DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

BUREAU OF FORENSIC SERVICES

Fresno Laboratory

Senior Criminalist

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**Vacant**

**JOB TITLE:** Senior Criminalist

**STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Under the general supervision of the Criminalist Supervisor, a Senior Criminalist performs all types of physical evidence examinations and comparisons.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Under the supervision of a Criminalist Manager or Criminalist Supervisor.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** May act as lead Criminalist in a laboratory with less than four technical staff.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Be able to lift up to 60 pounds; work odd and late hours; handle foreign substances and chemicals; ability to differentiate color shades; and provide courtroom testimony.

**TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:** While working in the laboratory, Senior Criminalists are in a controlled environment; however, while responding to clandestine labs and homicide scenes, they are in an uncontrolled environment; additionally, courtroom testimony can be a stressful work environment.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

40% Performs casework analysis at the journeyman level in all or selected areas of criminalistics, controlled substances and blood alcohol. This includes note taking, report writing and courtroom testimony. Handle the most complex criminalistics cases.

10% Processes crime scenes and/or clandestine laboratory scenes for physical evidence and reconstruct the events of the crime from the physical evidence.

10% Instructs Criminalist A, B, C and Senior Criminalist levels in techniques of criminalistics.

10% Provides additional training in specific Criminalistics areas.

5% Instructs classes in physical evidence and scientific crime investigation for local law enforcement agencies and peace officer training schools.

5% May act as a technical resource for special projects

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5% Provides consultation to departmental units and other state and local agencies on scientific crime investigation methods.

5% Performs routine maintenance, inspections, and calibration checks on laboratory instruments and equipment.

5% Can be assigned as a Senior Criminalist in charge of a specific area within a laboratory.

5% Other duties as required such as laboratory operation coverage in evidence intake/release, front office coverage, project management or participating in laboratory inspections.

*I have read and understand the essential functions and typical demands required of the job offered to me, and I am able to perform the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodation.*

Employees Signature Date Supervisors Signature Date