

Forensic Firearms/Toolmarks Examiner, Grade 24
Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland
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CLOSING DATE: April 28, 2023

This is professional and technical work applying forensic science in the examination of firearms, toolmarks, and serial number restorations associated with routine and complicated police investigations involving firearms and firearm related evidence. Personal contacts include investigative officers to give and receive information; State's Attorneys to discuss "expert" court testimony concerning the analysis of firearms and firearm related evidence; crime scene unit personnel regarding matters related to the collection and processing of evidence; and State and Federal law enforcement representatives to articulate concepts, discuss technical information, and resolve problems.

An employee conducts examinations, which include the following: microscopic comparisons of evidence and known specimens for the purpose of source identification; testing firearms for function, operability, and safety; NIBIN screening, entry, and correlations; and restoration of obliterated serial numbers. The employee is responsible for planning and carrying out assignments and has full technical responsibility for the work. Due to the sensitive legal nature of the work, the employee is required to apply complex technical procedures to make critical and accurate identifications. Performance of the work of this position involves occasional exposure to elevated noise levels resulting from the discharging of firearms, and exposure to lead and residues from blood and body fluids on bullets and firearms. The work requires strict observance of safety precautions and procedures in utilizing chemicals to perform various forensic analyses applicable to firearms and toolmark examinations, and in the handling and operating of firearms. \

Performance of the work involves occasional long periods of standing while conducting examinations at laboratory counters, and the lifting and carrying of weapons and ammunition boxes weighing up to fifty pounds.

Minimum Qualifications:

Experience: Two (2) years of full-time professional experience conducting examinations of firearms, bullets, and related evidence as a firearms examiner Court-qualified as an expert witness.

Education: Possession of a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Physics, or a related field from an accredited college or university.

Equivalency: An equivalent combination of education and experience may be substituted.

LICENSE: • Possession and maintenance at all times of a valid Class "C" (or equivalent) driver's license from the applicant's state of residence.

Preferred Criteria:

1. Have been previously qualified in court as an expert in Firearms and/or Toolmarks Examination.
2. Experience with Daubert hearings.
3. Currently or previously NIBIN certified

To Apply:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/Recruitment/MCGCareers.html>

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