

## CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN I

### **Definition:**

Under close supervision, and in a learning capacity, performs technical criminal investigative work related to the collection, preservation and identification of physical evidence necessary for the successful prosecution of criminal cases in a court of law.

### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

This is the trainee level of the Crime Scene Technician series. After one year of experience as an Crime Scene Technician I, an individual is eligible to be considered for promotion to the level of Crime Scene Technician II. Promotions are considered on a merit basis, subject to recommendation by the department head and the approval of the Director of Personnel.

Incumbents in this classification will be required to work shifts, including nights, weekends and holidays.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Performs a variety of duties involving the collection, preservation and recording of physical evidence at crime scenes and autopsies.
- Employs computerized technology and peripheral devices to support and enhance latent fingerprints, video images, digital photography and graphics for identification and crime scene management.
- Prepares computer-based graphic images; inputs to computer and archives photographic images on various storage media.
- Seizes and examines computers and computer storage media for crime-related evidence.
- Operates photographic equipment in the field and in the lab; develops and prints photographs.
- Prepares crime scene diagrams.
- Operates fingerprint computer; obtains latent fingerprints from crime scenes; compares latent fingerprints with known fingerprints to establish identities.
- Prepares exhibits for court; maintains records and prepares reports.
- Testifies in court as an expert witness.
- Performs other job-related duties as required.

### **Employment Standards:**

Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college course work from an accredited college, including courses in Criminal Justice, Computer Technology, Photography or related sciences.

OR

Any equivalent combination of education and experience. A maximum of one (1) year of training and/or experience in the field of forensics, evidence collection, latent fingerprint collection, law enforcement, computer technology or photography may substitute for one (1) year of college.

A valid California Class C driver's license is required at time of appointment.

The position requires that incumbents be willing to traverse rough terrain and withstand adverse weather conditions; observe autopsies and evidence associated with violent crimes.

**Knowledge of:** computerized technology and peripheral devices; photography equipment and report writing methods.

**Ability to:** employ computerized technology and peripheral devices; utilize—photographic equipment to obtain and develop pictures; learn investigative techniques; recognize patterns in fingerprint classifications; collect and present evidence in factual format; maintain records and prepare reports; testify in court; develop and maintain effective working relationships and use good tact and judgment.

**Supplemental:**

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec.3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.