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CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

CAREER OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN

JOB ID: 815

TITLE: CRIMINALIST I, II, OR III (CODIS)

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DESCRIPTION: A Criminalist position now exists within the CODIS Section of 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 position performs technical work in the scientific analysis of biological samples for DNA profiling of offenders under Missouri statutes using current DNA techniques.

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 bachelor's degree (or equivalent) or an advanced degree in biology, chemistry, or a forensic science related field; coursework must include 20 semester hours in biology and shall have successfully completed college course work (graduate or undergraduate level) in biochemistry, genetics, and molecular biology totaling at least nine semester or equivalent credit hours. These courses must comply with the current FBI Quality Assurance Audit Document. Coursework and/or training in statistics and population genetics are recommended. A minimum acceptable grade of C or equivalent in the core biology courses is required. **Criminalist II:** Possess the above mentioned academic requirement AND two years of experience as a Criminalist I - CODIS, or comparable experience. **Criminalist III:** Possess the above mentioned academic requirement AND two years of experience as a Criminalist II - CODIS, or comparable experience.

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Individuals, including current Patrol employees, interested in this position must visit our website at www.mshp.dps.mo.gov to complete and submit an [application](#) 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 July 30, 2018. The tentative start date for this position is within 30 days of the interview.

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Polygraph Examination: The applicant must undergo and successfully complete a polygraph examination, administered by a Patrol polygraphist. The polygraph examination can be stressful for some applicants. Conditions such as hypertension, pregnancy, respiratory or heart ailments, etc., may affect the results of the polygraph examination. While there is no medical evidence that a polygraph examination affects a person's health, applicants are encouraged to discuss this step with their physician prior to the examination to determine if it is suitable for them to be tested. If an accommodation is needed, the applicant must discuss this with the Human Resources Division at the time the examination is scheduled. Those applicants who are pregnant will not be tested until after the birth of the child. All applicants are required to sign a waiver form prior to taking the polygraph examination. The areas covered in the polygraph examination are as follows: employment history, traffic record, financial history, past and current illegal drug usage, record of criminal convictions, and basic honesty.

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.

Once a job offer has been made, employment with the Missouri State Highway Patrol is contingent upon the successful results of a Patrol administered drug test and favorable background investigation.

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.

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