

PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNMENT

San Diego County



DID YOU KNOW?

Although 100% recession-proof jobs and industries do not exist, public safety and health fields take less of a hit during a recession because their services are always in demand. Public safety and health fields will always be a priority for Cities, State Governments, Federal Law Enforcement agencies and communities in general.



4% (14,348)

5-year projected job growth



\$98,345

average earnings per job



Sample of Local Employers

City of Poway

City of San Diego

City of San Diego Fire and Rescue

National City Police Department

San Diego Central Library

San Diego County Sheriff

San Diego County Surveyor

Superior Court of California

Superior Court Division

United States Postal Service

ESSENTIAL SKILLS:

- Working with the public
- Critical thinking
- Helping people
- Resolving conflicts
- Networking
- Active listening
- Speaking, writing skills
- Working with others
- Leadership skills
- Investigation skills
- Management skills
- Customer service
- Interest in protecting public safety

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Police Officers
- Sheriff's Patrol Officers
- Firefighters
- Politicians



CAREER PATHWAYS & SALARY INFO

Minimum Education	Career Pathways	Hourly Rate (Salary)*
HS Diploma + Postsecondary Training (e.g., Certificate)	Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	\$18 (\$37K)
	Animal Control Workers	\$21 (\$44K)
	Transportation Security Screeners	\$24 (\$50K)
	Postal Service Clerks	\$25 (\$52K)
	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$36 (\$75K)
Associate Degree or Higher	Firefighters	\$24 (\$50K)
	Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$29 (\$60K)
	Surveyors	\$33 (\$69K)
	Judicial Law Clerks	\$37 (\$77K)
	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$39 (\$81K)

*Entry-level hourly rates have been rounded up and salaries are provided as examples of what workers would make if they worked full-time (2080 hours a year)

NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?

Take the Interest Profiler on the California Career Zone (<https://www.cacareerzone.org/>)! It will help you explore goals based on your interests.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS

- Talk to your teachers and counselors about career exploration, career pathways at your school, and community college career education programs.
- Talk to family, neighbors, and mentors about their education path and about how they chose their career.
- To learn more about the career education programs offered at the community colleges or to find the programs that align to the high school CTE pathways or adult schools, visit <https://careered.org/k14-program-finder/>.



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