According to the 2019 Idaho Career Information System—

- This is a “very large occupation” with a projected 10 year growth of “faster than average” and annual openings are rated as “high.”

- Firefighters make a median wage of $25.58/hour in the Boise area and at the 75% of the range, earnings on average are $30.28/hour.

- To work as a firefighter, one must pass a written and health exam, a physical test, complete firefighter training and some on-the-job training.

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**Other Police, Fire & EMS offerings:**

- Emergency Medical Technicians-EMT
- Law Enforcement, Detention, & Corrections

Many CTE courses offer college credit and each program has a related club and competitions students can get involved in. See a copy of a current Course Description Handbook for complete details of all course offerings.

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When one becomes a firefighter their greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What they do after that is all in the line of work.

~Edward F. Croker

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Fire Service training is offered through the CTE Center-Renaissance Campus. A highlight of the program is the strong partnership between Meridian Fire (MFD) and Nampa Fire Departments. It provides students in the program valuable hands-on “real world” contact, mentorships and applied experiences. Students actively participate in community service activities on behalf of MFD and participate regularly in “live” field practice held at the fire department’s training tower. In Fire Service II, students are assigned mentors, do ride-downs and complete once-a-month 12 hour shifts.

**Certifications:**
Students may earn an American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR Certification.

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**Course Offerings**

**Orientation to Police, Fire & Emergency Services** — Topics include: Fitness Readiness, Ethics and Professionalism, Report Writing, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting, Emergency Medical Services, First Aid, CPR Training, and the National Incident Management System. This program is designed to simulate recruit academies.

**Fire Service I** — Students learn skills required for entry-level firefighters. Students will train using real fire gear using the National Fire Protection Agency guidelines. Students will explore various career opportunities within the field of Fire Service and must provide transportation to off-campus “field” experiences and events.

**Fire Service II** — Students will develop skills needed and required for students planning to begin a career in Fire Service such as how to respond to a stressful simulated situation. Given the opportunity, students will complete an externship with a local fire service agency approved by instructor. Throughout the class, students will be held to professional standards as they develop administration and performance skills. Students must provide their own transportation to off-site events and trainings.

**EMT-Basic** — The prerequisite for this course is Medical Terminology as well as, either Fire Services I. The class covers skills needed in order to prepare students for the State of Idaho examination in EMT Basics and to become an EMT.