**Class Summary**

The responsibilities of this classification include working with law enforcement agencies to develop and collect latent fingerprint evidence using basic techniques, and provide training on techniques to responding officers. Incumbents work directly with law enforcement agencies to address unique requirements for each case.

**Distinguishing Characteristics**

This is a single level classification in support of King County’s regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) program. Incumbents primarily work in the field collecting latent evidence from property and other crimes using basic field processing techniques. Incumbents may travel to any location in King County, as well as neighboring counties when necessary.

This classification is distinguished from Tenprint Examiner in that a Tenprint Examiner’s primary responsibility is comparing and matching rolled fingerprints. It is also distinguished from Identification Technicians, who effectively maintain physical contact with inmates while obtaining fingerprints, mugshots and DNA samples. It is also distinguished from Latent Print Examiners, in that Latent Print Examiners have advanced training and expertise in major or complex crime scenes, chemical and sequential processing, latent print examination, and court testimony as a forensic expert.

**Examples of Duties**

1. Respond to requests to process crime scenes and evidence for latent prints using basic techniques.
2. Prepare detailed notes and/or reports.
3. Transport collected lift evidence while maintaining chain of custody rules.
4. Provide specialized instruction and technical presentations to internal and external customers.
5. Prepare for and testify in court or formal proceedings about the work performed.
6. Maintain qualifications as an expert in the type and level of work performed; keep apprised of relevant court cases, current publications and professional journals.
7. Research and make recommendations for procedural changes.
8. May provide educational presentations for citizens’ academies, local schools and tours of the units.
9. Perform other duties as assigned.

**Knowledge/Skills**

Knowledge of the technology, techniques, and best practices for the capture, classification, examination, and identification of fingerprints or other friction ridge detail

Knowledge of developing, preserving, and transporting latent print evidence

Knowledge of current chain of custody principles and practices

Knowledge of standard laboratory and field safety procedures

Skill in maintaining confidentiality and following security procedures

Skill in documenting information with a high degree of accuracy

Skill in maintaining professional demeanor at all times, including giving clear, credible and accurate testimony during judicial proceedings

Skill in providing excellent customer service, including problem-solving abilities

Skill in handling multiple competing priorities with efficiency

Skill in analytical thinking, problem solving, and conflict-resolution

Ability to work in a standing, crouching or kneeling position for extended periods of time, often while outdoors and exposed to the elements

Ability to work within a 24 hour, seven day work week, which may include nights, weekends, and holidays

Ability to effectively communicate in written and verbally and convey technical issues to non-technical audiences

Ability and willingness to drive various types of county vehicles

Ability to effectively engage in and sustain relationships with people from diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds

Ability to work independently and as a team member

Demonstrated proficiency with business applications, such as Microsoft Office suite

**Education and Experience Requirements**

Any combination of education and experience that clearly demonstrates the ability to perform the job duties of the position

**Licensing, Certification and Other Requirements**

This is a Civil Service classification. All incumbents must be United States citizens and be able to read and write the English language. Offers of employment are contingent on passing both a thorough background investigation and polygraph examination.

Valid Washington State driver license

Additional licenses, certifications and other requirements determined to be necessary to meet the business needs of the employing unit may be required.

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| **FLSA Designation** | Non-Exempt  |
| **Service Status** | Career Service  |
| **EEO Code** | 3 |
| **Levels within same series** | None |
| **Class History** | 04/2017 - Created |