

**Options EHS Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security**

**Scope and Sequence**

**Unit Lesson**

**Objectives**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER PATHS**

History of Law Enforcement

Understand how law enforcement agencies in the United States have changed to meet social demands over time.

Understand how early American ideas of law enforcement were related to the role of law enforcement in Europe.

Identify major developments in the structure and function of early law enforcement agencies.

Project: Understanding Police History: A Timeline Project

Career Paths for Police Work

Understand the career path that leads to employment as a police officer.

Understand the various stages of education and training that make up the police officer career path.

Explain the goal of each training stage and the kinds of assessments that are used in each stage.

Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement

Understand the importance of the fourth, fifth, and sixth, Amendments in police work.

Understand the importance of the eighth and fourteenth Amendments in police work.

Understand how these amendments help police officers make decisions.

Explain why making decisions that respect the civil rights of citizens is important in police work.

Project: The Bill of Rights: Daily Concerns for Police Officers

History of Federal Law Enforcement

Understand the history of federal law enforcement, as seen through several key agencies.

Understand the history of the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Secret Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Explain how the changing needs and political climate of the nation spurred the creation of federal law enforcement agencies.

Define and explain the role of some of the highest-ranking federal law enforcement officers.

Jurisdiction of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

Understand the jurisdiction of federal law enforcement agencies.

Understand how jurisdiction can be altered through reorganization of law enforcement agencies and laws.

Explain the history and jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security.

Explain the history and components of the Patriot Act.

Understand how federal law enforcement agencies balance private rights of citizens with public safety.

Project: The Responsibilities and Jurisdictions of Law Enforcement Agencies

Federal Law Enforcement Careers

Understand that there are multiple career paths that lead to a successful career in federal law enforcement.

Understand the career paths for FBI special agents and professional staff.

Understand the diversity of careers that are available in federal law enforcement.

Understand that each federal law enforcement agency has its own requirements and training programs.

Project: Making the Team: Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

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**CAREERS IN CORRECTIONS**

History of Prisons and Jails in the United States

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Understand this history of prisons and jails in the United States.

Explain the difference between jails and prisons in the United States.

Understand the issues that motivated different eras of prison reform.

Understand the prison reforms that changed the structure and policy of prisons and jails.

Jails and Jail Administration

Understand and define the differences between prisons and jails.

Explain the major system of administration for jails in the United States.

Understand and explain the development of privatized prison and jails in the United States.

Understand and explain the causes and challenges of jails overcrowding.

Project: Jails in Your County

Correctional Career Paths

Understand and define the requirements for employment in community corrections, jails, and prisons.

Understand the importance of educational and professional experience in career paths in the corrections fields.

Explain the kinds of education training required before and during employment in a corrections setting.

Project: Getting a Job in a Corrections Field

The History and Nature of Probation in the United States

Understand the history and development of probation in the United States.

Explain major developments in the nature of probation and the reasons for these changes.

Understand the role of probation officers.

Explain the importance of probation officers in the life of offenders and the community at large.

Explain the challenges that are currently presented to the probation system.

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Project: Probation in Your State

The History and Nature of Parole in the United States

Understand the definition and nature of parole in the United States.

Understand the historical origins of parole.

Explain the motivations for the establishment of parole.

Understand the role that particular individuals played in establishing parole.

Explain the current options for parole in the US

Explain why parole is still considered controversial.

Careers in Probation and Parole

Understand the differences between probation officers and parole officers.

Understand the educational, professional, and training requirements for probation officers.

Understand the educational, professional, and training requirements for parole officers.

Understand the skill sets that are critical for parole or probation work.

Explain the responsibilities parole and probation officers have to offenders, their families, and the greater community.

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**AMERICAN CRIMINAL LAW AND LEGAL SERVICES**

The Origins of Law in the United States

Understand the differences between common and civil law.

Understand the origins of common law and, to a lesser extent, civil law in the United States.

Explain some of the unifying principles of the American legal system.

Define the basic terminology that pertains to the legal system of the United States.

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Federalism in the United States

Understand the meaning and significance of federalism for law in the United States.

Understand the balance of power between state and federal levels of government within the United States.

Understand the importance of the United States Constitution.

Explain the purpose of the Constitution.

Explain the nature of the Bill of Rights.

Explain the relationship between the Constitution and law in the United States today.

Project: Whose Laws Reign Supreme? The Supreme Court and Federal Law

The Adversarial Due Process System

Understand the nature of adversarial due process.

Understand the origin of the adversarial due process system in the United States.

Explain the basic features of the adversarial due process system.

