



Career Technical Education
HOW TO GET STARTED
PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY (PSA)



Summary

PSA is a **four-year full-time commitment** for students interested in police, fire, and emergency medical services. Learning occurs through academics, hands-on training, field trips, competitions, and guest instructors. Students attend classes as a grade level and are taught teamwork, leadership, physical training, and industry and social skills. Students have the opportunity to earn uniform ribbons and a graduation sash. All classes meet the A-G requirements for high school graduation and universities. In addition, the Career Technical Education class for grades 10th-12th are dual enrollment college classes.

9th
 PSA Pre-Service
 Public Safety

As a freshman in PSA you will...

- ✓ Learn what public safety is.
- ✓ Discover career opportunities in public safety.
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in community service and other events.

To enter the PSA freshman class, you should...

- ✓ Want to learn about police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS).
- ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- ✓ Complete the PSA application process.
- ✓ Visit and review the PSA website (www.psadhshs.org)

10th
 PSA 1
 Police

As a sophomore in PSA you will...

- ✓ Be enrolled in the *Introduction to Criminal Justice* college course (earn high school & college credit).
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in community service and other events.
- ✓ Field trips are related to Criminal Justice.

To enter the PSA sophomore class, you should...

- ✓ Have successfully completed PSA Pre-Service.
or
- ✓ Want to learn about police, fire, and EMS.
- ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- ✓ Complete the PSA application process.
- ✓ Visit and review the PSA website (www.psadhshs.org)

11th
 PSA 2
 Fire

As a junior in PSA you will...

- ✓ Be enrolled in the *Introduction to Fire Protection and Emergency Services* college course (earn high school & college credit).
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in mentorship/job shadowing, community service, and other events.
- ✓ Field trips are related to the fire service.

To enter the PSA junior class, you should...

- ✓ Have successfully completed PSA 1 / Introduction to Criminal Justice.
or
- ✓ *Complete the PSA application process (students are accepted 1st semester only).*
- ✓ Want to learn about police, fire, and EMS.
- ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission.
- ✓ Visit and review the PSA website (www.psadhshs.org)

12th
 PSA 3
 EMS

As a senior in PSA you will...

- ✓ Be enrolled in the *Emergency Medical Responder* college course (earn high school & college credit).
- ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity.
- ✓ Receive hands-on training and certifications.
- ✓ Participate in an internship, community service, and other events.
- ✓ Complete a capstone project using knowledge and training learned through the four-year program.

To enter the PSA senior class, you should...

- ✓ Have successfully completed PSA 2 / Introduction to Fire Protection and Emergency Services.
- ✓ *Students will not be allowed to enter PSA as a senior.*

Students in ALL grade levels have opportunities to participate in:

- Activities with police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services.
- Exploring (hands-on experience with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department)
- SkillsUSA (leadership and competition experience in Crime Scene Investigation, Criminal Justice, and First Aid/CPR)
- CyberPatriot (competition experience in cybersecurity)

PSA is great for students who...

- Are interested in police, firefighting, and emergency medical services (prehospital care) jobs.
- Are problem solvers and enjoy physical challenges.
- Understand the importance of making a difference in their community.

Students with the following "red flags" may not be accepted into the program...

- History of violence.
- History of theft or damage of property.
- History of drug use.
- Failure to follow rules and work as a team.