

## Some Related Activities

### Suggested Courses

All careers in the Public Service Career Path required good communication skills, competent math and writing abilities, punctuality, excellent attendance, and a positive attitude. When planning for four years of high school, include as many of the following courses as possible:

#### English Electives:

Journalism, Speech and Communications

#### Foreign Language Electives

Spanish

#### Social Science Electives

Psychology

#### Business Electives

Business Law, Accounting, Career Preparation



It shall be the policy of the Shelby County Board of Education that the school district shall place emphasis upon the nondiscriminatory provisions of education opportunities for children. No person shall be denied the benefits of any education program or activity on the basis of race, color, handicap, creed, national origin, age, sex, immigrant status, non-English speaking ability, homeless status, or migrant status. All programs offered by schools within the school district shall be open to all students in compliance with statutory and judicial requirements.

#### Community Activities:

Community Service Volunteers  
Fire Explorer  
Job Shadow Day Participation  
Police Ride-Along  
Police Explorer  
Shelby County Government Interns  
Rescue Explorer Program  
Guest Speakers

#### Extra-Curricular In-School Activities:

Field Trips  
Guest Speakers  
Mock Trial  
Peer Tutoring/Counseling  
Student Government  
Law Enforcement Club



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## Shelby County College and Career Center Public Service Academy



### *Mission Statement*

*The Public Service Career Path focuses on the development of social and political awareness while encouraging the pursuit of careers involving protection and service in the private sector and all levels of government.*

**“Preparing Minds, Saving Lives”**

# Is the Public Service Career Path for YOU?

## Do you:

- ◆ Have a concern for people and their problems?
- ◆ Get along with a wide variety of people?
- ◆ Enjoy providing service to other people, such as giving information and seeing to their needs?
- ◆ Enjoy reading or studying how society works?
- ◆ Inspire trust and confidence in others?
- ◆ Write and speak clearly?
- ◆ Like to create, plan, and direct?
- ◆ Like to analyze and evaluate information?



If so, your interests may lie with the Public Service Career Path since it is concerned with providing services concerning people's needs, welfare, and safety.

## Courses Taught:

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Police Patrol

Introduction to Fire Science

Fire Fighting

**Fee: \$75.00**

## Public Service Career Ideas:

### Careers in Protective Services:

Emergency Dispatcher  
Firefighting  
Law Enforcement Officer  
Correctional Officer  
Police Detective  
FBI Agent  
CIA Agent  
Parole Officer  
Probation Officer



### Careers in Government and Community Service:

Social Worker  
Paralegal Assistant  
Military Service  
Social Welfare Trainees  
Court Reporter  
Social Service Aid

The Public Service Academy is a two-year (four credit) program designed to give students knowledge and experience in law enforcement, fire science, and emergency rescue. Course content provides students with opportunities to gain certifications in CPR, First Responder, and pre-EMD Telecommunications. Students will learn important employability skills including filling out a job application, writing a resume, personal hygiene, and how to dress for an interview. Students attend a two hour block class each semester.

Opportunities will be provided to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors for:

- ◆ Better understanding community agencies and resources
- ◆ Becoming a responsible citizen and community leader
- ◆ Creating and following a career plan
- ◆ Developing leadership skills
- ◆ Using critical thinking and problem solving skills to address life issues



Students in this program participate in Skills USA. It is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

CD Lawley placed 1st in the State Skills competition for Firefighting and competed at Nationals.