Forensic Print Analyst
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office - Tampa, Florida
Salary: $26.68-$48.46 Hourly; $55,494.40-$100,796.80 Annually
Exempt:

Overview
Perform comparisons of latent prints using the Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification (ACE-V) method to identify potential suspects.

Duties & Responsibilities
Note: Depending on assigned responsibilities, employees may perform some or all of the duties below.

- Compare latent prints to known prints by applying the ACE-V method to negatively or positively identify suspects.
- Testify as an expert witness in court regarding latent print identification, procedures, and findings, to facilitate the court's understanding of latent evidence.
- Write reports to document findings and conclusions of cases.
- Take inked fingerprints of crime victims, suspects, and juveniles (per court order) for elimination or comparison purposes.
- Identify possible suspects of criminal offenses using the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to assist detectives in solving cases.
- Brief attorney, criminal justice personnel, and judicial staffs on latent print comparison findings.
- Maintain latent print files.
- May be required to provide operational support during periods of local, state, and national emergencies in the fingerprinting and identification of decedents during emergency situations.
- Perform other related duties as required.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities
- Considerable knowledge of basic fingerprint Classifications Systems Henry, National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and AFIS.
- Considerable knowledge of applying the ACE-V method.
- Considerable knowledge of the history of forensic fingerprint science.
- Working knowledge of chemical analysis techniques in print identification.
- Working knowledge of crime scene investigation methods and techniques.
- Skill in making creditable presentations as an expert witness in court.
- Skill in evaluating latent prints.
- Skill in determining minutia and unit relationships in latent comparisons.
- Ability to prioritize work.
- Ability to follow established procedures.
- Ability to work effectively with others.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to collect, organize, and evaluate data and to develop logical conclusions.
- Ability and willingness to work with minute details over long time periods.
- Ability to maintain technical expertise.
- Ability to use a computer and related software.
- Ability to handle confidential information.
- Ability to maintain work related records and prepare reports.

Minimum Education & Experience
- A high school diploma or possession of a GED certificate.
- Four years of experience in fingerprint examination with a law enforcement agency.
OR

- An associate's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Three years of experience in fingerprint examination with a law enforcement agency.

OR

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Two years of experience in fingerprint examination with a law enforcement agency.

Additional Job Requirements

- Attendance at the specified Sheriff's Office work location is required.
- Depending on assignment, employees may be required to possess a valid Florida Driver License at time of employment. Driving history will be thoroughly reviewed and may be grounds for disqualification.
- No visible tattoos on face, head, and neck. Tattoos determined to take away from the professional appearance of the Sheriff’s Office must be covered with an appropriate white, black, or neutral covering.
- No illegal drug sale within lifetime.
- No illegal drug use within the past 36 months. No marijuana use within the last 12 months.
- No felony convictions within lifetime.
- No misdemeanor convictions involving perjury, false statement, or domestic violence within lifetime.
- No dishonorable discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Coast Guard, National Guard, or Reserve Forces.
- Successful completion of a background investigation including criminal, reference, employment, and neighborhood checks; polygraph; medical evaluation; and drug screening.