Explain the role that individual historical figures played in the establishment of the adversarial due process system.

Project: Civil versus Common Law

Federal and Local Criminal Defense in the United States

Understand the constitutional guarantee to a fair and speedy trial.

Explain the importance of Gideon v. Wainwright in the history of the American legal system.

Explain the structures of state and federal public defender services.

Explain the similarities differences between state and federal public defender services.

Identify the career steps involved in pursuing a career in public defense law.

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Federal and Local Prosecutors in the United States

Understand the role of public prosecutors in the United States.

Understand the similarities and differences between state and federal prosecutors.

Understand the origins of public prosecution in the United States.

Understand the career path to work as a public prosecutor.

Project: Entertainment Versus Fiction

Paralegals, Court Reporters, and Mediators

Understand the role of paralegals, court stenographers and legal mediators.

Understand the duties and responsibilities of professionals in each of these careers.

Understand the job outlook for these careers.

Understand the career paths for these legal professionals.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

History of Firefighters in the United States

Understand the history of firefighting in the ancient world.

Understand the history of firefighting in Europe and the United States.

Understand the historical challenges and developments to firefighting within the United States.

Explain how technological developments changed the course of firefighting.

Explain how firefighting organizations were organized at various points in American history.

The Training and Role of Firefighters

Understand the educational requirements for firefighters.

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Understand the physical requirements for firefighters.

Understand the nature and demands of training for firefighters.

Understand the components of physical aptitude tests for firefighters.

Understand the differences between career and volunteer firefighters.

Project: Becoming a Firefighter in Your State

Specialized Firefighters

Understand the different specialties which can be held by a firefighter.

Understand the training and educational requirements for specialized firefighters.

Understand the kinds of fires and emergency situations contained by specialized firefighters.

Understand the similarities and differences between conventional and specialized firefighting.

Project: Beyond Smokey the Bear: Wildland Firefighters

History of Emergency Medical Services in the U.S.

Understand the history of EMS in the United States.

Understand the major historical developments that contributed to modern EMS.

Understand the legislative and administrative decisions that help to modernize EMS.

Understand the basic challenges to providing effective EMS care.

EMT Levels and Certification

Understand the different levels of EMT training in the United States.

Understand the differences between EMTs and paramedics.

Understand the variety of medical interventions that can be applied by EMTs and paramedics.

Understand the basic career pathways for both EMTs and paramedics.

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Project: Charting a Career Path as an EMT

EMT Medical Procedures

Understand the basic medical procedures commonly used by EMTs.

Understand the lifesaving role each medical procedure plays in the work of an EMT.

Describe the intended purpose of life support.

Understand the role that different medical procedures play in basic life support settings.

Understand the basic skillsets that are important for EMTs and paramedics.

Project: CPR - A Life Saving Skill

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**PRIVATE SECURITY CAREER PATHS**

History of the Private Security Industry

Understand the outline of the history of private security in the ancient and modern world.

Understand the long-standing importance of security professionals.

Understand the long and complex relationship between private security and military forces.

Understand how the modern private security industry got started in the United States.

Understand the basic nature of the modern private security industry.

Career Paths in Private Security

Understand the general requirements for private security officers.

Understand that specific requirements for private security officers vary by agency.

Understand the role of private security officers in protecting private property and individuals.

Explain the potential career paths for a selection of private security careers.

Project: Requirements for a Private Security



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	Job	
	Training Requirements by State for Security Professionals	<p>Understand the diversity in training requirement for security professionals from state to state.</p> <p>Understand the standards of training required by states that establish state-wide standards.</p> <p>Understand the standards of training required by states that do not establish state-wide standards.</p> <p>Evaluate the differences between these two system of regulation for private security officers.</p>
	Project: Licensing Requirements in Your State	
	Constitutional Law and Private Security	<p>Understand how Constitutional law is applied in private security settings.</p> <p>Understand why Constitutional law is different in private security settings.</p> <p>Understand the implications of different applications of Constitutional law in private security settings, both for employees and for citizens.</p> <p>Understand the relevance of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments in private security work.</p>
	Partnerships Between Private Security and Law Enforcement Agencies	<p>Understand the collaborative relationships between private security and law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Understand the advantages and disadvantages to these collaborations.</p> <p>Understand the major categories of collaboration that take place between private security and law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Understand the focus of collaborations between private security and law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Understand key components of sharing activities between the two agencies.</p>
	Project: Understanding International Law: The UN Mercenary Ban	

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**COURSE PROJECT, REVIEW, AND EXAM**

Review

Exam