

Property & Evidence Specialist

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Responsible for the secure intake, documentation, storage, tracking, and disposal of property and evidence collected by law enforcement personnel. This position ensures the integrity and chain of custody for all items is in accordance with legal standards, departmental policies and state and federal regulations.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The Property & Evidence Specialist is distinguished from the Digital Evidence Specialist by the amount of guidance and instruction needed to perform duties as assigned in the evidence room. Positions at this level exercise more independent discretion and judgment in matters related to work procedures and methods regarding physical evidence and may be required to provide support to higher-level situations.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

The supervisor makes assignments by defining objectives, priorities, and deadlines and assists incumbents with unusual situations which do not have clear precedents. Incumbents plan and carry out the successive steps and handle problems and deviations in the work assignment in accordance with instructions, policies, previous training, or accepted practices in the occupation.

SUPERVISION GIVEN

Does not have direct supervisory responsibility but does have significant oversight of employees or projects that require delegation and direction over the work of others.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Serve as the department subject matter expert in the management of property and evidence; maintain security and protection of property and evidence according to federal guidelines, state statutes, City ordinances, department policies, and best practices related to the storage and preservation of evidence.
2. Responsible for the management of over 10,000 pieces of property; prepare for property and evidence audits; participate in State Task Force and Federal audits; maintain accurate chain of custody including but not limited to intake, transfer, release, disposal, and auction manifest.
3. Work closely with officers, detectives, legal personnel, and the public to facilitate the proper handling of evidence for criminal investigations and court proceedings.
4. Respond to subpoenas; testify in state and federal court as a witness of evidence management, regarding the integrity of proper storage, preservation, transportation and processing of evidence; arrange, prepare and coordinate delivery of evidence for court.
5. Responsible for disposal of hazardous materials including legal and illegal narcotics and hazardous materials.
6. Participate in search warrant operations by attending pre-execution briefings and assisting on-site with the identification, collection, and documentation of property and evidence.
7. Ensure firearms are safe, secured and properly stored; verify NCIC on all firearms and items with serial numbers; complete ATF E-Traces; ensure test-firing and submission for National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) testing prior to release or destruction; facilitate and manage the release, transfer, or destruction of firearms; process and interpret criminal histories to determine firearm eligibility.
8. Conduct audits and reconciliations of seized and recovered currency; coordinate deposits with designated financial institutions; send abandoned currency and documentation to the Minnesota Department of Commerce; monitor, track and submit counterfeit money to the United States Secret Service.
9. Handle and ensure the secure disposition of sensitive digital evidence in compliance with legal and procedural standards.

10. Develop, administer and conduct training programs in property and evidence keeping, office procedures, and forms-processing for Police Department personnel and partner agencies; responsible for the configuration, testing, training and ongoing maintenance of property and evidence management system modules.
11. Establish schedules and methods for providing property and evidence management services by identifying resource needs, reviewing needs, and allocating resources accordingly.
12. Maintain security and protection of police property and evidence according to mandated requirements and department policies.
13. Compile statistical data, or lead such activities and prepare routine reports, annual inventory of property and evidence rooms, and bi-annual property and evidence audits with assigned Lieutenant or Manager.
14. Review and keep in compliance with law and best practices all policies and procedures applicable to Property and Evidence.
15. Be an effective team member by exhibiting self-motivation, supporting other employees in handling tasks, interacting effectively and respectfully with others, showing a desire to contribute to the team effort, accepting assignments willingly, and completing tasks within agreed upon timelines.
16. Coordinate with various City departments, other government agencies, and community groups to develop methods of sharing resources, minimizing duplication, and simplifying procedures.
17. In collaboration with the supervisor, organize and direct the work activities of assigned team, and determine work priorities, assignments, and work schedules.
18. Provide input on decisions regarding the hiring processes and onboarding procedures of personnel.
19. Establish and maintain positive working relationships with the supervisor and employees by maintaining two-way communication, producing consistent results, advocating for the team when appropriate, and offering expertise to improve processes, systems, and the organization.
20. Other duties may be assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required.

