

Firefighter

PANHANDLE

Average Wage

\$16.16

*Average Annual
Job Openings*

25

*Employment in
2002 2014*

450 550

TEXAS

Average Wage

\$20.65

*Average Annual
Job Openings*

1,220

*Employment in
2002 2014*

19,850 26,300

UNITED STATES

*Employment in
2006*

283,630

Female 2%

Minority 25%

EMPLOYMENT CODES

OES 63008

*O*NET 33-2011.00*

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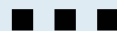
JOB DESCRIPTION

Help protect the public by rapidly responding to a variety of emergencies including putting out a fire, treating injuries at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency, or performing other vital functions.



SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Mechanical aptitude
- ◆ Mental alertness and good judgment
- ◆ Endurance and strength
- ◆ Self-discipline and dependability
- ◆ Courage and a sense of public service
- ◆ Initiative and ability to get along well with others



Fire fighters are frequently the first emergency personnel at a scene. At fires, they connect hose lines to hydrants, operate a pump to send water to high-pressure hoses, and position ladders to enable them to deliver water to the fire. They also rescue victims, provide emergency medical attention as needed, ventilate smoke-filled areas, and attempt to salvage the contents of buildings. Sometimes they remain at the site of a disaster for days at a time, rescuing trapped survivors and assisting with medical treatment.

Some fire fighters work in hazardous materials units that are trained for the control, prevention, and cleanup of materials.

Between alarms, fire fighters clean and maintain equipment, conduct practice drills and fire inspections, and participate in physical fitness activities. They also prepare written reports on fire incidents and review fire science literature to keep abreast of technological developments and changing administrative practices and policies.

PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training Provider	Direct	Related	Education Offering
Amarillo College Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford	√		A.A.S. (Associate in Applied Science Degree), Fire Protection Technology Major
	√		Certificate of Completion (Fire Protection - Basic Firefighter)

For information on public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

Required: Texas Basic Firefighter Certification

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

Local Government	95%
Support Services	2%
Federal Government	2%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	1%

FOR MORE INFORMATION

International Association of Fire Fighters, 1750 New York Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20006, (202) 737-8484, <http://www.iaff.org>

U.S. Fire Administration, 16825 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1000, <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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