

FORENSIC SCIENTIST III – City of Phoenix

NOTE: *Appointments to positions in the Police Department are subject to meeting appropriate polygraph and background standards. In addition, working irregular hours, shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required.*

SALARY \$52,603 - \$78,562 annualized.

EXPERIENCE Requires two years of experience at the level of a Forensic Scientist II performing analyses in a forensic laboratory **AND** a bachelor's degree in a natural science, criminalistics, or a closely related field. Professional certification may be required dependent upon the forensic discipline. Other combinations of experience and education that meet the minimum qualifications may be substituted.

DUTIES Incumbents may be required to provide expert witness testimony in court regarding various facets of the classification. Vacancies for this position are in the following areas:

Latent Print Comparative Section: performs all work related to the comparison of latent prints recovered from crime scenes and evidence submitted to the Laboratory Services Bureau. Certification as a Certified Latent Print Examiner by the International Association for Identification is required for this position.

Toxicology: performs analysis on blood and urine samples for alcohol, illicit drugs, prescription drugs, and other substances. In addition, this position provides support for the breath testing program by maintaining and performing calibration checks on the instruments, and provides expert testimony in these areas. Having documented competency in at least two or more of the above areas is highly desirable.

Trace Evidence: involves the examination and comparison of evidence to include, but not limited to, fibers, paint, glass, hair, tape, explosives, soil, and gunshot residue (GSR). Having documented competency in at least one or more of the above examinations is highly desirable.

Forensic Biology: involves the examination of forensic evidence for the presence of biological materials including blood, semen, saliva, cells, urine, and fecal material. DNA analysis involves the extraction, quantitation, analysis, and interpretation of forensic DNA samples isolated from the materials listed above. Knowledge and experience of principles, methods, materials, equipment, and current techniques used in forensic biology screening and/or DNA is highly desirable.

ALSO REQUIRED Some positions in this classification require the use of personal or City vehicles on City business. Individuals must be physically capable of operating the vehicles safely, possess an appropriate valid Arizona driver's license, possess personal insurance coverage, and have an acceptable driving record. Positions in the Police Department must meet the polygraph and background standards that are appropriate to non-sworn positions. The general factors for disqualification are listed at http://www.phoenix.gov/police/pdjob_civildisq.html.

RESIDENCE Maricopa County residency is required within 24 months after the date of hire and must be maintained.

EVALUATION Based on resume and cover letter. In your cover letter or resume, **please describe your experience in 1.) latent print comparison, 2.) toxicology – providing sufficient detail regarding your laboratory experience and competencies, 3.) trace evidence, 4.) and forensic biology – providing sufficient detail regarding your laboratory experience and competencies.** Resume and cover letter guidelines are available at <http://phoenix.gov/EMPLOY/resumeg.html> or at the Application Office. Only applicants who meet the requirements as stated in the "Experience" section will be placed on the eligible-to-hire list.

APPLY Apply on-line at www.phoenix.gov/jobs or submit your resume, cover letter, and data collection form to the City of Phoenix Application Office at 135 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003. The recruitment may close without notice when a sufficient number of applications have been received or the position has been filled.