

Forensic Scientist 2 – Firearms and Toolmarks

Reference: Job ID #1610

Salary: \$95,000/yr

Department: Medical Examiner's

Anticipated Work Schedule: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Reports To: Supervisor, Firearms and Toolmarks

Full Time or Part Time: Full Time

Regular or Temporary: Regular

Bargaining Unit: Fraternal Order of Police

Classified or Unclassified: Classified

FLSA: Exempt

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To be considered for this position, please visit <https://www.cuyahogacounty.gov/human-resources> to create a profile and apply. Consideration will only be given to those who apply on the Cuyahoga County job portal.

Summary

The purpose of this classification is to examine and interpret firearms and toolmarks evidence associated with alleged criminal acts; to inspect and test fire all kinds of firearms and examine fired ammunition recovered from a crime scene to determine if it was fired by a particular firearm, interpret results and prepare reports for assigned casework and testify in the court of law.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is a journey-level classification working under general supervision. Positions in this class are expected to independently perform recurring, well-precedented projects using standard methods and techniques. Incumbents establish and maintain quality control, an ensure proper preservation and documentation of evidence. Employees receive instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise, and are expected to become fully aware of methods, protocols, procedures, applicable regulations, and of methods for the analysis of data and results.

Essential Job Functions

Conducts examinations and comparisons of firearms, bullets, shells, casings, tool marks and other related items; applies instrumental, physical, and/or chemical techniques in the examination of firearm and tool mark evidence; disassembles, reassembles, renders safe, and tests firearms to determine operability, safety, and accuracy; documents unique characteristics and records physical parameters using measuring projections, micrometers, etc.; performs distance determination and examination of gunshot patterns with test standards; uploads into and reviews data from NIBIN, the National Integrated ballistic Information Network; prepares findings and issues reports based on the results of the examination.

Reviews/compiles case files and firearm evidence.

Cleans and maintains worksite and laboratory equipment; transfers and maintains evidence in storage.

Testifies in court as an expert witness; communicates with attorneys and law enforcement personnel; attends meetings.

Minimum Requirements

Bachelor of Science degree in natural/physical science and two (2) years of laboratory experience performing firearms and toolmark evidence analysis; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

Application Process

This is a non-competitive, classified position. The Personnel Review Commission (PRC) will check your application to make sure you meet the minimum qualifications. If you do, the PRC will put your name on an eligibility list. To fill this opening, the PRC sends the hiring department and Human Resources (HR) a certified eligibility list. HR helps the hiring department decide who from the certified list to follow up with for interviews and then a job offer.

Most of our communication with candidates is through email. Regularly check the email address you gave us in your job profile. Watch your Spam folder, just in case.

If we offer you a job, you must pass a drug screen and background check before the offer becomes final. Prior criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify you from employment; the County looks at criminal convictions on a case-by-case basis using the guidelines in [Chapter 306 of the County Code](#).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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The County is committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all individuals regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, language, religion, citizenship status, sex, age, marital status, sexual preference or orientation, gender identity/expression, military/veteran status, disability, genetic information, membership in a collective bargaining unit, status with regard to public assistance, or political affiliation.

If you need assistance applying or participating in any part of the candidate experience, contact Human Resources at 216-443-7190 and ask to speak with a talent acquisition team member.