

## Public Safety Dispatcher Course Information

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The Public Safety Dispatcher (AJ-170) Course is a P.O.S.T.- mandated 120 hour (5 college units) course and will prepare you for a career as a dispatcher, a well-paid and in-demand position throughout the State. The course is now offered as a three week intensive, offered Monday-Friday from 8 am - 5 pm.

- This class is NOT required in order to APPLY as a dispatcher but will be required within a year of being hired by a law-enforcement agency.
- Having the training in advance will give you an advantage over other applicants who lack the training.
- Applicants for dispatch positions at law enforcement agencies will be subject to thorough background checks as required by law.
- <u>IMPORTANT</u>: In order to receive POST certification for completion of this course, students are allowed to miss no more than 5% (6 hours) of the course -- absences beyond that will result in the student NOT receiving a completion certificate.

This course is next tentatively scheduled for **Fall 2025**. Check the College of the Redwoods class schedule for specifics.