

## SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES (BALLISTICS)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent in this position performs analysis of firearms-related evidence. Responsibilities include collecting, identifying, classifying and analyzing evidence or suspected evidence obtained at crime scenes throughout the County of Westchester. The incumbent works in conjunction with the Medical Examiner in cases of homicide, suicide, or suspicious death and provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies. Supervision is not a responsibility of this class, however the incumbent is expected to provide expert testimonies in court proceedings. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Examines and identifies fired arms, bullets and shells, using a comparison microscope, in any case involving illegal and legal (unjustifiable police shootings) discharge or possession of firearms;

Classifies and evaluates all fired bullets and shells submitted as evidence in a crime;

Conducts ballistic field investigations at crime scenes where a firearm has been discharged and where there is personal injury or property damage to aid the Medical Examiner and District Attorney to establish ballistic evidence in criminal cases;

Test-fires firearms to determine operability and to obtain evidence specimens;

Maintains an active unidentified evidence bullet and shell file;

Instructs law enforcement personnel in ballistics and firearms identification techniques;

Provides expert ballistic testimony as required in all courts;

Gathers evidence in homicide cases, suicides or suspicious deaths, and works in conjunction with Medical Examiner to identify causes of death;

Instructs members of the Public Safety Department in the science of ballistics and physical evidence lectures;

Assists law enforcement agencies in the identification, analysis and evaluation of evidence;

Participates in professional associations to enhance expensive and interchange information;

Prepares quantitative and evaluative, special reports as requested;

Keeps abreast of current ballistic developments.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques used in collecting, identifying, classifying and analyzing firearm-related evidence, and skill in performing these operations; good knowledge of the technical characteristics of a wide variety of firearms and cartridges; familiarity with penal laws; ability to conduct investigations; ability to write concise and accurate reports; ability to give, understand and carry out oral and written instructions; mental alertness and good powers of observation and memory; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A high school or general equivalency diploma and five years of experience in ballistics as a firearms examiner, or in firearms identification in a recognized police firearms laboratory.