1. Education & Experience Requirements
 - A. Associate's degree in law enforcement/criminal justice, or a related professional field, and three (3) years of related professional experience working in a police department with responsibility for the preservation and custody of evidence, property records keeping, and inventory maintenance; OR a minimum of five (5) years of related education and/or full-time, verifiable professional experience.
2. License Requirements
 - A. Possess and maintain a valid Minnesota Class D driver's license or privilege.
 - B. Acquire and maintain Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification within six (6) months of hire.
 - C. Acquire and maintain Property and Evidence Specialist certification through IAPE within six (6) months of hire.
 - D. Acquire and maintain Portal/NCIC certification within 30 days of hire.
3. Knowledge Requirements
 - A. Knowledge of principles of public and police administration, organization, budgeting, and personnel management.
 - B. Knowledge of principles and practices of management, training, personnel administration, and evaluation.

- C. Extensive knowledge of functions and relationships within the criminal justice system, including courts and law enforcement agencies.
 - D. Extensive knowledge of business computer application software, office methods, and other technical programs to monitor and maintain the security of police property and evidence.
 - E. Extensive knowledge of principles and practices of customer service.
 - F. Knowledge of basic principles and practices of municipal budget preparation and administration.
 - G. Extensive knowledge of proper methods and procedures for receiving and storing evidence and property.
 - H. Extensive knowledge of proper handling of weapons and biohazard materials.
 - I. Extensive knowledge of law enforcement record keeping procedures and requirements as related to evidence and property management.
 - J. Knowledge of problem-solving and conflict-resolution techniques.
 - K. Knowledge of applicable safety requirements.
 - L. Knowledge of, or the ability to learn, City policies and procedures.
 - M. Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws, statutes, regulations, codes, and standards related to the area of responsibility.
 - N. Knowledge of effective leadership and personnel practices.
4. Skill Requirements
- A. Skill in analyzing complex technical and administrative problems, evaluating alternative solutions, recommending, and implementing effective courses of action.
 - B. Skill in planning, assigning, supervising, and evaluating the work of assigned support personnel.
 - C. Skill in the operation of office equipment including, but not limited to, general computer systems, job required software applications, the internet, and modern office equipment.
 - D. Skill in managing one's own time and the time of others.
 - E. Skill in completing assignments accurately and with attention to detail.
 - F. Skill in using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.
5. Ability Requirements
- A. Ability to prepare succinct, coherent, and technically accurate reports and analyses.
 - B. Ability to assist in the development of innovative municipal law enforcement practices.
 - C. Ability to apply applicable codes and regulations to property and evidence management.
 - D. Ability to work cooperatively with other departments, City officials, and outside agencies.
 - E. Ability to create and maintain a positive working environment that welcomes diversity, ensures cooperation, and promotes respect by sharing expertise with team members, fostering safe work practices, and developing trusting work relationships.
 - F. Ability to communicate and interact effectively with members of the public.
 - G. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
 - H. Ability to recognize, analyze, and solve a variety of problems.
 - I. Ability to organize and prioritize work while meeting multiple deadlines.
 - J. Ability to handle difficult and stressful situations with professional composure.
 - K. Ability to work successfully as a member of a team and independently with minimal supervision.
 - L. Ability to train and lead others.
 - M. Ability to interpret and apply laws, contracts, regulations, policies, and procedures.
 - N. Ability to enforce safety rules and regulations.
 - O. Ability to maintain confidential information.
 - P. Ability to demonstrate dependability, responsibility, and consistency in job performance.
 - Q. Ability to attend work as scheduled and/or required.

Physical Demands

The work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven, or rocky surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, reaching, or similar activities; recurring lifting of moderately heavy items such as record boxes. The work may require specific, but common, physical characteristics and abilities such as above.

Work Environment

The work environment involves moderate risks or discomforts requiring special safety precautions (e.g., working around moving parts, carts, or machines, or with contagious diseases or irritant chemicals). Employees may be required to use protective clothing or gear such as masks, gowns, coats, boots, goggles, gloves, or shields.

