



CRITICAL STEPS TO A REWARDING FIREFIGHTING CAREER

Whether you want to become a firefighter, a paramedic or move up to a management position in emergency services you'll find the education and training you'll need at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

STEP ONE

EMT Certification

Start with an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) where you'll learn basic life support and emergency care. In just a matter of months, you'll be prepared for state certification and positions with private ambulance services, hospitals and fire and rescue departments. And you'll have the prerequisites needed to move on to the next career steps.

Earning Potential: \$22,000.00 annually*

STEP TWO

Firefighter I & II Certification

With your EMT certificate completed, our Fire Academy can give you the training you'll need to prepare for certification as a firefighter in the state of Florida. Learn everything from scaling ladders and putting out fires to freeing victims from wreckage and handling hazardous materials in our state-of-the-art training facility.

STEP THREE

Paramedic Certification

As a certified EMT and/or firefighter you can increase your employment potential and versatility as a firefighter by becoming a certified paramedic. As a first responder, the paramedic provides advanced life support to victims in need of care on the scene and while being transported to the hospital.

Earning Potential: \$30,000.00 annually*

STEP FOUR

Fire Science Technology A.S.

If your goal is fire station management or higher, take the next step and advance to an associate degree in Fire Science Technology. You'll learn what it takes to direct operations from personnel management and training to fire prevention and public relations. And, if the general education course requirements are met, this degree can also be used toward a bachelor's degree to further increase your career opportunities.

Earning Potential: \$47,000.00 annually*

STEP FIVE

Public Safety B.S.

If you've earned an associate degree and want to take it to the next level, our bachelor's degree in public safety can prepare you for leadership roles in agencies related to fire services, emergency management and homeland security. Your focus will be on the coordination, collaboration and communication within and outside of an organization.

Earning Potential: \$57,000.00 annually*



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*Salary averages from U.S. Department of Labor for the Jacksonville metro area.

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