Over the past three years, the Fire Technology Program at Sierra College has developed into one of the state’s leading fire service educational and training locations for hundreds of students seeking careers in the fire service.

* In addition to certificate and degrees offered, the program administers two Firefighter-1 Academies per year. Sierra also offers a Firefighter-2 Academy, the 1st program in the state of California to do so.
* Being a leader in fire service education, Sierra College is the only California community college teaching the new national model State Firefighter-1 curriculum and was chosen as the beta test site for administering said curriculum.
* In just three short years, the enrollment to the Fire Academy skyrocketed from just 25 applicants in Fall 2013 to over 90 per semester for the past two semesters.
* The program has become a California State Fire Service Training model that many other community colleges and fire academies have fostered.

Success and Retention Rates:

* In Fall 2014, the overall success and retention rates were 81% and 90% respectfully. In Spring 2016, the success and retention rates rose to 90% and 96% respectfully.
* The Fire Academy success rate average in 2013-2014 was 77% and rose to 85% in Spring 2016.
* From Spring 2014 through Spring 2016, the Fire Technology Program issued 2,195 individual California State Fire Training certifications to Fire Academy students, and 1,201 California State Fire Training and /or CSTI certifications to in-service career firefighters.
* 98% of Fire Academy graduates are immediately placed into full time internships with local fire agencies after graduation.

Sierra’s Fire Technology Staff:

* With only 2 full-time staff members, there is representation on the CTE committee, Curriculum committee, Facility Master Plan Taskforce, Academic Senate, Fire Advisory Board, Re-engineering Sierra College for Student Success Taskforce (R4S), Diversity and Equity training group, and the California Fire Technology Directors Association.
* Just recently, in partnership with the Administration of Justice department, a student Public Safety Club was created to aid students in their pursuit of a Public Safety career and community involvement.

**The Sierra College Fire Technology program is committed to the mission of the college in aiding students to develop the knowledge, skills and abilities to become engaged and contributing members of the community.**