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### **Firearms Examiner II or III**

A position for one full-time Firearms Examiner is anticipated within the Criminalistics section of the Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences. This is a provisional appointment becoming permanent upon successful completion of the civil service process.

#### **Job Duties:**

The Firearms Examiner is responsible for processing items of physical evidence for the purpose of firearms and ammunition identification and analysis using various physical and chemical methods. 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; Performing data entry function for the Integrated Ballistics Identification System; 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 and conventional photographic equipment; Taking notes and generating reports; testifying to findings in court; and assisting with quality assurance duties of the section.

Firearms Examiners III assist in the training and guidance of less experienced Firearms Examiners and conduct more complex analyses.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

FAE II - 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 in a natural science or closely related field and two (2) years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a firearms examiner; or, five (5) years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a firearms examiner.

FAE III - Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree in a natural science or closely related field and five (5) years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a firearms examiner; or, eight (8) years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a firearms examiner.

**Starting Salary:** FAE II \$43,902; FAE III \$48,703

**Closing Date:** July 1, 2005

**Send letter of interest with a résumé to:** E-mail [paulkinder@ongov.net](mailto:paulkinder@ongov.net)

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