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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

# Firearms & Toolmarks Section

## Forensic Scientist

Posting Dates: 10/10/2022—10/30/2022

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory is seeking qualified applicants to fill an open position in our Firearms & Toolmarks Section.

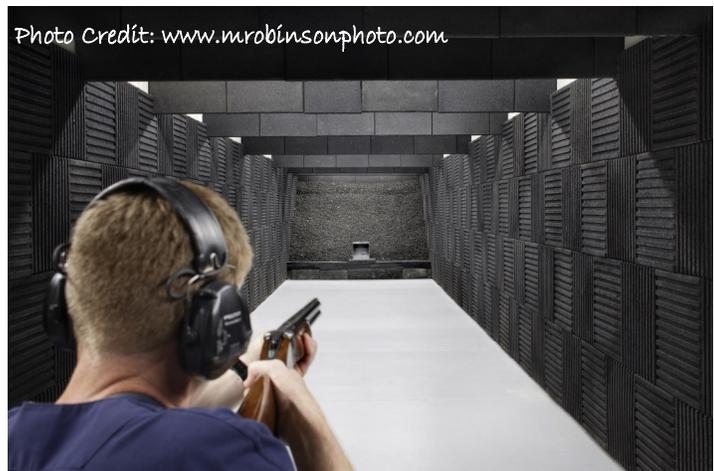
### Position Duties

The major duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct function tests on submitted firearms, perform serial number restorations
- Perform microscopic comparisons of ammunition components and toolmarks
- Enter and review correlations in the NIBIN database system
- Perform technical and administrative review of case data
- Document and perform casework duties in accordance with laboratory procedures with minimal errors and no pattern of deficiencies
- Participate in training, competency testing, and proficiency testing according to established protocols
- Rigorously follow all safety manuals, standard operating procedures, and quality assurance/quality control procedures
- Perform quality control assurance/quality control procedures of reagents, equipment, and instrumentation as necessary
- Assist in ensuring conformance to laboratory accreditation standards
- Attend continuing education/training courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, and professional meetings as time and resources allow
- Participate in method validation/verification studies as needed
- Provide expert testimony in courts of law as required

*This position requires availability for on-call hours outside the normal workday, including evenings, weekends, and holidays.*

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## **Minimum Education Qualifications**

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a minimum of a bachelor's degree. Transcripts must be submitted with the application in order to verify degree requirement.

Experience may be substituted for degree requirement.

## **Preferred Qualifications**

A bachelor's degree in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, natural science, or forensic science-related area with coursework in physics, statistics, and general chemistry.

At least two years of recent independent casework experience in the relevant discipline.

## **Salary & Benefits**

2022 salary ranges are:

- Forensic Scientist Trainee (\$49,437 - \$74,031)
- Forensic Scientist (\$56,659 - \$84,864)

At least 2 years of forensic experience and completion of an approved firearm & toolmark training program

- Senior Forensic Scientist (\$61,950- \$92,926)

At least five years of independent casework experience

*This position will be hired as a Forensic Scientist Trainee, Forensic Scientist, or Senior Forensic Scientist based upon prior experience. For applicants with prior experience, additional training may be required based upon assessment of the completed training program.*

2022 benefits include:

- 10 county-paid holidays, 3 floating holidays, and accrual of sick and vacation leave
- Parental, caregiver, shared, civic, military, and bereavement leave
- Dental, medical, and vision insurance
- Reimbursement of approved education expenses up to \$3,500 per calendar year, as resources allow
- Access to on-site fitness center
- Fitness program that pays for classes and memberships in a network of over 160 facilities, studios, and gyms
- County match of up to 3% of your base bi-weekly earnings towards a retirement saving contribution program
- Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS)
- Sick disability pay and provided term life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance
- Employee Assistance Program to provide confidential assistance regarding physical and emotional health
- Flexible Spending Accounts (medical and dependent care reimbursement)
- Employee discounts for products, entertainment, attractions, sports, and events

## Application

Apply online at <https://www.jocogov.org/department/human-resources/careers-johnson-county-government/positions-open-public>. Applications must be submitted by end of day **10/30/2022**.

