

Detective Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Gather facts or evidence related to crimes
- Observe, and interview witnesses and suspects to obtain facts regarding crime
- Charge suspects to court and stand as expert testifier
- Raid and arrests crime suspects for further investigation
- Record findings manually or using a recording device
- Disseminate necessary information or findings to appropriate departments
- Secure crime scene perimeter upon arrival using rope, as well as examine physical evidence present at the crime scene
- Collect hair, urine, and blood samples for further laboratory testing
- Inform laboratory scientists or forensic scientists of the desired test to be performed on samples
- Summon physicians or paramedics to treat individuals or suspects injured at crime scenes
- Assist the jury in decisions regarding crime cases by explaining findings and evidence related to crime.

Detective Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and experience: A minimum academic qualification of Bachelor's degree in a discipline related to criminal justice is required of candidates aspiring to be detectives. In addition, a mandatory two years of experience as a police officer is necessary
- Training: To qualify as a detective, an aspiring police officer must undergo a 3 to 4 months training at the police academy at the end of which he or she must pass all necessary written, physical, and drug tests
- Inductive and deductive reasoning: A detective must be good at combining pieces of data or information to reach meaningful

conclusions. Also, he/she must be good at making valid conclusions based on available information

- Clear vision: He/she must be able to see things very clearly whether at close distance or from afar
- Good communication skills: A detective should possess excellent skills at communicating verbally and in writing, so as to be able to solicit/convey information from/to people when necessary. He/she should also be good at listening to others to obtain necessary information
- Outstanding recording and reporting skills: He/she must be good at using recording devices and stationary to record and prepare reports
- Strength and emotional maturity: The job involves constant physical movement and thinking. Therefore, a detective must have the stamina to perform the job. He/she should also be emotionally mature so as to be able to make judgments free from bias.