

CLASS TITLE: Firearms Identification Technician II

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under direction, supervises and instructs subordinate technicians in the examining and identifying of firearms, bullets and cartridge cases, or performs high level identification work on shotguns or other weapons; and performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Supervises the receipt and examination of all firearms and evidence submitted to the Firearms section of the Police Department; makes detailed examinations of all weapons, fired bullets and cartridge cases after they have been test fired; compares findings from the tested weapons with open cases on file; maintains a specimen and gun collection library of all tested weapons for reference purposes; maintains and prepares records of data collected from detailed examinations of all firearms and weapons; instructs police officers in the proper collection, presentation and identification of firearms; reports on findings from the submitted evidence; distributes reports to the appropriate agencies.

Performs high level identification of mutilated firearms evidence in major cases; maintains the section's open case file which consists of bullets, cartridge cases and shells found at crime scenes or have been removed from the body of a victim; uses microscopic techniques in the analysis of firearms identification; keeps abreast of current literature on ballistic techniques; testifies in court as an expert firearms identification technician; instructs and assists subordinates in preparation for court appearances; lectures to police in-service training and civic groups.

DESIRABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Six years of progressively responsible police experience, four years of which must have been in specialized work involving firearms and ballistics identification techniques; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Thorough knowledge of departmental rules and regulations. Thorough knowledge of firearms identification techniques and methods. Thorough knowledge of appropriate tools and equipment.

Ability to use modern laboratory techniques, especially as applied to microscopic analysis. Ability to exercise unusually good judgement in evaluating evidence and making decisions. Ability to keep accurate, concise and clear records and make reports. Ability to determine admissible evidence in court. Ability to supervise and inspect the work of others.

Considerable skill in the application of modern principles and practices utilized in firearms and ballistics identification and in the appropriate use of tools and equipment.