

# HS Intro to Public Services

Overall Lesson: **The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Public Services sector**

Sub lesson for Friday, April 10: Pandemic Impact - Public Safety Pathway

## **Learning Target:**

Students will learn how occupations within the Public Safety Pathway are responding to or being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

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- Consider the following question:
  - What comes to mind when you hear “Public Safety”?

# Overview of Public Safety

- What is Public Safety?
  - Careers that protect public from dangers that might affect their safety (crime, disasters) *(Source: USLegal.com)*
  - Careers designed to uphold the law and protect people *(Source: Recruiter)*
  - *Bottom line:* Agency/Agencies whose primary goal is to protect the public and keep them safe.

# Overview of Public Safety

- Made up of many organizations, including police, fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - *Countries can have a public safety department as part of the government, as can states and local governments.*
  - *Colleges and other large organizations can also have public safety divisions.*

# Careers in Public Safety

## - Local Level:

- Police Department
- Sheriff's Department
- Fire Department
- Emergency Dispatcher
- Corrections/Detention
- Forensic Scientists
- Code Enforcement Officers
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/Paramedic
- Emergency Management Department

## - State Level:

- Capitol Police
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Dispatcher
- Missouri Homeland Security
- Missouri Alcohol and Tobacco Control
- Missouri Gaming Commission
- Missouri Veterans Commission
- Missouri Division of Fire Safety/State Fire Marshal
- Missouri Department of Conservation/Fish and Game
- Missouri Department of Corrections
- Probation/Parole Officer
- State Emergency Management

# Careers in Public Safety

## - Federal Level:

- Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
- Capitol Police
- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Customs and Border Protection
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Penitentiary System
- Fish and Wildlife Services
- Forensic Scientists

- Homeland Security
- Immigration and Customs (ICE)
- Internal Revenue Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Postal Service
- Secret Service
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

## - Private Industry:

- Ambulance Services (EMT/Paramedic)
- Private investigators
- Security (both private and executive)

# Practice

- Choose **3 different** careers from the options listed on the previous slides.
  - Try to choose them from different “levels” (local, state, federal, private).
  - Try ***not*** to choose essentially the same job from each level (i.e. city police, highway patrol, FBI).
- Using what we talked about in the “Identifying good sources” lesson, do some research and find **2** articles for **each** career offering information about how the pandemic is affecting their work. (If Googling to find the articles, be specific in your search: “Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on police” or “Police response to COVID-19 pandemic”.)
  - In one paragraph for each career, **summarize** (don’t copy & paste!) the two articles concerning each career. Then, **offer your perspective/analysis** for each career:
    - Are you surprised by how this career has been affected? How do you think the impact the pandemic has had so far on this career might change as the pandemic progresses? How about after the pandemic is over?