

POSITION AVAILABLE - ONEIDA COUNTY FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR I

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The Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office, a NAME-accredited office in Syracuse, New York, is the regional medical examiner's office for Central New York. The office is located in the Center for Forensic Sciences, a fully integrated state-of-the-art forensic facility that also houses the county's forensic laboratories. **This forensic investigator position is located in Oneida County, New York.**

The office has an in-house ABFT-accredited toxicology lab and access to forensic anthropology, forensic odontology services as well as clinical, pathology, and neuropathology specialties through the State University of New York (SUNY) Upstate Medical University.

JOB DUTIES

Responsibilities include scene investigation with examination of the body at the location of death, inspection of the scene environment, photo-documentation of the scene findings, meeting with families and/or witnesses, and collecting physical evidence for possible further testing. Investigators must work collaboratively with, but independent of, law enforcement authorities, emergency medical responders, and physicians both at the scene and through ongoing investigative communications relative to identification of decedents, family contacts, obtaining medical and social history, and funeral home disposition. Information is summarized in a medicolegal death investigation report.

QUALIFICATIONS

A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree related to a science (biological or physical science or anthropology) or a health-related curriculum (such as nursing) or criminal justice AND successful completion of an internship with a minimum of 150 hours in a Medical Examiner's office; or

B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree related to a science (biological or physical science or anthropology) or a health-related curriculum (such as nursing) or criminal justice AND two (2) years of work experience as a medicolegal death investigator*; or

C. American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators board certification.

*NOTE: Investigation experience must have involved field work to gather information (photos, measurements, data, evidence and interviews). Conducting structured interviews, telephone checks, collection work or simple on-site observations will not be considered as investigation experience.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT

When required to operate motor vehicles, employees must possess a valid Non-CDL or CDL license with appropriate endorsements as required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for the class of vehicle(s) being operated.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Applicants will be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation which will include a fingerprint check to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The salary for the position is **\$55,643**.

Benefits include:

- Medical, dental and vision coverage
- Annual vacation, sick, personal leave, and paid holidays
- No cost long term disability
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- New York State Retirement/Pension and Deferred Compensation

TO APPLY

An application may be initiated by submitting an Onondaga County employment application (<http://ongov.net/employment/documents/application-open-competitive-exam.pdf>), cover letter, and resume to Chief Forensic Investigator Brian Ehret at brianehret@ongov.net. Address questions to Chief Forensic Investigator Ehret at 315.435.3163 or via email.

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