Public Safety Pathway:

In the Public Safety pathway students will study content area skills including constitutional law, court systems, policing issues and trends, crime scenes and evidence collecting. Students will learn the qualifications and requirements for multiple public service careers and learn the nature, history and philosophy of law enforcement. Students will also have the opportunity to use advanced equipment and technology and learn from industry professionals through guest speakers, field trips, and more!

To sign up for a Public Safety course, contact your OHS counselor!

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- A. Arcelles
Class of 2021

Pathway Teacher:

Mr. Thompson has been a CTE Public Service Instructor in the field of Law Enforcement for over fifteen years. He is a retired police officer with training and experience in various fields of Law Enforcement including SWAT, K-9, Undercover details, Investigations, and Crime Scene Investigation. He currently teaches Criminal Justice, Emergency Dispatch, CSI, and Professional Internship.

For more information contact Public Service Pathway teacher Mr. Thompson, randy.thompson@orangeusd.org
Sample Four-Year Plan:

This represents a sample four-year plan sequencing the classes offered in our Public Safety Pathway. Students must complete a level (02) and (03) course to be a pathway completer and earn a tassel to wear at graduation. Students should work closely with their counselor to incorporate appropriate honors, and AP courses as well as other graduation and A-G required courses.

### Course Descriptions:

**Criminal Justice (02):** Explores criminal justice history, modern-day policing issues, community policing, criminal law, investigations, crime scene investigation, case law, and corrections. Students will also learn about the court system and trial while developing employability and soft skills. This course is articulated to Cypress College.

**Crime Scene Investigation (03):** Students will learn methods and protocols for the collection, preservation and analysis of evidence. Students research blood, DNA, bones, time of death, ballistics, fingerprints, forgery, as well as other forms of evidence. Students analyze mock crime scenes, including searching for and collection of evidence, as well as recreating the crime scene and possible motives. Students practice communication skills, report writing, and presentation skills.

**Professional Internship (03):** Professional Internship is a semester long course that allows students to apply academic and career readiness skills in a workplace environment. Instruction will combine standards-based classroom instruction with extended on-site industry experience. Students will learn all aspects of professionalism and apply 21st century skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, resume building and interview skills all in a real-world setting. This is a capstone course for all Career Technical Education Pathways.