

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR III**

**GRADE: 16**

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Performs (senior-level) criminal investigation work. Investigate assigned criminal activities. Performs supplementary investigation to assist prosecutors in case preparations. Makes arrests and file cases.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

May train other entry and mid-level investigators to perform all related duties of investigations

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

Prepares reports and correspondence

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

Locates and interview persons, take statements and depositions, evaluate evidence, examine records, collect data and report facts

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

Evaluates evidence of criminal cases involving various types of victims including children

Testifies in criminal trials

Performs all other related duties as assigned

### **GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

#### **Experience and Education**

Five (5) years of law enforcement experience. Associate's degree in Law Enforcement, criminal justice, or related field. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in criminal justice or related field is generally preferred. Must have basic certification as a peace officer from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLOSE). Two (2) years of experience may be substituted for one (1) year of education.

## **Certificates, Licenses & Registration**

Possession of an Advanced Certificate of Law Enforcement

Applicant must have a current valid Texas operator's driver's license. Investigators use their own private vehicle and not a county car.

Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

Mandatory firearms qualification and physical training

## **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

Must be able to use a computer with programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Proper use and properly care for firearms

Ability to read, analyze and interpret the complex documents

Ability to think logically and objectively

Must have criminal law and criminal procedure experience with particular reference to the apprehension, arrest and custody of persons committing misdemeanors and felonies including rules of evidence pertaining to the seizures and preservation of evidence

Must have Interview and interrogation techniques and methods

Understanding of pertinent federal, state and local laws, regulations and codes

Knowledge in principles and practices of legal document preparation including citations and arrest warrants

Ability to analyze and evaluate facts, evidence and related information

Knowledge of laws of arrest, search and seizure, service of legal process, and the legal right of citizens

## **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, occasionally up to 100lbs. 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

