

EASTSIDE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

General Description

The new Eastside Public Safety Training Center will be located approximately 15 miles northeast of the Victor Valley College Campus near the intersection of Johnson Road and Navajo Road. The facility would consolidate three Victor Valley Community College programs related to public safety training and career development: the Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science/Fire-Fighting, and Administration of Justice programs. In addition, the facility would include a prop yard consisting of various fire training props, and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training area.

Mission

The mission of Victor Valley Community College is three-fold:

- To enable students to succeed and to develop competence through academic and vocational instruction at the lower division College level. This instruction will lead to the granting of certificates and degrees as well as transfer to other institutions;
- To contribute to community and state-wide economic growth and competitiveness through vocational and technical instruction leading to employment, continuing education, student support services, adult non-credit instruction, and instruction in basic skills and English as a Second Language;
- To foster personal development and life-long learning through culturally enriching programs and activities for the expanding learning community.

Goals

- Train new firefighters, police officers, paramedics and emergency medical technicians.
- Expand opportunities to upgrade skills for existing public safety professionals.
- Hold live drills in firefighting, police pursuits and disaster response.
- Integrate general education programs for Associate Degrees in public safety fields.

Community Relationship

The development of the Eastside Public Safety Training Center has been a collaborative effort between the Victor Valley Community College District, the Town of Apple Valley, and the Apple Valley Fire Protection District to develop a comprehensive training center in the areas of Administration of Justice, Allied Health and Fire Technology which will service the needs of the surrounding community.

The Eastside Public Safety Training Center will provide a comprehensive training center which allows students to integrate general education programs for Associate Degrees in public safety fields as well as permitting students who wish to pursue a continuation of higher educational the opportunity of obtaining units for transfer.

Programs

Administration of Justice

Program Description: The Administration of Justice program is designed to develop a student's understanding of the various operational functions within the criminal justice system. The educational

emphasis will be the examination of crime causation, functions of law enforcement, criminal court system, and corrections. Students majoring in this subject area can prepare themselves for careers in law enforcement, corrections, and security at both the operational and administrative levels.

All areas of Administration of Justice require that individuals possess the personal and physical qualities essential to effective peace officers. Many employment opportunities currently exist for individuals desiring entrance into law enforcement or related fields at various governmental levels. Security and corrections are fast-growing professions. Individuals interested in these professions should understand that the work is demanding, requiring a combination of training, education, and experience, along with mental and physical stamina.

Allied Health

Program Description: The Allied Health department offers an assortment of courses in various health interest areas. Allied Health is comprised of a cluster of five programs: Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, and other Allied Health courses. Programs proposed for the Allied Eastside Public Safety Training Academy includes Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic programs.

The Emergency Medical Technician is the beginning level for response personnel. Emergency Medical Technician is the minimum preparation required to work on an Ambulance, for a Fire Department and many other Public Safety positions. This course is also required for students desiring to become a Paramedic and / or Firefighter.

Fire Technology

Program Description: The Fire Technology Department at Victor Valley College provides training and educational opportunities for students to become eligible for employment as a part time firefighter with a local agency, a seasonal firefighter with the United States Forest Service, a full time firefighter with the California Department of Forestry, or a full time fighter with any municipal fire department in California and many states in the western United States.

Victor Valley College is accredited as a Regional Training Facility through the State Fire Marshal's office and offers accredited courses that meet the professional standards required by the California State Fire Marshal's Office. Students must complete each of these courses with a passing score of 70 percent or better, and in some cases and 80 percent or better to earn certificates that many employers require for consideration for employment.

The program provides classes to students who are seeking an opportunity for a career in the fire service as well as career development for firefighters who are looking for advancement to company officer, fire prevention specialist, and chief officer positions.

The department provides a series of classes that will give entry level students the basic skills and abilities to pass the required employment examinations for a paid call firefighter position with any of the local agencies.

Several classes also prepare the student for entry into the Firefighter I Academy, an eight week 360 hour rigorous course of study that will, when successfully completed, earn the student a certificate from a certified training academy that they meet the professional standards for entry level firefighter.

CONCEPTUAL PLAN OF THE EASTSIDE PUBLIC TRAINING CENTER

