

**Onondaga County
Center for Forensic Sciences
Forensic Laboratories**

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Firearms Examiner I, II, or III

The Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences is seeking applicants for an anticipated opening in the Firearms Section. The level to which the position will be filled is dependent on the qualifications of the applicant. The Center for Forensic Sciences is a full-service ASCLD/LAB-International accredited forensic laboratory. The laboratory is outfitted with state of the art equipment and technology. Onondaga County is located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region in upstate New York.

Job Duties:

Responsibilities also include, but are not limited to: performing examinations of ammunition, spent bullets and casings, and the determination and recording of their physical parameters using measuring projectors, micrometers and other equipment; performing examinations of firearms, bullets, shells, casings and other weapons; conducting comparison examinations regarding spent projectiles, spent cartridge casings and shot shells; performing examinations on clothing, bedding and other surfaces for the presence of gunshot residues or powder patterns for distance determinations; conducting research, method development and validation of new technical procedures; performing chemical restoration of obliterated serial numbers and other markings on weapons; performing photography using digital photographic equipment; taking notes and generating reports; testifying to findings in court; and assisting with quality assurance duties of the section. Candidates will be subjected to a criminal history background check prior to permanent appointment.

Minimum Qualifications:

Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field; and

At least 100 hours of forensic science internship experience in a crime laboratory for the Firearms Examiner I position; or

Two (2) years of work experience, or its part-time equivalent, as a forensic examiner in the discipline of Firearms for the Firearms Examiner II position; or

Five (5) years of work experience, or its part-time equivalent, as a forensic examiner in the discipline of Firearms for the Firearms Examiner III position

NOTE: Education may be substituted for experience as follows: A Master's Degree in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field can be substituted for one (1) year of the required work experience for the FAE II and FAE III position.

Starting Salary: Competitive salaries dependent upon experience **Range:** \$51,144 to 66,807

Closing Date: February 15, 2012

Send letter of interest with a résumé via Email to: paulkinder@ongov.net

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