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CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

CAREER OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN

JOB ID: 589

TITLE: CRIMINALIST I, II, OR III - DRUG CHEMISTRY

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DESCRIPTION: A Criminalist I, II, or III position now exists within the Drug Chemistry Section within the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division. The official domicile for this position is Jefferson City, Missouri. This position is classified as non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

POSITION SUMMARY: This is an entry-level position where the employee performs technical work in the scientific analysis of controlled substances, as well as alcohol content in beverage and body fluid samples (where applicable*). An employee in this position participates in a formal and on-the-job training program. Work is performed under immediate supervision.

Employees assigned to satellite laboratories are also responsible for learning the daily operations of the satellite laboratory. In some circumstances, employees are also responsible for the scientific analysis of body fluids and beverage samples for alcohol content.

For a more detailed job description go to:

<http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/HRD/Civilian/CivilianJobDescriptions/salarySchedule.html>.

QUALIFICATIONS: **Criminalist I:** Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in one of the natural sciences or closely related field. College coursework must include 20 hours of chemistry, including two semesters of general chemistry with laboratory, two semesters of organic chemistry, and one semester of organic chemistry laboratory. An organic chemistry laboratory that is integrated into a 4 or 5 hour organic chemistry course will satisfy the laboratory requirement. Survey or introductory coursework intended for non-chemistry majors will not satisfy the above requirements. Both overall academic record and applicable job experience will be factors for consideration; however, prior job experience will not replace the minimum academic requirement. **Criminalist II:** possess the above mentioned academic requirement AND at least two years of experience as a Criminalist I - Drug Chemistry or comparable experience. **Criminalist III:** possess the above mentioned academic requirement AND at least two years of experience as a Criminalist II - Drug Chemistry or comparable experience.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must provide a DNA sample to be used only for forensic identification as required at the time of appointment.

Must be able to pass a polygraph examination after conditional offer of employment.

If applicable to the assigned forensic discipline, possess or obtain a Missouri Department of Health Type 1 Permit (Alcohol Testing).

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If applicable, possess or obtain and maintain a Certified Instructors Certificate (Specialist) from the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

Must successfully complete a twelve-month probationary period.

SALARY RANGE (Semi-monthly): Criminalist I: \$1,654.50
Criminalist II: \$1,919.00
Criminalist III: \$2,261.50

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Current Crime Laboratory employees interested in this position must access the Patrol's [intranet site](#) to complete and submit an [application for civilian employment](#) prior to the application deadline. Applicants with the necessary educational qualifications must also upload a copy of their college transcripts to the online application system. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of the application. Individuals who have previously completed an application must access their profile in the system to re-apply.

Interview boards are tentatively scheduled for the week of September 11, 2017.

Some Patrol duties relate to criminal activity. Therefore, employees may be exposed to written material, photographs, and/or verbal language of a sexual nature. The requirements of this position are not intended to create a hostile work environment; however, it is work of an extremely sensitive nature. A copy of the Missouri State Highway Patrol policy on sexual harassment is available upon request.

NOTE: Final selection may be based upon several factors, e.g., results of an oral interview, written examination or exercise, review of past work performance, performance evaluations, and/or candidate's possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities deemed necessary for successful performance in the job.

EEO STATEMENT: The Missouri State Highway Patrol is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, ancestry, sexual orientation, or disability.