

The Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory has an opening for a Criminalist II/III position. We are a full service laboratory covering the following forensic disciplines: Forensic Biology and DNA, Toxicology, Controlled Substances, Latent Prints, Firearms/Toolmarks and Trace and serve as the Crime Laboratory for the City of Scottsdale and surrounding contracted agencies.

Criminalist II – Salary - \$52,166.40 - \$77,209.60 Annually

Criminalist III – Salary - \$57,616.00 - \$85,259.20 Annually

The Criminalist II is distinguished from the Criminalist III in the latter is performing highly specialized forensic evaluations in connection with the identification and comparison of physical evidence submitted to the Crime Laboratory. The Criminalist II level is the journey-level classification in the Criminalist position classification series and is responsible for completing assigned laboratory casework. For the Criminalist II level, the minimum requirements are a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Physical Science or a related field with a minimum of 20 semester hours in chemistry related coursework. The candidate must have at least five years of experience as a Criminalist in a recognized crime laboratory. A master's degree in a related physical or natural science may count towards one year of experience. The candidate must have a working expertise in at least two forensic disciplines.

The Criminalist III performs highly specialized forensic evaluations in connection with the identification and comparison of physical evidence submitted to the Crime Laboratory. In addition to laboratory work they are responsible for validating novel methods and new instrumentation and providing technical training, guidance and advice in the methods of analysis employed in the laboratory. For the Criminalist III level, the minimum requirements are a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Forensic Science, or related Physical Science with a minimum of 20 semester hours of chemistry related coursework. The candidate must have at least seven years experience as a Criminalist in a recognized laboratory actively engaged in the forensic sciences. A master's degree in a related physical or natural science may count towards one year of experience. The candidate must have a working expertise in at least five forensic disciplines.

When hired, this Criminalist must be able to perform immediately at a high level of independence. Forensic experience in the Firearms/Toolmarks and/or Trace disciplines (Footwear/Tire/Impression Evidence, Fire Debris, Hairs and Fibers) is preferred.

Well qualified applicants will have current training and experience in all aspects of firearms/tool marks examination as well as current training and experience in some or all of the trace disciplines listed above.

The Criminalist must be able to perform and maintain all examinations, instrumentation, documentation and other requirements in accordance with *ASCLD-LAB International* criteria and be able to do conduct the following:

- Perform physical/comparative and/or chemical examinations of evidence.

- Use instrumentation and techniques such as microscopy, chemistry, photography, metallurgy and physical comparisons applicable to the assigned job category.
- Produce, collect and preserve reference/evidence materials
- Examine all manner of evidence for biological and trace materials.
- Make accurate observations and prepare detailed notes and comprehensive written reports regarding examinations.
- Must have computer skills necessary to navigate, document and report using a LIMS platform.
- Calibrate, check, repair, create and monitor instruments, equipment and reagents on a scheduled basis or as needed.
- Inventory and maintain the reference collections.
- Present fair, effective and impartial court testimony concerning findings as a qualified expert witness.
- Utilize web-based and literature research materials to assist in examinations.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

A completed supplemental questionnaire and transcripts are required to apply for this position.

Questions regarding this position can be directed to Kris Whitman at 480.312.5107

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/HR/jobs.asp>