

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR I

GRADE: 12

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs entry level criminal investigation work; Investigate assigned criminal activities. Perform supplementary investigation to assist prosecutors in case preparations. Make arrests and file criminal cases.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Investigates all types of criminal activities and assists prosecutors in case preparation

Assists local, state, federal and out-of-state police offices in making arrests and filing criminal cases

Prepares and executes search and arrest warrants and serves subpoenas

Interviews inmates and other people to secure intelligence data and information; takes statements and confessions

Obtains evidence from police agencies and pen packet from various prison systems

Evaluates video taped interviews of children who are victims of physical/sexual abuse

Testifies in criminal trials

Performs all other related duties as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

One (1) year of experience in related field functioning as a law enforcement officer. Associate's degree in Law Enforcement preferred.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Excellent verbal and written communication skills are necessary

Skill is required in preparing written products and oral presentations

Ability to think logically and objectively

Ability to analyze and evaluate facts, evidence and related information

Registration, Certification, or Licensure

Texas Peace Officer certification from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE)

Mandatory firearms qualification and physical training

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations

