

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.