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JOB

OF THE WEEK

Our Job of the week this week is
Crime Scene Investigator



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WHAT YOU DO

Your day-to-day tasks could include:

- attend a variety of crime and other incident scenes
- preserve and protect crime scenes
- record scenes using photography and video
- gather fingerprints and trace evidence
- find, record and recover evidence like DNA samples
- keep written records, produce statements and update information systems with evidence details
- give evidence in court

WHAT YOU WEAR

Typically, you would be expected to look smart/ casual. When at a scene you will be in protective clothing to prevent the contamination of the area and the evidence.



WORKING CONDITIONS

You could work on the streets, in a court, at a mortuary or at a police station. Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding. You will be outdoors some of the time and in dirty, cramped conditions or working at heights

WORKING HOURS

35—40

Evenings/ weekends. On-call at times and may be required to work shifts and bank holidays

ANNUAL LEAVE

Unless you are self-employed you will usually get the standard 27 days.



ANNUAL INCOME

£16,000- £37,000



SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- knowledge of public safety and security
- customer service skills
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work on your own
- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- to be competent in carrying out basic tasks on a PC or hand-held device

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

University

You could do a degree in Forensic Science, or in a scientific subject like Biological Science or Chemistry

Other relevant subjects include Psychology and Criminology

Entry requirements

You'll usually need 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Direct Application

Police services and law enforcement agencies set their own entry requirements for this type of work. In general, you'll need at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) or equivalent, including English, Maths and a Science subject

Some employers may prefer A levels or equivalent, including a Science like chemistry or biology as you'll need laboratory skills

Many employers ask for a degree and will expect you to have experience in police work or a related field, for example intelligence gathering and analysis

If you are already working for the Police, you may be able to do courses through the College of Policing to become a Scenes of Crime Investigator.



Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Police officers (sergeant and below)	Psychologists	Social and humanities scientists
<p>Weekly Pay £790</p> <p>Hours/Week 40h</p> <p>Annual Pay £41,080</p> <p>Hourly Pay £20</p>	<p>Weekly Pay £690</p> <p>Hours/Week 32h</p> <p>Annual Pay £35,880</p> <p>Hourly Pay £22</p>	<p>Weekly Pay £700</p> <p>Hours/Week 45h</p> <p>Annual Pay £36,400</p> <p>Hourly Pay £16</p>
<p>Workforce Change (projected)</p> <p>Contraction -0.7%</p> <p>Replacement 38.1%</p> <p>The workforce is projected to contract by -0.7% over the period to 2027, losing 1,300 jobs. In the same period, 38.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 65,100 job openings.</p>	<p>Workforce Change (projected)</p> <p>Growth 8.7%</p> <p>Replacement 53.7%</p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 8.7% over the period to 2027, creating 4,200 jobs. In the same period, 53.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 25,800 job openings.</p>	<p>Workforce Change (projected)</p> <p>Growth 5.1%</p> <p>Replacement 39.9%</p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 5.1% over the period to 2027, creating 900 jobs. In the same period, 39.9% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 6,700 job openings.</p>
<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public admin. & defence Computer programming, etc Sport & recreation Rental & leasing Metal products 	<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social work Residential care Health Education Public admin. & defence 	<p>You might find this job in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific research Public admin. & defence Education Other personal service Membership organisations
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Police officers (sergeant and below)

Police officers (Sergeant and below) co-ordinate and undertake the investigation of crimes, patrol public areas, arrest offenders and suspects and enforce law and order. Officers of the British Transport Police operate within the specialised police service for the railway network across Britain.

Common tasks in this job:

- receives instructions from senior officers and patrols an assigned area on foot, horseback, motorcycle, motor car or boat to check security and enforce regulations;
- directs and controls traffic or crowds at demonstrations and large public events;
- investigates complaints, crimes, accidents, any suspicious activities or other incidents;
- interviews suspects, takes statements from witnesses and stops, searches and/or arrests suspects;

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Psychologists

Psychologists research, study and assess emotional, cognitive and behavioural processes and abnormalities in human beings and animals and how these are affected by genetic, physical and social factors.

Common tasks in this job:

- develops and administers tests to measure intelligence, abilities, aptitudes, etc. and assesses results;
- develops treatment and guidance methods and gives treatment or guidance using a variety of therapy and counselling techniques;
- observes and experiments on humans and animals to measure mental and physical characteristics;
- analyses the effect of hereditary, social and physical factors on thought and behaviour;

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Social and humanities scientists

Social and humanities scientists study and analyse human behaviour and the origin, structure and characteristics of language; undertake research in areas such as sociology, economics, politics, archaeology, history, philosophy, literature, the arts; organise the collection of qualitative and quantitative information, and perform subsequent analyses.

Common tasks in this job:

- studies society and the manner in which people behave and impact upon the world;
- undertakes research across the humanities that furthers understanding of human culture and creativity;
- traces the evolution of word and language forms, compares grammatical structures and analyses the relationships between ancient, parent and modern languages;
- identifies, compiles and analyses economic, demographic, legal, political, social and other data to address research objectives;

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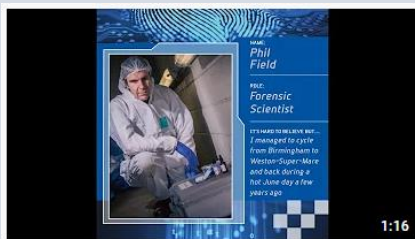
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Discover more about Crime Scene Investigators with these videos:

Forensic Scientist in the
West Midlands Police



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAjQt3Gusck>

The resilience you will
need at a crime scene...



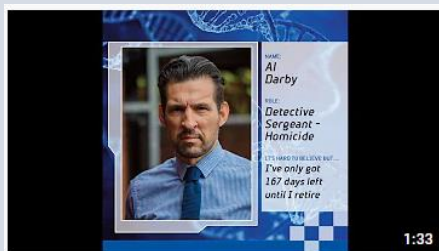
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9lQy7AsIs>

Complex Crime Scene using
new technology



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSF8-ocFfSc>

Detective Sgt. in Homicide –
West Midlands Police



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ytz55wbB3ls>

Digital Forensic Officer



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lNh7CLYg4>

What is Forensic
Nursing?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puxWUdoRNfA>

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[Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation at University of Central Lancashire – UCAS](#)

[What is a Crime Scene Investigator? | Nottinghamshire Police](#)

[Scenes of crime officer | My World of Work](#)