

July 1, 2010

CLASS SPECIFICATION

SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CRIME SCENE SPECIALIST – 1448

NOTE: Formerly FORENSIC SPECIALIST

DEFINITION:

Under direction, to identify, collect, photograph, and preserve evidence for police investigations; develop latent prints on items of evidence; evaluate latent prints for potential searches in the Automated Latent Fingerprint System (AFIS); and to perform related work.

* **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Photographs evidence and crime scenes, autopsies and related events to assist in police investigations;
- Uses digital photography and related software;
- Locates, collects, and preserves evidence by using such techniques as photography, fingerprint processing, various casting methods and swabbing for DNA evidence;
- Develops latent prints and enhances visible prints at crime scenes and on items of evidence;
- Evaluates the quality of latent prints for potential AFIS searches;
- Examines suspects and victims for the purpose of evidence collection and photography;
- Testifies in court as an expert witness.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

Two years of full-time experience in a law enforcement agency processing crime scenes. Duties must include photography and the collection, development and preservation of physical evidence (e.g., fingerprints, body fluids, firearms, trace evidence, etc.); **OR** an Associate of Science degree or higher in Forensic Technology (previously Evidence Technology) which must include the course work listed below; **OR** an Associates Degree or higher in any field and a Certificate in Forensic Technology (previously Evidence Technology) which must include the course work listed below; **AND** possession of a valid California Class C Driver License.

Successful completion of the following course work: Fingerprint Identification, Advanced Fingerprint Identification, Forensic Photography, Advanced Forensic Photography, Forensic Technology, and Advanced Forensic Technology.

- * **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.