

## CRIMINALIST I

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is routine professional laboratory work in the chemical, physical and biological analysis and comparison of criminal evidence.

Employees in this class perform a variety of routine criminal laboratory work independently after initial training and work under close supervision on a variety of more complex developmental assignments.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (These examples do not list all the duties which may be assigned; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)

Searches for, collects and safeguards evidence at scenes of crimes or other places requiring police investigation.

Collects blood stains, narcotics, powder, glass and other possible evidence for microscopic examinations and laboratory tests.

Assists in the conduct of chemical and physical analysis and microscopic examinations in the identification and comparison of evidence.

Prepares reports and maintains accurate laboratory records.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of laboratory techniques in performing chemical microscopic, spectrographic, x-ray, diffraction and photographic examinations.

Ability to learn and apply the methods used in collecting and preserving physical evidence and presentation of such evidence in court.

Ability to testify effectively in court as an expert witness.

Ability to perceive normal color and to perform extended microscopic work.


Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Graduation from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology, police forensic sciences, or criminalistics.

Established: July 1980

  
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DAVID R. FLORES, Executive Director  
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