



# THE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVITES APPLICANTS FOR:

# LATENT PRINT EXAMINER

## ABOUT THE JOB

The Seattle Police Department is actively recruiting Latent Print Examiners. This is a rare opening to work for our innovative and well-respected Department in an environment where you can put all of your existing skills to use, while also learning new techniques in a highly motivated team atmosphere.

You will have the opportunity collect and preserve latent physical evidence in the lab, at crime scenes and from a wide variety of materials using physical, chemical, electronic and optical techniques. You will be expected to analyze and compare latent impressions and enter suitable latents into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) by photographing, determining the minutiae, identifying position, tracing, and inputting the impression.



You will need the ability to work with deceased bodies, as you will recover fingerprints, palm prints, and footprints from bodies. You will need to handle other biologic and hazardous materials, in a safe, professional manner. You will need the temperament to work with both the victims of crimes and potentially violent criminals for fingerprint collection.

You will be able to share your skills - training both Identification Technicians to properly collect and preserve prints, and training law enforcement personnel in the proper collection and preservation of physical evidence. As needed, you will be expected to testify in criminal legal proceedings concerning methods of analysis and results.

## POSITION QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor of Science degree with major in forensic science, criminalistics, physical or natural science or related field. *(Technical experience in a forensic laboratory or in identification and analysis of fingerprints can substitute for up to two years of college education.)*
- Two years experience in latent print examinations and processing of evidence.
- Able to respond to crime scenes on weekends and holidays.
- Working knowledge of the Henry Classification and National Crime Information Collection systems, forensic photography, alternate light sources and digital imaging technology.
- Proper use and storage of safety equipment, proper handling of hazardous, caustic, flammable and carcinogenic chemicals, including firearms and explosive devices.
- Must pass a Seattle Police Department background check, and provide a conviction history.
- Must pass a physical exam by City-approved doctor.
- Must have a Washington State Driver's License at time of hire.
- Obtain a Washington State ACCESS/WACIS certification within one year of employment.



# ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Seattle Police Department is a great place to work. With roughly 1,800 employees, it is big enough to meet and work with a variety of people, while small enough that you will get to know many of your co-workers. Working for the The City of Seattle offers a very generous retirement and benefits package that includes medical, dental and vision. The pay for Latent Print Examiner ranges between \$57-67k.

Seattle Police enjoys a national reputation for excellence; known for our training, and our support for technology and innovation.

The Latent Print Team works in a new state-of-the-art laboratory, and is part of the Department's Forensic Support Services, which also includes the Identification Unit, Evidence Unit, Photo Lab and Video Unit. Latent Prints is physically located near these units as well as the SPD CSI unit and the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab, for easy access and to encourage partnership.



## ABOUT SEATTLE

As the largest city in the Pacific Northwest, Seattle is diverse enough to provide you the opportunity to use a wide range of your skills. Seattle is also beautiful, framed on all sides by water and mountains. Vibrant, creative and exciting, Seattle is an interesting city to work in, and a beautiful place to call home.

While Seattle has all the attractions you would expect from a major city, it is often described as a "city of neighborhoods" - which gives the city a surprisingly small town feel. Neighborhoods throughout the city each have a distinct personality, with their own local traditions, celebrations, artists and events.

With the Cascade Mountains and Lake Washington on one side of town and the Olympic Mountains and Elliott Bay on the other, almost any drive through the city is met with breathtaking views. There are over 400 parks within

the city. Skiing, hiking, climbing, white water rafting, camping and more are all just a short drive away. In Seattle, "getting back to nature" is just a part of daily life.

It's the city that introduced the world to grunge, the 747, Amazon.com and made "latte" a household word. Seattle has something to interest everyone; professional sports teams, art museums, music and world class cuisine and shopping. Seattle is also home to renowned universities, nationally recognized medical research facilities and hospitals.

Seattle consistently winds up on top on a number of national rankings. Some of the most recent rankings for Seattle:

- Safest Major City in America (2006) - Gallup Poll
- Smartest City (2006) - BizJournals
- Most Livable City (2005) - U.S. Conference of Mayors
- America's Fittest City (2005,2003) - Men's Fitness
- Most Literate City (2005) - Central Conn. State University
- Most Child Friendly (2004) - Population Connection

### TO APPLY:

Apply online at [www.seattle.gov/jobs/](http://www.seattle.gov/jobs/) or complete an application, cover letter, resume and drop it off at the Personnel Department, Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Avenue, Suite 5400, Seattle, WA 98124-4028