

## COS Programs

- Administration of Justice
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Fire Academy
- Police Academy

### Public Services

Administration of Justice is designed to offer students an opportunity for both practical and theoretical courses in the field of criminology. Topics include: causes of adult criminal behavior, causes of juvenile delinquent behavior and organizational institutional processes. This program offers both career training and a major in Administration of Justice. The major emphasizes law enforcement or corrections and leads to the earning of an Associate of Science degree. Most students in this program indicate that they are planning to secure employment in the field of criminal justice. Students can earn college credit while working with employers. Internships are coordinated by the classroom instructor.



The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program is designed for students completing this certificate to acquire skills in recognition of symptoms of illness and/or injury and proper procedures for emergency care. Successful students of the EMT B course are eligible to sit for the national Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (state certification and national testing fees apply). They are also eligible to enter Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic training, which provides opportunity for career advancement, higher pay and greater responsibility in providing emergency health care. Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be prepared for entry-level positions with ambulance companies and in hospital emergency rooms. Opportunities for full- or part-time employment in emergency medical services are available to qualified applicants.

## 9 degrees/certificates

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I went into the COS Fire Academy with expectations and this academy exceeded all of them. This academy has furthered my fire knowledge and encouraged me to stay on the right track towards a career in the fire service.

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– JOSHUA SNODGRASS,  
COS FIRE ACADEMY  
STUDENT



**Correctional  
Officer\***

Starting Pay  
\$55,125

Average Pay  
\$85,961

Experienced Pay  
\$117,017

**Career Growth**  
Next 10 Years



Last 2 years

\*EMSI/Economic Modeling 2016

The first COS  
Fire Academy  
class was offered  
in 1976.



Fire Academy students can complete a 15-unit certificate with the completion of the California State Fire Training Accredited Firefighter 1 Academy, a 30-unit Achievement Certificate in Fire Technology and/or an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science. Coursework from other colleges is accepted as long as the content of the course is the same as that at COS. Firefighter I Academy is offered with the cooperation of the Tulare/Kings Fire Training Officers Association and the Tulare/Kings Fire Chiefs Officers Association. The Firefighter I Academy will be held at various locations throughout Tulare and Kings counties.



Police Academy courses are certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). In order for someone to be eligible to serve as a full time Peace Officer in California, completion of the Basic Police Academy is required. All traditional college financial aid programs and Veteran's benefits apply. While there are a number of agencies that hire candidates and pay for them while they attend the police academy, the majority of agencies, particularly in the Central Valley, require the completion of the Basic Police Academy Certificate prior to employment. Completion of this program allows students to serve in municipal, county and most state law enforcement agencies throughout California.