Given the unique conditions that have developed in our country over the last several years in public safety and homeland security, the roles of firefighters and other fire protection personnel have gained increasing importance. The scope of responsibilities and knowledge requirements of a firefighter have grown significantly and now include emergency medical services, assisting in the recovery from disasters, responding to and recovering from hazardous materials incidents, building safety compliance issues, public education, wildlands firefighting, mutual aid and more.

**Why Fire Protection Technology at SUNY Orange?**

As a founding member of the Hudson Valley Educational Consortium (HVEC), SUNY Orange can offer emergency management and innovative technology programs from three nearby community colleges to students in Orange County. The Fire Protection Technology program, coordinated by SUNY Rockland, will prepare graduates to perform as a firefighter and effective member of a multi-agency emergency response team. Graduates will learn to effectively communicate their knowledge of fire science and demonstrate critical thinking skills.

**Top 5 Reasons You Should Study Fire Protection Technology at SUNY Orange**

- Experts predict demand for trained fire protection personnel to grow by 12 percent in the coming years.
- For your convenience, SUNY Orange is able to offer this program—from Rockland Community College—as a member of the Hudson Valley Educational Consortium (HVEC).
- You will utilize a blend of classroom instruction, online study and interactive video technology.
- This program meets state and federal emergency management education/training requirements.
- This degree will also prepare graduates for potential transfer to four-year colleges or universities.

“Applicants (for fire protection jobs) with the best chances are those who are physically fit and score the highest on physical conditioning and mechanical aptitude exams. Those who have completed some firefighter education at a community college and have EMT or paramedic certification will have an additional advantage.”

Bureau of Labor Statistics