

SENIOR IDENTIFICATION OFFICER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is technical work of a complex nature which involves responsibility for overseeing and participating in the classification, processing and custody of records and materials (evidence) gathered at crime scenes. The work is performed under the direction of a higher level officer and work guidance (e.g. lead work) may be exercised over a small number of officers involved in identification duties. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Oversees and participates in the collection and processing of criminal information and evidence from crime scenes;
Makes daily work assignments to technical staff;
Photographs crime scenes and autopsies and takes surveillance and aerial photographs using a variety of special camera equipment;
Processes various types of black and white and color film and makes prints and enlargements;
Develops latent fingerprints at crime scenes and on evidence;
Identifies bodies using a variety of fingerprint techniques;
Prepares fingerprint comparison chart for court and testifies to same;
Operates appropriate machine to electronically prepare composite pictures of suspects from eyewitness information;
Operates and develops a coded microfilm system for fingerprints and mug shots.
Prepares reports as necessary.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of modern methods and procedures of fingerprint identification; thorough knowledge of the techniques of fingerprint lifting and developing; thorough knowledge of photography and other identification procedures; good knowledge of the uses of police identification; good knowledge of the behavior, techniques and modus operandi of different types of criminals; good knowledge of the techniques of post-mortem skin conditioning for fingerprint development; ability to identify and analyze crime scene evidence; ability to photograph crime scenes; ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and five (5) years of experience in police or criminal identification work for a public agency, at least two (2) years which must have been in criminal identification.

PROMOTION: Two (2) years of permanent status as an Identification Officer.

NOTE: Training in Police Science at an approved college may be substituted for up to two (2) years of police work or criminal identification work on a year-for-year basis, however, candidates must have at least one (1) year of work experience in criminal identification.

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