



Career Technical Education
Course Sequence
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 speakers. Students attend classes as a grade level and are taught teamwork, leadership, physical training, and industry and social skills. All classes meet the “G” Elective requirement for high school graduation and universities. In addition, the Career Technical Education courses for grades 10th, 11th, & 12th are dual enrollment (high school and college credit).

<p>9th Introduction</p>	<p>As a freshman in PSA you will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be enrolled in Introduction to Public Safety. ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity. ✓ Participate in hands-on training and certifications. ✓ Participate in community service, mentorship, and other events. 	<p>To enter the PSA freshman class, you must...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be interested in learning 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.
<p>10th Fire</p>	<p>As a sophomore in PSA you will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be enrolled in Principles of Emergency Services college course (earn high school & college credit). ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity. ✓ Participate in hands-on training and certifications. ✓ Participate in community service, mentorship, and other events. ✓ Participate in field trips related to the fire service. 	<p>To enter the PSA sophomore class, you must...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have successfully completed <i>Introduction to Public Safety</i> with a 70% or higher. or ✓ Be interested in learning 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.
<p>11th Police</p>	<p>As a junior in PSA you will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be enrolled in Introduction to Criminal Justice college course (earn high school & college credit). ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity. ✓ Participate hands-on training and certifications. ✓ Participate in community service, mentorship/job shadowing, and other events. ✓ Participate in field trips related to criminal justice. 	<p>To enter the PSA junior class, you must.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have successfully completed <i>Principles of Emergency Services</i> with a 70% or higher. or ✓ <i>Complete the PSA application process (students are accepted 1st Semester only).</i> ✓ Be interested in learning about police, fire, and EMS. ✓ Have your parent's/guardian's permission. ✓ Visit and review the PSA website www.psadhshs.org.
<p>12th EMS</p>	<p>As a senior in PSA you will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be enrolled in Emergency Medical Responder college course (earn high school & college credit). ✓ Wear a public safety uniform and model integrity. ✓ Participate in hands-on training and certifications. ✓ Participate in community service, internship, and other events. ✓ Complete a <i>Capstone Project</i> with a 70% or higher. 	<p>To enter the PSA senior class, you must...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have successfully completed <i>Introduction to Criminal Justice</i> with a 70% or higher. ✓ <i>Students are not allowed to enter PSA as a senior, per our grant.</i>

Students in ALL grade levels have opportunities to participate in:

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

PSA is for students who...

- Are interested in police, fire, and emergency medical services careers.
- Are problem solvers and enjoy physical challenges.
- Understand the importance of integrity, following directions, and making a difference in their community.

Students with the following may NOT be accepted into the program...

- A history of violence, harassment, theft, damage of property, and/or drug use.
- Failure to follow rules and work as a team.



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Course Information

Level	Abbreviation & Section No.		Description	CTE Required
9 th Beginning / Introductory	Public Safety Intro	5489L	Introduction to Public Safety - Provides an overview of career exploration, criminal justice, fire service, and emergency medical services. In addition, students will research the purpose and relevance of industry and social skills, teamwork, and leadership and participate in a mentorship.	N/A
10 th Intermediate / Concentrator	Princ Emrgncy Servc 1A	FIRE001A	Principles of Emergency Services - Provides an overview of career opportunities, history, public and private fire protection services, laws, fire protection functions and systems, fire chemistry and physics, and fire strategy and tactics.	Mentorship
	Princ Emrgncy Servc 1B	FIRE001B		
11 th Intermediate / Concentrator	Introd Crim Justi	CJ001	Introduction to Criminal Justice - Provides an overview of the structure and function of police, courts, and corrections. Focus is placed on the history, principles, and challenges to crime, criminal law, legal process, and sentencing and incarceration.	Mentorship / Job Shadowing
To meet the California School Dashboard "College and Career Readiness" requirements, students must pass the Intermediate/Concentrator course(s) with a minimum grade of 70% to progress to the Advanced/Capstone course.				
12 th Advanced / Capstone	EMR 1A	EMR080A	Emergency Medical Responder - Provides an overview of prehospital care for patients. Areas of study include an introduction to emergency medical services, roles and responsibilities, anatomy and physiology, medical emergencies, and trauma.	Internship
	EMR 1B	EMR080B		

* Section 1A = Fall Semester & 1B = Spring Semester

Certificates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Emergency Response Team Emergency Medical Responder First Aid / CPR / AED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Command Systems PSUSD Ambassador PSUSD Career Technical Education Showcase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe City – Pedestrian, Bicycle, & Driver Awareness SkillsUSA Competitions Stop the Bleed

A-G Plan for High School Graduation

PSA is a "school within a school" model grant funded through the California Partnership Academies ([CA Education Code 54690-54697](#)). Shaded boxes are the required PSA courses for each grade level. Under this plan students are expected to pass all their courses each semester.

9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Public Safety - Introduction (G) CTE	Principles of Emergency Services Dual Enrollment	Introduction to Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment	Emergency Medical Responder Dual Enrollment
English 1 (B)	English 2 (B) Honors	English 3 (B) CP	English 4 (B)
Math 1 (C)	Math 2 (C)	Math 3 (C)	Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language
Science - Living Earth (D Lab) CP	Science - Chemistry (D Lab) CP	Science - Anatomy & Phys. (D) CP	Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language
Art, Elective, or World Language	World History (A) CP	US History (A) CP	Civics / Economics (A)
PE 1 (Core) Required	Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language	Art, Elective, PE 2, or World Language	Psychology (G)

Grades 10th, 11th, and 12th are **dual enrollment** courses with College of the Desert. This means that students enrolled may earn high school and college credit simultaneously during the school day. Students who successfully complete all 3 dual enrollments courses may earn a College of the Desert's Certificate of Completion for Public Safety. Students who successfully complete the PSA program and graduate from high school may have priority registration for College of the Desert's **Basic Peace Officer Training, Basic Firefighter Academy, and Emergency Medical Technology** programs.

For additional information, please visit us at www.psadhshs.org or use the QR code to the right. To apply for the Public Safety Academy at Desert Hot Springs High School, please contact your counselor.

