

Department of Consumer Affairs

Position Duty Statement

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Classification Title	Board/Bureau/Division
Investigator	Division of Investigation
Working Title	Office/Unit/Section / Geographic Location
Investigator	Special Operations Unit (SOU)/Internal Affairs Sacramento
Position Number	Name and Effective Date
612-200-8610-003	

General Statement: Under the general direction of the Supervising Investigator I, Division of Investigation (DOI), Special Operations Unit (SOU) the incumbent independently conducts the most sensitive, complex, and diverse administrative, civil, and criminal investigations of misconduct by employees of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and pre-employment background investigations. Duties include, but are not limited to:

A. Specific Assignments [Essential (E)/Marginal (M) Functions]:

40% Investigations (*Driving, sitting, balance and carrying required*) (E)

- Performs complex and/or sensitive investigative activities; locates and interviews accused persons and witnesses; analyzes and evaluates testimony; examines a variety of records to secure or verify information concerning suspected violations and violators; identifies, gathers, assembles and preserves statements, affidavits and other evidence for use in legal action. **(15%)**
- Performs threat assessments in compliance with the DCA Workplace Violence Prevention policy. **(15%)**
- Makes physical arrests; participates in carrying out search warrants; transports those in custody. **(5%)**
- Conducts surveillance and undercover operations. **(5%)**

30% Investigative Reports and Case Work (*Sitting required*) (E)

- Prepares detailed reports of the events of the investigation, which include documented evidence, statements from witnesses, and general synopsis.
- Prepares internal memorandum to document service of administrative actions.
- Works with DCA Legal Division, Attorney General's Office, and District Attorney's Offices in preparing and presenting cases, and testifies in court or administrative hearings.
- Files criminal complaints; serves search warrants, subpoenas, and other legal papers; issues citations; logs evidence when seized.
- Cooperates with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies on investigations.

20% Program Support (*Driving, sitting, balance and carrying required*) (E)

- Administers updates and produces the DCA Workplace Violence Prevention, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), and Infraction Citation Authority policies and programs.
- Consults with and provides expertise to supervisors and managers regarding employee misconduct issues, including preliminary threat assessments, which may or may not rise to the level of an investigation.
- Consults and interfaces with supervisors and managers regarding the SOU investigative process, investigative impacts with day-to-day operations.

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- Serves adverse actions, administrative time off (ATO) letters, and other administrative actions as needed by the DCA Legal Affairs Office. Performs security standby services for the DCA executive staff, Boards, Bureaus, and other Departmental programs at public meetings or other high visibility events and employee disciplinary meetings/actions.

10% Training/Administrative (*Driving, sitting, balance and carrying required*) (E)

- Creates and prepares specialized training programs (Infraction Citation Authority, Workplace Violence Prevention Program, and Internal Affairs processes) for the Boards, Bureaus and other Department program staff. Answers telephone, files investigative reports and documents, prepares and mails general correspondence, performs case preparation and processing duties. Prepares administrative reports such as attendance reports, travel claims and mileage logs. Ensures security of equipment and confidentiality of investigation and record information.
- Attends and participates in firearms qualifications, hand-to-hand defensive tactics training, and specialized law enforcement technical training.

B. Supervision Received

The Investigator reports directly to, and receives the majority of assignments from, the Supervising Investigator I. On occasion, the incumbent may also receive assignments from the Supervising Investigator II or higher level in management.

C. Supervision Exercised

None

D. Administrative Responsibility

None

E. Personal Contacts

Coordinates daily with other SOU staff/investigators regarding case planning, strategy, and investigative work. Regularly works in pairs with other SOU investigators in conducting victim, witness, and subject interviews. Often functions as part of an investigative team with SOU investigators and SOU supervisors. Meets frequently with the SOU Supervising Investigator I and SOU Supervising Investigator II regarding SOU investigations. Participates in occasional meetings and consultation with the DCA executive staff and board executive officers regarding investigative processes and SOU's department policy/program responsibilities. Communicates routinely with DCA managers and supervisors during the course of internal investigations. Regularly interviews victims, witnesses and subjects of sensitive investigations both within the agency and from the general public.

F. Actions and Consequences

Failure to complete assigned casework in a timely manner, or inefficiency in conducting investigations, may result in a higher monetary cost to client agencies. Investigations not completed in a timely manner may allow the statute of limitations for the particular violation to lapse. Investigations not completed in a timely manner can delay licensing, costing the DCA loss of licensing revenue and the possibility of a loss of income for a person who cannot be licensed until the investigation is completed. An inadequate investigation may result in allowing a violation of the law (criminal or administrative) to go undetected or unpunished. Many of the cases being investigated affect the health and safety of consumers.

Failure to make a lawful or justified arrest may expose the state to a lawsuit. The excessive or

improper use of force in making an arrest may result in injury or death to an employee, suspect, or other person, and may expose the state to a lawsuit.

