

# Unexpected Studies and Cool Jobs!

## Firefighter/EMT



### Why become a firefighter?

You save lives, you protect people and property, you are part of a team, you interact with people, you lead and follow, you stay fit, you get paid well, you have job security, you have a flexible work schedule, you can advance!

### How do you become a firefighter?

- You take the Civil Service Test
- You need a GED or higher
- You take a physical test
- You take a background check (no felonies allowed)
- You take classes and earn your Firefighter/EMT cards.

Employment as a firefighter is projected to grow 4% (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Median Pay for firefighters in the United States is \$50,700. (BLS)

The average firefighter salary in Ohio is \$52,530 (firefightergarage.com)

## How do I become a Firefighter/EMT?

You will need some form of training – either before you are hired or within a specified time frame after hire.

You may be able to earn your EMT card within a specific time period after completing firefighter training

- Community Colleges offer training as a Firefighter/EMT
- The Medina County Career Center (MCCC) offers firefighter training -- as a High School student or beyond.
- ❖ If you are under the age of 24 and graduated from a High School in Medina County check into getting your training for free at the Career Center!

The fire class is 260 hours and the EMT class is 224. All Adults can take the firefighter class at the MCCC but will pay tuition unless they meet the above criterion.

- Can you gear up in 90 Seconds?
- Do you want to help people?
- Are you physically fit?
- Can you lift as much as a nurse
- needs to lift in their job?
- Do you seek a bond with co-workers?

**If you answered YES to these questions  
Being a Firefighter may be for You!**



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