Review of applications will begin on **10/31/2022**.

## Contact

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The Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory is a state-of-the-art, internationally accredited, 62,000 square foot facility located in the southwest quadrant of the Kansas City metropolitan area. We provide service to all law enforcement agencies located or operating in Johnson County, Kansas.

Services offered include Biology/DNA, Controlled Substances, Crime Scene Investigation, Digital-Multimedia Evidence, Firearms & Toolmarks, Latent Prints, Toxicology, and Trace Evidence.

The Firearms & Toolmarks Section is currently staffed with 2 highly-skilled examiners with over 21 years of combined experience. Equipment available to each examiner includes individual comparison microscopes, NIBIN, and 3D imaging technology.



The median household income in Johnson County is **\$91,650**



There are more than **352,000 workers** in Johnson County, and more than **23,600 employment establishments**.



County residents and visitors can enjoy **26 golf courses!**



Including county and city sites, there are **377 parks** totaling about **17,258 acres**.



Johnson County is home to about **1,315 restaurants and eateries**.

In the county, there are **571 farms**, totaling **99,354 acres**, and **52 percent** of the farms have less than 50 acres.



Low unemployment rate of **2.6 percent**.



There are **298 shopping centers** — including **171 strip malls!**



The county is home to **12 museums** and **123 historical sites**.



The average travel time to work is **21 minutes**.



Throughout Johnson County, there are **79 hotels, motels** and **extended-stay facilities**.



Across the county, there are **194 public school** and **53 private school buildings**.



Johnson County residents have access to the county's **17 public libraries**.



Johnson County has **208 miles of bike lanes**, including **159 miles of shared roadways**.

Across the county, residents can enjoy **48 swimming pools, beaches** and **aquatic centers**.



Johnson County has **391 miles of hiking, jogging and bike trails**.

In the county, there are **4 colleges**, including **Johnson County Community College** which had a Fall 2018 enrollment of **18,373** with more than 10,000 full-time equivalent students.



In a nation of **3,007 counties** — including 11 others named Johnson County, there's still **only one Johnson County, Kansas**.

## Living Here

Johnson County Kansas is thriving and is an amazing place to live, work and play! Wallethub.com has ranked Overland Park, KS among **“America’s #1 Place to Raise a Family”** among the country’s 180 most populous cities for several of the last 5 years. It also ranked Leawood, KS among **“America’s Best Small City to Live In”** for US cities with populations 25,000-100,000. Rankings are based on over 40 variables such as cost of housing, quality of schools, job market, restaurants per capita and recreation.

In 2022, Johnson County was awarded ETC Institute’s “Leading the Way” Award, which recognizes the top 10% of all local governments in the US for outstanding achievements in delivering services to residents based on 3 core areas. <https://etcinstitute.com/ltna/>

**JoCo Geography:** 473 square miles, nestled in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City metropolitan region.

Overall Rank ↕	City	Total Score ↕	Family Fun ↕	Health & Safety ↕	Education & Child Care ↕	Affordability ↕
1	Fremont, CA	73.05	81	1	2	29
2	Overland Park, KS	71.72	110	25	4	1
3	Irvine, CA	68.43	20	2	3	59
4	Plano, TX	67.53	97	8	37	3
5	Columbia, MD	66.42	87	10	41	2
6	San Diego, CA	65.15	5	16	10	80
7	Seattle, WA	64.98	66	58	8	20
8	San Jose, CA	64.86	41	6	11	67
9	Madison, WI	63.59	85	34	52	4
10	Scottsdale, AZ	63.57	53	64	39	12
11	South Burlington, VT	63.33	179	73	1	37
12	San Francisco, CA	63.32	14	14	7	89
13	Gilbert, AZ	63.27	59	40	55	11

<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-families/4435/>