at UVU:

- CC Firefighter Recruit Candidate
- CP Aviation Fire Officer
- AAS Aviation Fire Officer emphasis
- AAS Fire Officer emphasis
- AAS Firefighter/Emergency Care emphasis
- AAS Wildland Fire Management
- BS Emergency Management emphasis
- SLCC offers an AAS in Homeland Security Emergency Management

The main police training academy in Utah is the POST Academy. Cadets must be 21 years of age before beginning POST modules. POST certifies satellite academies at the following college campuses:

- WSU
- UVU
- DSU
- USU/E
- SLCC