

PUBLIC SAFETY

Firefighting Careers

Industry Snapshot

The median wage for Entry-level Firefighters is \$38.37 an hour. The Greater Sacramento Region is experiencing a 7% job growth rate, over double that of the state of California as a whole. There is currently a shortage of qualified candidates to meet employer needs.

Average Salary:

\$81,000

Annually



- Teamwork
- Strong Communication
- Motivation

Desired Skills

- Perseverance
- Physical Fitness
- Math Competency

First Steps

Preliminary training is mandatory for any Entry-level Firefighting positions across all employers along with hand on experience. Interested candidates can start out as a reservist or volunteer to gain qualifying experience. Once they obtain a Firefighter 1 and EMT or Paramedic Certification they are eligible to be hired into entry-level positions.

Local Community Colleges Training Courses

- Fire Technology 1 and 2
 - Fire Fighter 1 and 2
 - Basic Wildland Firefighter
 - EMT
 - Paramedic
- Related area:
- Forester

Where should I go next?

- Browse training programs at your local community college at Northstatecareers.org
- Find a Job Center near you to talk to a career coach at Careeronestop.org
- Talk to someone who works in the field or spend a day job shadowing

