



City of Valdosta Job Announcement



DESCRIPTION:

Position Title:	Criminalist/Firearms Examiner
Annual Minimum Salary:	(DOQ)
Pay Grade:	16
Announcement Type:	External
Department:	Police
Facility:	Crime Lab
City/State:	Valdosta, Georgia
Deadline:	OPEN UNTIL FILLED

POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Valdosta-Lowndes Regional Crime Laboratory is accepting applications for a highly motivated individual for a Criminalist/Firearms Examiner position. This position is responsible for performing independent scientific examinations and comparisons of firearms, tool marks and serial number restorations.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Perform comparative analysis on evidence such as bullets, cartridge casings, and tool marks.
- Perform serial number restorations.
- Take photographs.
- Enter evidence into Integrated Ballistic Identification Systems (IBIS).
- Perform correlation review of images acquired by partnering sites to determine the possible presence of a NIBIN lead.
- Care for and maintain laboratory equipment.
- Perform technical and administrative reviews of another examiner's casework.
- Interact and collaborate with other group/team members and other forensic staff to ensure a high quality and accurate product.
- Prepare evidence for presentation at court and appear as an expert witness to testify on the results of laboratory examinations.
- Comply with relevant policies and procedures.
- Participate in public relations activities such as conducting tours of the laboratory and speaking to interested groups.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum Requirements:

- A bachelors or advanced degree in criminal justice, physical, natural or forensic science from an accredited college or university.
- Successful completion of a documented Firearm and/or Tool Mark Examiner training program
- Be able to pass a competency test.
- Ability to prepare technical reports.
- At least three to five (3-5) years independent firearms casework experience in an accredited forensic/crime laboratory preferred.
- Must satisfactorily complete a background check and post offer physical.
- A valid driver's license.
- Satisfactorily complete a background check, drug test and pre-employment physical.

APPLICATIONS:

All online applications **must** be processed through www.valdostacity.com. To be fully considered, applicants must submit a completed City of Valdosta Application Form to Berna Hepburn at covhr@valdostacity.com, or apply at the City of Valdosta Human Resources Department, 216 East Central Avenue, Valdosta, GA 31601.