

Forensic Scientist 2 – Firearms and Toolmarks

Department: Medical Examiner's

Anticipated Work Schedule: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Reports To: Lab Supervisor, Firearms and Toolmarks

Full Time or Part Time: Full Time

Regular or Temporary: Regular

Bargaining Unit: N/A

Classified or Unclassified: Classified

FLSA: Exempt

Please apply at <https://www.cuyahogacounty.us/human-resources>

Summary

The purpose of this classification is to examine and interpret firearms and toolmarks evidence associated with alleged criminal acts; to inspect and test fire all kinds of firearms and examine fired ammunition recovered from a crime scene to determine if it was fired by a particular firearm, interpret results and prepare reports for assigned casework and testify in the court of law.

Essential Job Functions

Conducts examinations and comparisons of firearms, bullets, shells, casings, tool marks and other related items; applies instrumental, physical, and/or chemical techniques in the examination of firearm and tool mark evidence; disassembles, reassembles, renders safe, and tests firearms to determine operability, safety, and accuracy; documents unique characteristics and records physical parameters using measuring projections, micrometers, etc.; performs distance determination and examination of gunshot patterns with test standards; uploads into and reviews data from NIBIN, the National Integrated ballistic Information Network; prepares findings and issues reports based on the results of the examination. Reviews/compiles case files and firearm evidence. Cleans and maintains worksite and laboratory equipment; transfers and maintains evidence in storage. Testifies in court as an expert witness; communicates with attorneys and law enforcement personnel; attends meetings.

Minimum Requirements

Bachelor of Science degree in natural/physical science and two (2) years of laboratory experience performing firearms and toolmark evidence analysis; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

Application Process

This is a competitive, classified position. The Personnel Review Commission (PRC) will check your application to make sure you meet the minimum qualifications. If you do, the PRC will invite you to take a civil service examination. The exam is specific to this position. Everyone

who passes the exam goes on an eligibility list. To fill this opening, the PRC sends the hiring department and Human Resources (HR) a certified eligibility list with the top 25% candidates (or at least the ten highest scoring candidates, whichever is greater). HR helps the hiring department decide who from the certified list to follow up with for interviews and then a job offer.

Most of our communication with candidates is through email. Regularly check the email address you gave us in your job profile. Watch your Spam folder, just in case.

If we offer you a job, you must pass a drug screen and background check before the offer becomes final. Prior criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify you from employment; the County looks at criminal convictions on a case-by-case basis using the guidelines in [Chapter 306 of the County Code](#).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Cuyahoga County is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce, which includes building an environment that respects the individual, promotes innovation and offers opportunities for all employees to develop to their full potential. A diverse workforce helps the County realize its full potential. The County benefits from the creativity and innovation that results when people with different experiences, perspectives, and cultural backgrounds work together.

The County is committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all individuals regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, language, religion, citizenship status, sex, age, marital status, sexual preference or orientation, gender identity/expression, military/veteran status, disability, genetic information, membership in a collective bargaining unit, status with regard to public assistance, or political affiliation.

If you need assistance applying or participating in any part of the candidate experience, contact Human Resources at 216-443-7190 and ask to speak with a talent acquisition team member.