Public Safety Management  
IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs

ABOUT THE MAJOR

You will learn about the administration of emergency services, principles of public safety, and the art of decision-making. Topics of concern in this emerging field are public safety, criminal justice, financial management, terrorism and public policy, public management, emergency services administration, solid and hazardous waste management, research methods and GIS techniques.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: strategic planning, project management, communication, and leadership.

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of emergency management directors is expected to grow 6 percent from 2014 to 2024. Employment is likely to grow fastest in private companies, as they will want to have safety and security plans in place and ready to be implemented in the event of a natural disaster or terror attack.

Salary Information

According to the IUPUI First Destination Survey, the average starting salary for public safety management graduates was $36,000. The median annual salary for public safety officials is about $70,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2016).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

SPEA public safety management graduates often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Public Administration (MPA), Business administration (MBA), Law, and Health administration (MHA).

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

School of Environmental and Public Affairs  
801 W Michigan Street  
spea.iupui.edu

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
www.fema.gov

Department of Homeland Security  
www.dhs.org

Sample Coursework:

- American criminal justice system
- Public safety in America
- Terrorism and public policy
- Emergency services management
- Foundation of homeland security
- Mapping and analysis for public safety

Possible Careers:

- Public safety director
- Fire service manager*
- Homeland security planner or director
- Emergency management coordinator
- First responder*

*indicates career requires further education/training

Where Could I Work?

- Indianapolis EMS
- TSA
- Homeland Security (state or federal)
- Public health agencies
- Research agencies

Complementing Interests:

Enterprising  Social  Realistic

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