

ORG: Laboratory Organization

Parent organization
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The Laboratory of Forensic Services is a bureau within the District Attorney's Office for Sacramento County, California. The Laboratory Director reports directly to the Chief Deputy or Assistant District Attorney.

Positions within the laboratory
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Positions currently in the laboratory include the following:

- Laboratory Director
 - Supervising Criminalist
 - Administrative Services Officer
 - Criminalist (Level I, Level II, Level III, and Level IV)
 - Forensic Laboratory Technician
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Management staff
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There are two management designations in the laboratory organization

- Laboratory Director supervises the Supervising Criminalists and the administrative staff. The Director is responsible for overall planning, organizing, and directing of the operations of the Laboratory of Forensic Services.
 - Supervising Criminalists supervise the technical and evidence control staff, manage the Quality Assurance program, and perform other administrative and technical functions as required.
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Technical staff

The following laboratory personnel analyze forensic casework:

- Laboratory Director
 - Supervising Criminalist
 - Criminalist (Level I, Level II, Level III, and Level IV)
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Supervisory sections

The analytical portion of the laboratory is divided into supervisory sections, each composed of one or more forensic science testing disciplines. Each section is managed by a supervising criminalist.

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Sections

This table shows the various forensic science testing disciplines within their respective sections.

Section	Disciplines
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seized Drugs
Toxicology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxicology
Criminalistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloodstain Pattern Analysis • Crime Scene Investigation • Firearms and Toolmarks • Fire Debris and Explosives • Footwear/Tire • Gunshot Residue • Materials (Trace)

Characteristics tested

This table shows the various characteristics tested within their respective disciplines.

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Discipline	Characteristic Tested
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection • DNA-STR • DNA-YSTR • Body Fluid Identification • Relationship testing • Individual Characteristic Database (CODIS)
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area of Origin Determination • Bloodstain Pattern Determination • Event Reconstruction
Crime Scene Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene Documentation • Length Measurement • Enhancement • Presumptive Testing • Collection • Event Reconstruction • Trajectory Determination

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**Characteristics
tested
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Discipline	Characteristic Tested
Firearms and Toolmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection• Physical Comparison• Determination of Functionality• Length Measurement• Serial Number Restoration• Trigger Pull Force Measurement• Qualitative Chemical Determination• Distance Determination• Ejection Pattern Determination• Trajectory Determination• Product (Make/Model) Determination
Fire Debris and Explosives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualitative Determination
Footwear/Tire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection• Enhancement• Physical Comparison• Product (Make/Model) Determination
Gunshot Residue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection• Qualitative Determination
Materials (Trace)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collection• Physical Determination• Chemical Determination• Physical/Chemical Comparison
Seized Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualitative Determination• Weight Measurement
Toxicology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualitative Determination• Quantitative Measurement

**Crime scene
response
program**

A crime scene response program is overseen by the Criminalistics supervisor.

This program has its own peer group and procedures manual.

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**Evidence
Section staff**

The Evidence Section, which is under the supervision of a supervising criminalist, is comprised of the following staff position:

- Forensic Laboratory Technician
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**Administrative
staff**

The administrative staff is comprised of the following:

- Administrative Services Officer
 - Office Assistant
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**Organizational
charts**

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Organizational charts of the Sacramento County District Attorney and the Laboratory of Forensic Services are posted in the administration area. These charts are updated as needed for new personnel, promotions, and reassignments.