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SUMMARY/PURPOSE

~~Under general direction, plan, direct, organize~~ Responsible for the secure intake, documentation, storage, tracking, and ~~lead the day-to-day activities and personnel disposal~~ of the property and evidence unit, ~~collected by law enforcement personnel. This includes related digital technology areas~~ position ensures the integrity and chain of custody for all items is in support of the Police Department's priorities accordance with legal standards, departmental policies and directives state and federal regulations.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

~~This is a non-sworn leadworker classification within the Police Department, which receives general direction from the Major Crimes Lieutenant, Administrative Lieutenant, or Police Records & Technology Manager. Incumbents exercise direct supervision over non-sworn professional technical staff.~~

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ~~(other duties may be assigned)~~

- ~~0. Determine priorities, assign work to personnel, and coordinate schedules to ensure completion of work.~~
- ~~0. Assist in the hire, transfer, suspension, or discharge of assigned personnel.~~
- ~~0. Establish work standards and evaluate the work of employees.~~
- ~~0. Train personnel in correct and safe operating procedures.~~
- ~~0. Monitor worksite to ensure compliance with established methods, guidelines, standards, and procedures related to law enforcement. Serve as the department subject matter expert in the management of property and evidence management.~~
- 7.1. Lead, plan, prioritize, assign, review, and coordinate the day-to-day activities including managing the maintenance, retrieval, maintain security and protection, retention, and destruction of all police of property and evidence. according to federal guidelines, state statutes, City ordinances, department policies, and best practices related to the storage and preservation of evidence.
2. Responsible for the management of over 10,000 pieces of property; prepare for property and evidence audits; participate in State Task Force and Federal audits; maintain accurate chain of custody including but not limited to intake, transfer, release, disposal, and auction manifest.
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- ~~8-11.~~ Establish schedules and methods for providing property and evidence management services by identifying resource needs, reviewing needs, and allocating resources accordingly.
- ~~0.~~ ~~Lead police property and evidence preparation, processing and file management activities.~~
- ~~10-12.~~ Maintain security and protection of police property and evidence according to mandated requirements and department policies.
- ~~0.~~ ~~Participate in the development of property and evidence related goals, objectives, policies, and procedures.~~
- ~~0.~~ ~~Participate in the implementation of approved policies and procedures, and monitor work activities to ensure compliance with established policies and procedures.~~
- ~~0.~~ ~~Develop, administer, and conduct training programs in property and evidence keeping, office procedures, and forms-processing for Police Department personnel.~~
- ~~0.~~ ~~Serve as a liaison to other law enforcement agencies with regard to property and evidence related inquiries.~~
- ~~15-13.~~ Compile statistical data, or lead such activities and prepare routine reports, annual inventory of property and evidence rooms, and bi-annual property and evidence audits with assigned Lieutenant or Manager.
- ~~0.~~ ~~Participate in the preparation and administration of the assigned program budget as well as submit budget recommendations and monitor expenditures.~~
- ~~17-14.~~ Review and keep in compliance with law and best practices all policies and procedures applicable to Property and Evidence.
- ~~0.~~ ~~Handle all department related forfeitures in accordance with department policy, procedure, local, state, and federal laws.~~
- ~~0.~~ ~~Conduct semi-annual audits and an annual inventory of all evidence and property.~~
15. Perform related Be an effective team member by exhibiting self-motivation, supporting other employees in handling tasks, interacting effectively and respectfully with others, showing a desire to contribute to the team effort, accepting assignments willingly, and completing tasks within agreed upon timelines.
16. Coordinate with various City departments, other government agencies, and community groups to develop methods of sharing resources, minimizing duplication, and simplifying procedures.
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- ~~A. Four (4) years of verifiable warehouse management and supervisory experience to include shipping, receiving, inventory and audits, and direct supervision of personnel.~~

2. License Requirements

- A. Possession of Possess and maintain a valid Minnesota Driver's License Class D driver's license or privilege.
- B. Acquire and maintain Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification within six (6) months of hire.
- ~~B-C. Acquire and maintain Property and Evidence Specialist certification through IAPE preferred within six (6) months of hire.~~
- ~~C-D. Acquire and maintain Portal/NCIC certification within 30 days of hire.~~

3. Knowledge Requirements

- ~~C. Knowledge of effective supervisory practices.~~
- ~~B-A. Knowledge of principles of public and police administration, organization, budgeting, and personnel management.~~
- ~~C-B. Knowledge of principles and practices of management, training, personnel administration, and evaluation.~~
- ~~D-C. Extensive knowledge of functions and relationships within the criminal justice system, including courts and law enforcement agencies.~~
- ~~E-D. Extensive knowledge of business computer application software, office methods, and other technical programs to monitor and maintain the security of police property and evidence.~~
- ~~F-E. Extensive knowledge of principles and practices of customer service.~~
- ~~G-F. Knowledge of basic principles and practices of municipal budget preparation and administration.~~
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- M. Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws, statutes, regulations, codes, and standards related to the area of responsibility.
- N. Knowledge of effective leadership and personnel practices.

