

Highlights from the *Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security in Virginia* Career Cluster Brief

The occupations in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Career Cluster provide employment for about 4 percent of Virginians. This, along with other information, may be found in the recently-released Career Cluster Brief, *Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security in Virginia*. The highly skilled public service professionals making their careers in these fields are vital to the day-to-day life of our communities and to the future of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH PRIORITIES

CTE graduates involved in this career cluster may pursue careers in a diverse array of fields. Recent Commonwealth priorities related to occupations in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security include

- Rail safety improvements,
- Mental health protection and treatment options, and
- Disaster preparedness.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

By 2020, employment in this Career Cluster is expected to grow by 13 percent over 2010 levels, with some of the highest growth rates found in employment for

- EMTs & Paramedics,
- Lawyers,
- Private Detectives & Investigators, and
- Transportation Security Screeners.

The diversity of careers within this cluster results in demand for many levels of educational attainment, from high school degrees to post-graduate work.

TECHNOLOGY AND LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, AND SECURITY

New data gathering mechanisms, emerging data management systems, and changes in legislation governing data collection and sharing practices and protocols will influence all career areas within this cluster. In addition, highly specialized surveillance equipment—including sophisticated robots—will play an increasingly important role in the areas of public safety and security. **Students who understand that careers in these areas are projected to become more data- and technology- driven will be more likely to make informed decisions about how they may contribute to the fields of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security.**