



# Government & Public Administration, Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

## Career Opportunities: Protect and serve your community!

Did you know that almost every occupation you can think of can be found in a government sector? Not only does the government provide opportunities for “normal” jobs, but it also includes numerous unique jobs found only in the government and public administration area. You may not want to be the president, but that doesn’t mean you can’t serve your country or state in some other capacity. The possibilities are endless!

### Start Here



**Check to see if your school offers any of these classes...**

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
World Geography	World History	US History	Government/Economics
Pre-AP World Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP Government/AP Economics
Introduction to Criminal Justice	Foreign Language	Sociology	Criminal Investigation
Business Computer Information Systems I	Communication Applications	Psychology	Forensic Science: Code Blue
ROTC I	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	Correctional Systems and Practices	Forensic Science: C.S.I.
	ROTC II	ROTC III	ROTC IV

Don't forget to ask about dual credit classes!

### The Next Step



**Regional training available in your area!**

Cisco Junior College	Howard College	Western Texas College	Texas State Technical College	Vernon College
Criminal Justice (AAS) (C)	Correctional Science (AAS)	Emergency Medical Services (AAS)	EMS Paramedic (AAS)	Criminal Justice (C)
Homeland Security (C)	Criminal Justice (AAS) (C)	Paramedic (C- I, II)	EMT Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic (C)	EMT Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic (C)
	Law Enforcement (AAS)		EMS — MSA Cert I (C)	
	Computer Forensics in Criminal Investigations (C)		Basic Firefighter (C)	
	Digital Forensics Investigations (C- II)			

(AAS) Associate of Applied Science  
(C) Certificate of Completion

### Interested in working for the Police or Fire Departments?

Call your local agencies to get specific information related to your area. West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy - located in Abilene - is sponsored by the Council of Governments and provides certifications for peace officers, corrections officers, and communications personnel. ([www.wctcog.org](http://www.wctcog.org)) ([www.abilenepolice.com](http://www.abilenepolice.com))

**Welcome to your job!**

**Choose the path that is best for you.**

*Entry-Level Careers—High School Diploma, On-the-Job Training, and/or Minimal Experience*

Customs Officer ..... \$27,903	Emergency Dispatcher ..... \$26,350	Bailiffs.....\$21,340
Corrections Officer..... \$28,710	Human Service Assistant..... \$15,308	Compliance Officer.....\$48,450
Security Guard..... \$20,690	Retail Store Detective ..... \$26,339	Court & Municipal Clerk.....\$63,944

*Technical and Skilled Careers—Community College, Associate’s Degree, Apprenticeship, and/or Technical Training*

Court Reporter ..... \$41,641	Fire Inspector..... \$42,766	Firefighter.....\$32,570
Criminal Investigator ..... \$34,716	Police Patrol Officer ..... \$33,420	Emergency Management .....\$47,320
Private Investigator ..... \$32,880	Surveillance Technician..... \$33,048	Legal Assistant .....\$40,590

*Professional Careers—Colleges or Universities, Four-Year Degree or More*

Highway Patrol Officer ..... \$37,427	Police Chief ..... \$78,398	Lawyer.....\$105,890
Police Sergeant ..... \$52,327	Fraud Investigation Officer..... \$46,646	Legislator.....\$30,420
Sheriff ..... \$33,420	Security Coordinator ..... \$45,970	Tax Examiners .....\$45,730

**Regional Information**

**Websites that help you find jobs:**

[www.federaljobsearch.com/Texas](http://www.federaljobsearch.com/Texas)

[www.abilenepolice.com](http://www.abilenepolice.com)

[www.wctcog.org](http://www.wctcog.org)

[www.abilenefiredepartment.org](http://www.abilenefiredepartment.org)

[www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)

[www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us)

[www.tdcj.state.tx.us](http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us)

[www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com)

[www.fieldmedics.com/jobs/states/texas](http://www.fieldmedics.com/jobs/states/texas)

[www.hhsc.state.tx.us](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us)

[www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

[www.texasindustryprofiles.com](http://www.texasindustryprofiles.com)