



**Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory  
Employment Opportunity**

**POSITION TITLE:** FIREARM AND TOOL MARK EXAMINER

**SALARY:** \$42,000 - \$60,000 Annually (might be higher depending on experience)

**OPENING DATE:** February 10, 2022

**CLOSING DATE:** March 4, 2022

**Duties and Responsibilities**

The J.P.S.O. Crime Lab is looking for an experienced, court qualified Firearm and Tool Mark Examiner. A Firearm and Tool Mark Examiner compares evidence bullets and cartridge cases side-by-side against those test fired in guns submitted to the laboratory. Examinations are based on firearms identification, which involves the identification of a bullet, cartridge case, or other ammunition component as having been fired by or in a particular firearm. Examiners may also conduct testing in the following areas: determination of caliber and general rifling characteristics of bullets, determination of proper function and the safe operation of firearms, and restoration of obliterated serial numbers.

A P.O.S.T. Certified Firearm and Tool Mark Examiner is a law enforcement officer who is on call to respond to violent crime scenes to assist in the preservation, collection, and transportation of evidence 24 hours a day 7 days a week. While not a requirement for this position, being P.O.S.T. Certified will be highly advantageous.

**Minimum Qualifications**

- Must have successfully graduated from an accredited college or university with a baccalaureate degree in a natural science or forensic science
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Trainees must successfully complete an authorized training program and successfully pass a competency test upon completion
- Trained analysts must pass proficiency tests
- Must be a US citizen and be at least 21 years of age

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## Functions and Skills

May include, but is not limited to:

- Examining and comparing evidence related items in the form of bullets, cartridge cases, and other ammunition components
- Perform caliber and general rifling characteristics determinations on bullets
- Test for firearm function and safe operations
- Restore obliterated serial numbers
- Download ammunition and test fire a variety of firearms
- Enter and correlate cases in the IBIS system
- Collecting and/or transporting evidence
- Preparing court worthy reports and visual aids
- Testifying in various courts of law
- Respond to crime scenes and subsequently assist in the processing of those scenes
- Work under the direct supervision of a senior forensic scientist or supervisor
- Ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing with scientific and non-scientific personnel
- Ability to attend out-of-state training for extended periods of time
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle
- Ability to operate/maintain laboratory equipment
- Ability to properly handle numerous biological and chemical hazards
- Ability to comprehend, perform, and comply with QA/QC requirements
- Ability to perform complex scientific procedures following Crime Laboratory Procedural Manuals
- Ability to adhere to established policies and procedures

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