G. Functional Requirements

The incumbent works 40 hours a week; up to 20 hours per week in an office setting, with artificial light and temperature control and approximately 20 hours a week in the field, which includes sitting/driving and walking. Daily access to and use of a computer and telephone is essential. Sitting and standing requirements in the office are consistent with office work.

Special Physical Characteristics

Include good health, emotional maturity, and stability; sound physical condition; strength, endurance, and agility necessary to cope with the demands of the job; normal hearing; normal vision or vision corrected to normal; weight proportional to age and height.

Peace Officer and POST Requirements

The Investigator is required to perform the full range of peace officer duties, including qualifying for, carrying and using a firearm. Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031 (f), an individual in this position must be found to be free from physical, emotional, or mental condition which might adversely affect the exercise of the powers of a peace officer.

An individual must satisfy all selection and training standards required by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) for peace officers. The incumbent will be required to satisfactorily complete or provide proof of successful completion of a basic investigative training course approved by POST prior to the completion of the probationary period. If the incumbent does not successfully complete the POST course during the probationary period, the incumbent will be rejected during the probationary period.

Physical Demands

An employee must be able to demonstrate his/her ability to perform various physical tasks. In an 8-hour work shift, an employee will routinely:

Stand/Walk/Run:	Occasionally
Sit:	Continuously
Drive:	Frequently
Bend/Stoop:	Occasionally
Squat/Crouch:	Occasionally
Crawl:	Occasionally
Climb:	Occasionally
Reach/Stretch:	Occasionally
Balance:	Continuously
Push/Pull:	Occasionally
Carry:	Continuously, up to 15 pounds as s/he is required to carry a semi-automatic pistol, extra ammunition, handcuffs, chemical agent, etc. The incumbent will wear body armor (approximately 8 pounds), when required. The incumbent will occasionally carry up to 80 pounds.
Lift:	Occasionally
Kneel:	Occasionally
Twist:	Occasionally
Foot Movement:	Occasionally, the incumbent will use repetitive foot movements when driving a vehicle.

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Hand Manipulation: The incumbent uses hands respectively for fine manipulating motor skills and firm grasping with all joints and digits for the following: writing or typing reports, maintenance of firearm proficiency, performance of physical arrests and in-service defensive tactics training.

Occasionally = 1- 33% of workday
Frequently = 34- 66% of workday
Continuously = 67-100% of workday

Environmental Conditions

The employee is required to work both indoors and outdoors, depending on the situation they are involved in, at any given time. While indoors, the temperature and humidity is reasonably controlled, but while out of doors, the employee is exposed to climatic conditions. The employee is exposed to dust and fumes. The employee may occasionally be exposed to toxic materials or have contact with persons believed to have a contagious disease. There is a reasonable expectation of contact with blood-borne pathogens or bodily fluids, or other potentially infectious materials or chemicals. The employee is exposed to gunpowder and fumes during quarterly firearm/shotgun qualifications and periodic chemical agent training.

H. Other Information

The employee routinely works with sensitive and confidential issues and/or materials, which may include sexually explicit materials and graphic medical procedures such as autopsies. The employee is expected to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of documents and topics pertaining to individuals or to sensitive investigative matters at all times. This position requires working in and driving to various locations throughout the state and, on occasion, during odd or irregular hours. The employee is required to maintain regular and consistent attendance; report to work on time; work their full day and work under changing priorities and deadlines. In addition, the employee is required to dress and act professionally, work cooperatively with others and exhibit courteous behavior towards coworkers and the public. Knowledge and proficiency in the use of personal computers and standard office software is desired. A peace officer background check is required.

The investigator must perform the full range of peace officer duties and responsibilities in the accomplishment of their assignments. In addition, the investigator must qualify and carry a firearm, have a valid California Driver's License and a good driving record, and be able to operate a motor vehicle safely. The position requires substantial field work (majority of the time) and it is typically more efficient for the employee to travel directly from home to the field work location.

Title 11, section 703 (d) of the California Code of Regulations requires criminal record checks of all personnel who have access to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI). Pursuant to this requirement, applicants for this position will be required to submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice and be cleared before hiring. In accordance to DCA's (CORI) procedures, clearance shall be maintained while employed in a CORI-designated position. Additionally, the position routinely works with sensitive and confidential issues and/or materials and is expected to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of documents and topics pertaining to individuals or to sensitive program matters at all times.

In all job functions, employees are responsible for creating an inclusive, safe, and secure work environment that values diverse cultures, perspectives, and experiences, and is free from

discrimination. Employees are expected to provide all members of the public equitable services and treatment, collaborate with underserved communities and tribal governments, and work toward improving outcomes for all Californians.

I have read and understand the duties listed above and I can perform these duties with or without reasonable accommodation. (If you believe reasonable accommodation is necessary, discuss your concerns with the hiring supervisor. If unsure of a need for reasonable accommodation, inform the hiring supervisor, who will discuss your concerns with the Health & Safety analyst.)

Employee Signature Date

Name, Classification (Printed)

I have discussed the duties of this position with and have provided a copy of this duty statement to the employee named above.

Supervisor Signature Date

Name, Classification (Printed)

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