Kern County is accepting applications for a Division Director of Forensic Science for the District Attorney’s Office. Centrally located in California’s “Golden Empire,” Kern County is most known for its’ oil and agricultural production. As the 9th fastest growing city in the United States, Bakersfield is home to the Kern County District Attorney’s Office.

“The Kern County District Attorney’s Office is dedicated to the protection of our communities and serving the victims of crime in Kern County.”

-Lisa Green
Kern County District Attorney

**Salary**

$8,372 - $10,225/approx. monthly

**Job Description**

- Plans, assigns, and manages the overall operations and activities of the Forensic Science Division, including long range planning and special studies to evaluate and develop laboratory capabilities.
- Recommends employee selection, promotion, disciplinary actions, separations, and other personnel actions.
- Trains, directs, and reviews the work of the forensic laboratory’s analytical, technical, and clerical staff through subordinate supervisory staff.
- Personally performs the more difficult procedures in the collection and analysis of physical evidence; makes chemical and physical analysis and microscopic examinations in the identification and comparison of physical evidence;
- Oversees the preparation and management of the forensic laboratory’s budget, grants, and criminal justice projects; manages equipment purchases and the maintenance of the laboratory facilities and equipment.
- Reviews and updates procedures manuals and methods for forensic laboratory operations; maintains current knowledge of the field of forensic science.
- Interfaces with law enforcement agencies, courts, members of the legislature, public and private officials, other County departments, schools, and universities in activities relating to the forensic laboratory and the criminalistics field.
- Represents the District Attorney’s Office in matters involving the forensic laboratory.

**OTHER FUNCTIONS:**
• Prepares correspondence and reports, including laboratory activity reports and case-related statistics.
• Appears in court as an expert witness regarding laboratory analysis;
• Conduct training sessions for law enforcement officers.
• Makes presentations to civic groups, schools, and others.

Qualification Requirements

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a major in criminalistics, chemistry, biochemistry or related field, and seven (7) years of experience in the practice of general criminalistics, including two years in a supervisory or administrative capacity.

A Masters degree in criminalistics, chemistry, biochemistry, or a related field may be substituted for one year of the required general experience.

A valid California Driver (Class C) License is required prior to appointment and must be maintained throughout employment.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINGERPRINTING AND BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

To Apply

To apply please visit Kern County Personnel website at www.co.kern.ca.us/personnel.

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