



# UTAH STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



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To Whom It May Concern:

In behalf of the Utah State Fire Chiefs Association, I express my support and enthusiasm for the proposed Forensic Science Program at Utah Valley State College.

This program has the potential to benefit the fire service in many areas. The science of fire cause and origin as it relates to arson and fraud is the most obvious area of benefit to the fire service, but there are potentially many others. The preservation of crime scene evidence at fire scenes, terrorist incidents, emergency medical scenes, bomb responses, and hazardous materials responses are all areas in which the fire service could benefit from this program.

It is also important to note that the fire service and law enforcement are working more closely together in these days of homeland security threats. A program like this would likely assist in a better coordination between public safety officials of all disciplines.

The Utah State Fire Chiefs Association promotes training and education for fire service personnel, and endorses this proposal for a Forensic Science Program as another means to educate those who service the public safety interests of this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Blair Camp".

D. Blair Camp, President  
Utah State Fire Chiefs Association