



Latent Fingerprint Examiner II

Class Code:
V43

Bargaining Unit: SEIU Local 521 -
Administrative, Professional, and Technical
Unit

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Established Date: Aug 2, 1988
Revision Date: Mar 1, 2016

SALARY RANGE

\$38.20 - \$46.23 Hourly
\$3,056.32 - \$3,698.00 Biweekly
\$6,622.03 - \$8,012.33 Monthly
\$79,464.32 - \$96,148.00 Annually

DEFINITION:

Under general direction to perform skilled technical level work in latent fingerprint examination for criminal identification and evidence classification.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Latent Fingerprint Examiner II is the advanced journey level of the Latent Fingerprint Examiner series. Incumbents of the Latent Fingerprint Examiner II class typically perform the skilled level work of the unit with little supervision. Latent Print Examiner IIs are proficient in tenprint and latent print examination and may assist in training Latent Fingerprint Examiner Is. The Latent Fingerprint Examiner II is distinguished from the Latent Fingerprint Examiner I classification in that Latent Fingerprint Examiner IIs are expected to function with proficiency and independence. The Latent Fingerprint Examiner II is distinguished from the Latent Fingerprint Examiner III classification in that the Latent Fingerprint Examiner III is the full lead level and is required to possess and maintain current Latent Print Examiner Certification from the International Association for Identification (IAI).

TYPICAL TASKS:

- Develops, evaluates, compares, and identifies whole, partial, fragmentary or distorted latent finger and palm prints;
- Prepares and maintains case reports and records;
- Maintains latent fingerprint file;
- Provides evidence to support comparison findings;
- Uses various fingerprint identification equipment and other technical and scientific equipment for observing and comparing latent prints;
- Communicates with various law enforcement agencies as necessary and may act as a consultant on identification problems related to latent prints;
- May assist in training lower level staff in fingerprint identification;

- Assists in the preparation of training materials and the training of lower level staff in latent tenprint fingerprint identification;
- Encodes latent prints into automated system and uses resulting printouts to develop lists of probable suspects;
- Demonstrates continued proficiency in the comparison of crime scene or laboratory developed finger or palm prints;
- Takes and develops photographs of latent fingerprints;
- Prepares charts for courtroom presentation;
- May be assigned as a Disaster Service Worker, as required;
- Performs related work as required.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Sufficient education, training and experience which demonstrate the ability to perform the above tasks and possession of the knowledge and abilities listed.

Training and Experience Note: The knowledge and abilities required to perform this function are acquired through training and experience equivalent to the possession of an Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college in Forensic Science, Criminalistics, Natural Sciences, Physics, Biology, Chemistry or a closely related field;

AND

Two (2) years of experience as a Latent Fingerprint Examiner I or equivalent experience performing latent fingerprint work.

Possession of a valid California Driver's License upon appointment and the ability to qualify for and maintain a County Driver's Permit.

Special Requirements:

Ability to work varying shifts (i.e. Day, Swing and Graveyard), including weekends and holidays.

Knowledge of:

- Development and lifting of latent fingerprints;
- Henry System of fingerprint classification;
- Working knowledge of other fingerprint systems;
- Principles and practices of photography as applied to preserving and preparing photographic evidence related to latent print evidence;
- Laws of evidence, criminal procedure and courtroom procedure;
- Various chemical, laser, and physical processes and related safety requirements.

Ability to:

- Classify fingerprints;
- Make identifications involving complex or complicated patterns, latent prints and distorted, partial, single or multiple prints;
- Develop and lift latent prints from objects of evidence;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with representatives of law enforcement agencies and those contacted in the course of work;
- Write reports and correspondence;
- Testify in a court of law.