

**CLASS TITLE: Police Officer (Assigned as Latent Fingerprint Examiner)**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:** Under general supervision, enforces federal, state and local laws, maintains order, prevents crime, makes arrests, and performs specialized work as a latent fingerprint examiner; and performs related duties as required.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:** Examines latent fingerprint evidence recovered at crime scenes by chemical reproduction; classifies prints in order to identify criminal suspects; compiles and maintains a file of latent fingerprints suitable for comparison; prepares identification data for court by making all corresponding points of identification on reproduced copies and inked prints of latent fingerprints; testifies in court as an expert witness on fingerprint identification; instructs civilian fingerprint technicians in the techniques of fingerprint identification and the proper methods to be used in determining classifications of fingerprint patterns; conducts recruit and in-service training classes on fingerprint classification techniques.

**DESIRABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Training and Experience. Career Service status as a Police Officer with the Chicago Police Department supplemented by two years of experience in law enforcement work and successful completion of training in prescribed courses in latent fingerprint examination.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Comprehensive knowledge of fingerprint classification according to the Sir Henry System. Considerable knowledge of all departmental orders pertaining to fingerprint examination. Considerable knowledge of the techniques used in recovering and examining latent fingerprints.

Ability to maintain fingerprint files and records. Ability to prepare work reports. Ability to evaluate situations and make good judgments.

Considerable skill in the examination and identification of latent fingerprints. Considerable skill in communicating effectively both orally and in writing. Considerable skill in training individuals in the techniques of fingerprint identification.

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