



MARION COUNTY
invites applications for the position of:
**Medical Legal Death
Investigator**

SALARY: \$30.34 - \$40.62 Hourly

OPENING DATE: 07/29/22

CLOSING DATE: 08/15/22 11:59 PM

THE POSITION:

The mission of the District Attorney's Office is to seek justice through:

- Promoting accountability for criminal offenders.
- Interpreting, enforcing, and executing law.
- Responding to the concerns of victims and the public; and
- Working cooperatively with members of the justice system.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Investigates deaths occurring under violent, questionable, or unexplained circumstances, according to ORS 146.085; gathers factual data relating to deceased persons; prepares detailed reports.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the supervision of the Chief Medical Legal Death Investigator, who sets goals, assigns work and reviews performance for quality and quantity of work completed.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Supervision of others is not a function of positions in this classification.

TYPICAL DUTIES - DUTIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Conducts and completes death investigations, as directed by ORS 146.
- Responds to death scenes and documents observations at death scenes.
- Obtains history of terminal event and medical history.
- Draws biological specimens such as blood and urine from the body of the deceased.
- Schedules and attends (as needed) autopsies and arranges for toxicological and special studies.
- Coordinates with District Attorney, the responsible law agency, local physicians, local pathologists, and the State Medical Examiner's Office.
- Completes a report (RAIL) incorporating the results of these functions.
- Death scene investigations can include strenuous physical activities such as hiking and climbing into rough terrain including mountains, hills, forests, and water.
- Being in weather including rain, snow, and extreme hot and cold temperatures.
- Can include crawling in tight spaces such as under houses and in attics.
- Helping to move, roll, and carry deceased bodies out of various locations which can include stairs and outdoor terrain.
- Can involve being exposed to diseases, hazardous materials, and chemicals.
- Will be exposed to scenes of crime and suicide which can be very graphic and violent looking. Will need to be able to work in these conditions.

- Carry out occasional special projects assigned by the Chief Medical Legal Death Investigator.
- Continue education on death investigation and provide occasional training to constituent agencies and staff.

Other Requirements

- On-call up to 24 hours a day during days of duty.
- Shifts include days, nights, and weekends as assigned by the Chief Medical Legal Death Investigator.
- Maintain regular scheduled office hours and handles requests from individuals and agencies regarding deaths.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION: EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

1. Bachelor's degree with major coursework in science and pre-medical classes; AND
2. Three years of experience in any or all of the following areas of training: police, nurse, physician assistant, EMT, medical legal death investigator; OR
3. Any satisfactory combination of work, education, training, or experience relevant to the position, as determined by Marion County.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must have completed, or complete as soon as available by the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office, the Medical Legal Death Investigator Training Program.
- Must possess a current driver's license in the applicant's state of residence and an acceptable driving history. Marion County will obtain a copy of the driving record for all qualified applicants from Driver and Motor Vehicle Services and review the driving record according to the Marion County policy and procedure for Driving on County Business. The policy can be found at: <http://apps.co.marion.or.us/APAP/>.
- Must pass a criminal history background investigation; however, conviction of a crime may not necessarily disqualify an individual for this classification.
- Job offer to a successful candidate will be contingent upon passing a pre-employment physical examination by a County appointed medical doctor.
- This is a safety sensitive/special needs position. Final candidates selected for this position will be required to pass a post offer drug screen, including testing for marijuana. The Marion County Drug and Alcohol Use and Testing Policy can be found at: <http://apps.co.marion.or.us/APAP/policy.aspx?p=policy&pid=518>
- Must become ABMDI certified within 2 years of hire date or presently certified.
- Must be able to work independently and follow directions. Work with families of diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds in a respectful and compassionate manner.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Working knowledge of effective methods of medical and criminal investigation and the basic rules of legal evidence; medical and anatomical terms. Must have a thorough knowledge of human anatomy and physiological functions of the human body; legal and medical terminology.

Ability to obtain information from lay and expert witnesses concerning matters of an intimate nature and serious consequence; determine and obtain evidence required in order to enforce the medical investigation law; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; work cooperatively with the public medical and law enforcement personnel; prepare clear and concise reports and to maintain adequate records; withdraw blood and bodily specimens; establish and maintain collaborative and effective working relationships with district attorney staff, police agencies, local physicians, local and state pathologists, funeral home personnel, and the public; lift deceased individuals; traverse mountainous and rough terrain in order to carry out death investigations; and work in inclement weather. Ability to examine bodies in various states to included severe trauma and mutilation; all states of death to include decomposition. Ability to deal tactfully and effectively with persons in situations that are often highly stressful. Skill in operating a computer.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Operates a motor vehicle and maintains an acceptable driving history; stands for long periods of time; sits for up to 1/2 hour; walks about the work area; walks long distances; bends forward; reaches overhead; Operates a keyboard; speaks clearly and audibly; works in inclement weather conditions; uses rapid mental/hand/eye coordination; reads a 12-pt. font; risk of exposure to blood/body fluids distinguishes shades and colors; sees with depth perception; hears a normal speech level.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR ATTACHMENTS:

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, Marion County is prepared to make necessary arrangements. Please call at least two (2) working days in advance for services.

This announcement is meant only as a descriptive recruitment guide and is subject to change. Further, it does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/BS/HR/Pages/jobs.aspx>

Position #523-2022-2
MEDICAL LEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR
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Medical Legal Death Investigator Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. To receive credit for your supplemental questions, your answers must be supported by details in the education and/or work experience section of your application form. Do you understand this statement?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- * 2. What is the highest level of education you have successfully completed?
 - ☐ GED
 - ☐ High school
 - ☐ At least 1 year of college (31 semester or 45 quarter credits)
 - ☐ Associate degree (62 semester or 90 quarter credits)

- ☐ At least 3 years of college (93 semester or 135 quarter credits)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree (124 semester or 180 quarter credits)
- ☐ Master's degree (155 semester or 225 quarter credits)
- ☐ Doctorate degree (186 semester or 270 quarter credits)
- ☐ None of the above

* 3. Indicate area of study for college education.

* 4. Please specify where you gained the education level listed above. Include school name, area of study, number of credits earned, and whether they were semester or quarter credits. Write NA in the box if this question does not apply to you. Experience listed in this answer must be supported by the education and/or work experience in your application. "See resume" is not an acceptable answer.

* 5. Indicate how many years of full-time work experience you have in any of the following areas: police, nurse, physician assistant, EMT, Medical Legal Death Investigator. (One year of work experience is equal to 2080 hours.)

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 year to less than 2 years
- ☐ 2 years to less than 3 years
- ☐ 3 years to less than 4 years
- ☐ 4 years to less than 5 years
- ☐ 5 years to less than 6 years
- ☐ 6 years to less than 7 years
- ☐ 7 years to less than 8 years
- ☐ 8 years or more
- ☐ None of the above

* Required Question