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Emergency management is the gathering and coordination of essential public safety resources including volunteers, ambulances, firefighters, police officers and public workers. Employees in this field are focused on protecting civilians, property and nature against disasters of all types.

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- Healthcare.
- Education.
- Science and technology.
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- Management.
- Administrative support.
- Human resources.
- Military.
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#### **POLICE OFFICER**

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intense decisions, responsible for quick decision-making and find themselves in physically demanding situations. Traffic enforcement officers find themselves in scenarios ranging from routine traffic stops to high-speed chases.

To become a protector of peace, officers must graduate from their agency's training academy before completing a portion of on-the-job training.

#### EMERGENCY DISPATCHER

As a 911 dispatcher, you will be under pressure to keep callers calm while they are facing an emergency. These roles offer shift flexibility, as offices are open around the clock to be available to the community.

Dispatchers must listen to a distressed person's situation and determine which type of responder is best suited to assist.

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

EMTs and paramedics are typically the first on the scene of an emergency. They are responsible for performing medical services and transporting patients to medical facilities.

#### EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN

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### **HOT JOB PROFILE**

### NURSE ANESTHETISTS, NURSE MIDWIVES AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Number of jobs in 2019: 263,400

**Job outlook, 2019-29:** 45% (Much faster than average)

Employment change, 2019-29: 117,700

**The role:** Nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty health care.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Education required:** Nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners must earn at least a master's degree in one of theadvanced practice registered nurses roles. They must also be licensed in their state and pass a national certification exam.

**Job outlook:** Growth will occur primarily because of an increased emphasis on preventive care and demand for health care services from an aging population.

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