

CLASS SPECIFICATION
SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
LATENT PRINT EXAMINER III - 1239

DEFINITION:

Under direction, to provide technical expertise in latent print analysis in the Police Crime Laboratory; to perform a wide variety of the most complex latent print analyses, comparisons, and examinations for police investigations; to lead the work of professional laboratory personnel conducting latent print analyses and comparisons; and to perform related work.

*** EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:**

- Reviews, revises, approves, and proposes new latent print technical policies and procedures in compliance with laboratory procedures and accreditation standards;
- Trains professional laboratory personnel in latent print analysis and comparisons;
- Reviews latent print method validations;
- Writes latent print validation reports;
- Recommends new technical equipment and supplies;
- Troubleshoots and resolves equipment issues;
- Serves as a technical reference regarding latent print analyses and comparisons and helps resolve technical issues;
- Reviews latent print analyses and comparisons for technical accuracy;
- Evaluates latent print evidence to determine quality and identity;
- Maintains logs and records of examinations performed;
- Reviews latent print proficiency tests completed by professional laboratory personnel;
- Prepares charts and other materials for presentation of evidence in court and testifies as an expert witness on all phases of latent print identification;
- Leads technical briefings;
- Serves as the latent print administrator to maintain access and coordinate technical issues with the local, Department of Justice, and Federal Bureau of Investigation Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS/IAFIS) computer databases and automated archive systems.

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.

- * 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.**

Completion of 80 hours of training/course work on fingerprint or latent print identification and comparison by a recognized law enforcement agency, POST, FBI, Department of Justice, or a recognized professional institute, **OR** an Associate's Degree or higher in a forensic or physical science, **OR** a certificate in Forensic Technology that includes college-level course work in basic and advanced fingerprinting; **AND** three years of full-time professional experience analyzing, comparing, evaluating, and identifying latent prints. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License.