4. Skill Requirements

- ~~A. Skill in planning, assigning, supervising, and evaluating the work of assigned support personnel.~~
- ~~B-A. Skill in analyzing complex technical and administrative problems, evaluating alternative solutions, recommending, and implementing effective courses of action.~~
- ~~C. Skill with interpersonal relations and customer service.~~
- ~~D. Skill in communicating effectively and clearly, both orally and in writing.~~
- ~~B. Skill in planning, assigning, supervising, and evaluating the work of assigned support personnel.~~
- ~~C. Skill in the operation of office equipment including, but not limited to, general computer systems, job required software applications, the internet, and modern office equipment.~~
- ~~D. Skill in interpreting managing one's own time and the time of others.~~
- ~~E. Skill in completing assignments accurately and applying federal, state, with attention to detail.~~
- ~~E-F. Skill in using logic and local policies, procedures, laws, reasoning to identify the strengths and regulations weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.~~
- ~~F. Skill in the use of computers and application software.~~
- ~~F. Skill in utilizing discretion in the handling and disclosure of confidential information.~~
- ~~F. Skill in organizing and setting priorities for a variety of projects and tasks in an effective and efficient manner to ensure meeting of deadlines.~~

5. Ability Requirements

- ~~A. Ability to effectively lead, develop, and supervise professional and technical staff.~~
- ~~B-A. Ability to prepare succinct, coherent, and technically accurate reports and analyses.~~
- ~~C. Ability to deal effectively and tactfully with other professionals, elected officials, other agencies, and the general public.~~
- ~~D. Ability to exercise sound independent judgment within established guidelines.~~
- ~~E-B. Ability to assist in the development of innovative municipal law enforcement practices.~~
- ~~F. Ability to lead other workers, assign work, give instructions, and evaluate the quality of work completed.~~
- ~~G. Ability to understand, interpret, and apply general and specific administrative and departmental policies and procedures as well as applicable federal, state, and local policies, laws, and regulations.~~
- ~~H-C. Ability to apply applicable codes and regulations to property and evidence management.~~
- ~~I-D. Ability to work cooperatively with other departments, City officials, and outside agencies.~~
- ~~J-E. Ability to create and maintain a positive working environment that welcomes diversity, ensures cooperation, and promotes respect by sharing expertise with team members, fostering safe work practices, and developing trusting work relationships.~~

20. Physical Ability Requirements

- ~~F. Ability to walk, stand, stoop, stretch, reach overhead communicate and under confined spaces to retrieve evidence interact effectively with members of the public.~~
- ~~M-G. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and properly in writing.~~
- ~~H. Ability to lift recognize, analyze, and carry solve a variety of items weighing up to 50 pounds, including supplies, equipment, problems.~~
- ~~N-I. Ability to organize and packaged evidence that can include large and bulky items prioritize work while meeting multiple deadlines.~~
- ~~. Ability to lift handle difficult and carry other items weighing up to 100 pounds.~~
- ~~. Ability to climb ladders.~~
- ~~. Ability to talk and hear to exchange information.~~
- ~~. Ability to work overtime on occasion.~~
- ~~. Fine dexterity to operate computers and other office equipment.~~

- ~~T.J.~~ Exposure to hazardous waste, chemicals, narcotics, dangerous drugs, and blood borne pathogens are likely stressful situations with professional composure.
- K. Ability to work indoors successfully as a member of a team and independently with minimal supervision.
- L. Ability to train and lead others.
- M. Ability to interpret and apply laws, contracts, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- ~~U.N.~~ Ability to enforce safety rules and outside in varying environmental conditions regulations.
- O. Ability to maintain confidential information.
- P. Ability to demonstrate dependability, responsibility, and consistency in job performance.
- ~~V.Q.~~ Ability to attend work on a regular basis as scheduled and/or required.

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