

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

City of Visalia

**An Equal Opportunity Employer** 

# IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN\*/SENIOR IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN\*\* (DOQ) OPEN

Final Filing Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 5pm Monthly Salary: \*\$4,719 - \$5,933

\*\*\$5,107-\$6,420

The Police Department is recruiting for the position of Identification Technician/Senior Identification Technician (depending on qualifications). Currently, there are two positions available and an eligibility list is being established.

#### **EXAMPLES OF JOB DUTIES:**

- Processes crime scenes for physical evidence, including collection and preservation.
- Assumes responsibility for crime scene integrity in absence of a supervisor including crowd control, perimeter maintenance and coordination of resources.
- Maintains fingerprint record system and supplies; maintains and services crime lab equipment.
- Provides technical photography of crime scenes and autopsies.
- Assists investigators in preparing photographic line-ups.
- Provides training in evidence processing for police personnel and a higher level of training as necessary.
- Processes property for physical and latent evidence, including advanced methods (such as nynhydrin and iodine-fuming methods) of print development.
- Compares latent prints to suspect prints to eliminate or establish his/her involvement in the offense; classifies submitted prints using the standard classification system.
- Manual comparison of latent print impressions with known finger and palm prints.
- Performs friction ridge print submissions into the Local, State, and Federal AFIS databases.
- Evaluates latent print impressions collected as evidence.
- Provides expert witness testimony in court related to evidence analysis and friction ridge comparisons.
- Refers/transports evidence to regional laboratory.
- Assists in criminal case investigations; performs related duties as required.

#### **EDUCATION / TRAINING / EXPERIENCE:**

Any equivalent combination of experience and education that could likely provide the required skills, knowledge and abilities would normally be obtained by:

- Two (2) years experience with a law enforcement related agency including one (1) year of evidence or crime scene processing.
- Possession of a valid California Driver's License by time of appointment.
- Superior or Federal Court qualification as an expert witness in fingerprint comparisons (*required for Senior Identification Technician*).

#### **MAIN FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

### Knowledge of / Skill in / Ability to:

- Federal, state and local laws and Department policies and procedures relating to evidence retention, processing, return and disposal.
- Federal, state and government agency laws and regulations pertaining to arrest laws.
- Crime scene evidence, processing and preservation, principles and techniques of collection.
- Advanced photography techniques, including processing and enlarging.
- Advanced techniques for obtaining known finger and palm print impressions, of latent print processing, and friction ridge print comparisons.
- The Henry system of fingerprint classifications; fingerprint comparisons.
- Public relations and contact; preparation and presentation of comprehensive reports.
- Properly interpret and apply federal, state and local laws, ordinances and policies concerning the retention, return and disposal of evidence; short-range planning.
- Communicate effectively in written and oral form; follow oral and written directions.
- Develop and maintain effective working relationships.
- Operate radio equipment, emergency vehicles, video equipment and mini-computer.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Application and supplemental materials will be evaluated and applicants who appear to be most qualified will be invited to participate in a job related interview and/or practical examination process. Successful candidates will also be required to pass a background investigation, physical examination, and drug screen. Apply online by visiting the City's website <a href="https://www.visalia.city">www.visalia.city</a> and clicking on Jobs in the City.