

SENIOR CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, provides lead direction to technicians engaged in processing prisoners and/or evidence used in the prosecution of criminals; and operates an automated fingerprint identification system.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED

Receives supervision from a Supervising Crime Scene Technician.
Exercises no supervision.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Senior Crime Scene Technician is the lead level class in the Crime Scene Technician series. On an assigned shift, an incumbent assigns and directs the work of technicians and other assistants in the Police Department's Crime Scene Bureau. Work consists of various identification and evidence duties including fingerprint classification, latent comparison, indexing, maintaining identification records, and special duties related to evidence collection and preservation. Incumbents also perform the more complex tasks associated with the operation of the Cal-ID System. This class is distinguished from Crime Scene Technician II in that incumbents of the latter perform journey level work and are not normally assigned lead level duties. This class is distinguished from Supervising Crime Scene Technician in that the latter class is the first-line supervisor.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

may include, but are not limited to, the following :

Provides lead direction and participates in police identification activities, including collecting, preparing, identifying, analyzing and preserving evidence.

Provides lead direction and participates in fingerprint classification, latent comparison, indexing, and filing operation; maintains identification records, including photographs and fingerprints.

Provides lead direction at major crime scenes for evidence collection and preservation; assists in conducting special investigations.

Performs the more complex tasks associated with the operation of the Cal-ID automated fingerprint system, including evaluating prints for entry, purging of fingerprints stored in system, maintaining records, and collecting statistical data.

Provides lead direction in establishing and administering training programs for technicians and other department personnel.

Testifies in court as an expert witness regarding evidence.

Performs the duties of the Supervising Crime Scene Technician in the Supervisor's absence.

Operates photographic equipment.

Performs related duties as required.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

The principles and practices of criminal identification in modern police work.

Standard fingerprint classification and latent comparison methods, practices, records, and equipment.

The principles and practices for narcotics presumptive testing.

The principles and techniques for collection of DNA samples and trace evidence testing.

The principles and techniques of photography and photographic processing.

The current literature, trends and developments in the field of criminal identification technology.

Ability to:

Perform tasks associated with the collection, development, and analysis of evidence.

Testify in court as an expert witness.

Direct the duties of technicians engaged in processing prisoners and/or evidence used in the prosecution of criminals.

Communicate effectively, verbally and in writing.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Experience:

Three years of experience with a law enforcement crime lab or identification unit; or

Two years of experience as a Crime Scene Technician with the Fresno Police Department, one year of which must have been as a Crime Scene Technician II.

Special Requirement:

Possession of a valid California Driver's License at time of appointment.

APPROVED: _____
Director of Personnel

DATE: _____

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