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## Applications open for Charleston County Department of Public Safety Student Leadership and Intern Program

*Partnership between Charleston County's Public Safety Directorate and the Charleston County School District.*

Charleston County public high school juniors can now apply for the Department of Public Safety Student Leadership and Intern Program. Students will be trained to work in the Emergency Medical Services Department or the Consolidated 9-1-1 Dispatch Center.

The internship is only offered to Charleston County Public High School juniors and is paid 13.75/hour. The four-to-six-week summer program provides career readiness training in addition to industry recognized certifications and credentials. The program will begin in June and include some weekends during the school year. Signed parental or guardian approval is required for students to participate.

Applications and qualifications can be found here: <http://workfor911.com/>.

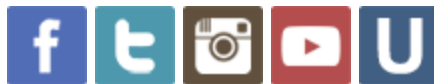
"We want to encourage Charleston County students to apply for this program," said Deputy County Administrator of Public Safety Eric Watson. "The goal is to empower local students to become future leaders within Charleston County Government, and those who are successful can land a good paying job with great benefits."

Last fall, the Charleston County Public Safety Directorate and Charleston County School District partnered to create a new program for high school students interested in a career in public safety. The two-year program includes four-to-six weeks of paid training in the summer months for high school juniors and another four-to-eight weeks of paid training for returning seniors the next summer. Applicants who complete the certification courses will be eligible for a fast track to employment with our 9-1-1 Consolidated Dispatch Center or Emergency Medical Services.

There is no cost to the student to join this program. The program is currently available for careers in our 9-1-1 Consolidated Dispatch Center and EMS department.

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