

Forensic Scientist Series I,II,III (Firearms Examiner), Grade 25,22,20
Gaithersburg, Maryland

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Closing Date: May 2, 2024

This position may be underfilled at the Forensic Scientist I level, grade 20 (salary 61,041.00 - 96,806.00); or at the Forensic Scientist II level, grade 22 (salary 66,359.00 - \$105,762.00); or at the Forensic Scientist III level, grade 25 (salary 75,368.00 - 120,947.00).

This is professional and technical work applying forensic science in the examination of firearms, toolmarks, and serial number restoration associated with routine and complicated police investigations involving firearms and firearm related evidence. Personal contacts include investigative officers to give and receive information; State's Attorneys to discuss "expert" court testimony concerning the analysis of firearms and firearm related evidence, crime scene unit personnel regarding matters related to the collection and processing of evidence; and the State and Federal law enforcement representatives to articulate concepts, discuss technical information, and resolve problems.

An employee conducts examinations, which include the following:

Microscopic comparisons of evidence and known specimens for the purpose of source identification; testing firearms for function, operability, and safety; NIBIN screening, entry, and correlations; and restoration of obliterated serial numbers.

The employee is responsible for planning and carrying out assignments and has full technical responsibility for the work. Due to sensitive legal nature of the work, the employee is required to apply complex technical procedures to make critical and accurate identifications. Performance of the work of this position involves occasional exposure to elevated noise levels resulting from the discharging of firearms, and exposure to lead and residues from blood and body fluids on bullets and firearms.

The work requires strict observance of safety precautions and procedures in utilizing chemicals to perform various forensic analyses applicable to firearms and toolmark examinations, and in handling and operating firearms. Performance of the work involves occasional long periods of standing while conducting examinations at laboratory counters, and the lifting and carrying of weapons and ammunition boxes weighing up to fifty pounds.

Forensic Scientist I

Minimum Qualifications:

Forensic Scientist Series: This position will be filled within the range of Forensic Scientist I through Forensic Scientist III based on prior experience and training. Subsequent promotions within the series are non-competitive and are based on experience.

Experience:

If filled at Forensic Scientist I - This is an entry level position as a Firearms Examiner trainee. The incumbent for this level is not expected to be a qualified examiner.

If filled at Forensic Scientist II - Two (2) years of full-time professional experience conducting examinations of firearms, bullets, cartridge cases, and related evidence as a firearms examiner. (Training time within the discipline of Firearms Examination may count toward the two (2) year requirement. To be eligible at this level the incumbent must have been deemed qualified to conduct casework by an accredited laboratory).

If filled at Forensic Scientist III - Four (4) years of full-time professional experience conducting examinations of firearms, bullets, cartridge cases, and related evidence as a firearms examiner. (Training time of up to two (2) years within the discipline of Firearms Examination may count toward the four (4) year experience requirement. To be eligible at this level the incumbent must have been deemed

qualified to conduct casework by an accredited laboratory for a minimum of two (2) years as a Firearms Examiner completing comparative work).

All Level Education:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in a natural, physical or forensic science.

All Level Equivalency:

An equivalent combination of scientific education and forensic science experience may be substituted as permitted by applicable Federal and/or State mandates and certifying bodies

Preferred Criteria:

Preferred Criteria for Forensic Scientist I:

- Experience working within the Forensic Sciences in an accredited laboratory.

Preferred Criteria for Forensic Scientist II:

- Experience as a qualified Firearms Examination expert in court.
- Currently or previously NIBIN certified.

Preferred Criteria for Forensic Scientist III:

- Experience as a qualified Firearms Examination expert in court.
- Experience with Daubert hearings.
- Currently or previously NIBIN certified.
- Experience assisting with project development and/or validation.

To Apply:

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