CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

An employee in this class provides support services to law enforcement officials by identifying and classifying latent print impressions. The incumbent compares fingerprints, palm prints and footprints of known person to latent prints taken from crime scenes. Prepares charted enlargements, written reports, and testifies in a court of law as an expert witness. This work demands extreme accuracy and requires the exercise of considerable initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1.   Classifies fingerprints and records classifications according to standard classification codes.

2.   Evaluates and compares latent prints from crime scene evidence with known standards.

3.   Presents expert testimony in court pertaining to identifications, processing techniques, and comparisons of prints including the presentation of charted enlargements.

3.   Assists law enforcement personnel in the detection and development of latent prints including processing with latent print photography; trains in the proper taking of fingerprint standards.

5.   Prepares and maintains latent print reports and files.

6.   Provides training to Pembroke Pines Police Department Personnel in the proper taking of fingerprint standards in addition to the detection of latent prints.

7.   Provides verification and full service latent print identification service to other Municipalities, Counties State and Federal agencies.

8.   Provides service to the State Attorney's Office in the taking of fingerprint standards in open court then effecting subsequent comparisons.

9.   Sets priorities under case backlog environment meeting the demands of expediting cases.

10.   Respond to and assist at complex crime scenes for the collection of latent prints.

11.   Provide scientific and technical expertise in the areas of fingerprint and impression evidence analysis; address policy and operational and procedural questions.

12.   Provide training to crime scene personnel relating to the collection of latent prints;
         provide scientific and technical expertise in the areas of fingerprint and impression evidence analysis; address policy and operational and procedural questions.

Note: The examples of essential functions as listed in this classification specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of an essential function of work does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

REQUIREMENTS:

A.   Training and Experience:

High School Diploma or GED; Two (2) years full time paid experience in fingerprint identification and classification and latent fingerprint examination. Must have completed the FBI Basic Latent Fingerprint School and the FBI advanced Latent Fingerprint School or their equivalents. Must be or able to be qualified as an expert in the field or fingerprint comparisons by the courts in and for the state of Florida.

B.   Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

Sufficiently good eyesight to perceive minute differences in fingerprints and ability to stand the physical strain of close work.

Knowledge of the modem principles and techniques of fingerprint classification and identification.

Knowledge of the legal rules of evidence as they apply to fingerprints and other personal identification data.

Knowledge of courtroom procedures.

Knowledge of the AFIS Computer and it's basic operations.

Knowledge of the basic equipment, materials, and techniques used in lifting and preserving latent prints.

Ability to produce expert testimony and charted presentations of evidence in a court of law.

Ability to work under stressful conditions when expedited cases are a priority.

C.   Physical Requirement: 2

D.   Environmental Requirements: 2

E.   Sensory Requirements: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7,8, 9