

Class code: 3234
Grade: P-17

FINGERPRINT SPECIALIST II

NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is full performance level technical work performed with the assistance of a computerized automated fingerprint identification system involving the examination and identification of latent fingerprints, palm prints and similar or related evidence pertaining to major criminal cases. Work is performed under the general supervision of a Fingerprint Specialist IV. Work is evaluated through appraisal of its contribution to the successful resolutions of major criminal cases.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Performs the full range of fingerprint examination work.

Evaluates latent fingerprints received to determine if they are of value prior to entry into the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (RAFIS); records information into latent log book for chain of custody.

Enters latent prints into the RAFIS computer system.

Evaluates latent finger and palm impressions from crime scenes with ink impressions of known criminals based on either a written request or a printout of possible suspects from the automated fingerprint system.

Testifies as an expert witness in routine to more difficult police cases.

Prepares photographic enlargements of fingerprints, palm prints, etc. for chart presentation in court.

Compiles incoming chemically processed materials and records them in the latent log book, using chain of custody form.

Photographs and compares fragmentary prints lift in unstable or perishable substances, such as dust, grease, oil, blood, wax and other materials.

Assists investigators in resolving unresolved cases by conducting extensive research of past and recent offenses with the same modus operandi for prints and performing file searches.

Maintains and files latent cases and assists in filing ten- finger fingerprint cards when purged from the manual and automated files as prescribed by the records retention schedule.

Conducts latent searches of the database of other area jurisdictions including Montgomery County, District of Columbia and Virginia.

May be required to use automated equipment in conjunction with assigned duties and responsibilities.

Willingly and cooperatively performs tasks and duties which may not be specifically listed in the class specification or position description, but which are within the general occupational category and responsibility level typically associated with the employee's class of work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Considerable knowledge of the Henry system of fingerprint classification and related identification systems.

Considerable knowledge of the principles, practices, equipment and materials used in detecting, lifting, identifying and preserving latent prints, including a specialized knowledge of chemicals used in latent print examination.

Considerable knowledge of the rules of evidence and legal procedure common to court cases involving fingerprint identification.

Skill in accurate appraisal of evidence and physical items submitted for examination.

Ability to establish and maintain latent print and other files.

Ability to express facts and results of examination clearly, concisely, and objectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to prepare fingerprint charts and other exhibits illustrative of identifications for court testimony and other purposes.

Ability to testify in court.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or equivalent (GED) and completion of advanced technical or college level coursework or training equivalent to F.B.I. latent print school; plus two (2) years of experience in latent fingerprint examination; or an equivalent combination of training, education and experience.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Possession of a valid driver's license.

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