

Standard Position Description #9090

Criminal Investigator

~~SPECIAL AGENT, GS-1812-9~~ ¹⁸¹¹

The incumbent has the skills necessary to independently establish the interrelationship of facts and evidence in less complex cases and set forth findings in clear, concise, and accurate reports. Latitude is provided the incumbent so that supervisory personnel may assess independent judgment.

Major Duties:

Plans, directs, and carries out routine investigations and apprehension of persons suspected of offenses against the criminal laws of the United States, specifically the provisions of fish and wildlife laws cited in 4 AM 4.2 D(3) and any regulation of the Secretary of the Interior in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations that is issued pursuant, and other pertinent laws and regulations.

Participates in the development of long range investigations.

Provides technical guidance to lower grade employees.

Conducts the full range of law enforcement activities; i.e. , surveillance, participation in raids, interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects, searching for physical evidence and clues seizures of contraband equipment and vehicles, securing and serving search warrants, making arrests, inspecting records and documents, developing evidence for orderly presentation to the United States Attorney and other legal officers, testifying in court, preparing detailed written reports, and carrying out undercover operations for very short periods of time.

Travels frequently away from the regular duty station.

Performs substantial amounts of irregular, unscheduled, administratively uncontrollable overtime.

Possesses a valid State driver's permit at all times.

Protects and safeguards Government property and equipment with which charged.

Operates motorized vehicles and boats.

As a condition of employment, the incumbent is required to undergo, and successfully pass, periodic physical examinations, participate in physical training, and maintain a physical condition that permits duties to be performed efficiently and safely.

Factor 1. Knowledge Required:

Professional knowledge of fish and wildlife resources, and is a specialist in fish and wildlife law

enforcement.

Working knowledge of methods, procedures and techniques applied in fish and wildlife law enforcement.

Ability to present investigative findings in an organized and concise manner in investigative reports.

Ability to effectively interact with the general public.

Skill and ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Skill and ability to effectively use firearms, and to operate motorized vehicles and boats.

Factor 2. Supervisory Controls:

Incumbent is supervised by the Senior Resident Agent who outlines assignments in general terms, specifying end results. Unusual or controversial problems must be presented to the superior for decision. Work is spot checked in progress and completed work is reviewed for general adequacy and completeness.

Factor 3. Guidelines:

Well defined guidelines are available in the form of, the Service Administrative Manual, the Law Enforcement Manual the statutory provisions of applicable legislation, policies specified in correspondence, formal training and interchange with other enforcement personnel. Incumbent uses judgment to interpret and adapt guidelines. Significant deviations are referred to supervisor.

Factor 4. Complexity:

Incumbent plans, directs and carries out routine investigations. Consultation with higher grade employees and/or the supervisor is available for difficult or unusual situations.

Factor 5. Scope and Effect:

The purpose of the work is to conduct routine civil and criminal investigations with minimal guidance while gaining experience with more detailed investigations. Work affects the overall effectiveness of the law enforcement region.

Factor 6. Personal Contacts:

Personal contacts are primarily with professional law enforcement employees within the organization, other Fish and Wildlife Service employees, enforcement personnel of other Federal agencies, and State and local counterparts in investigative agencies. The general public is contacted in the course of work

activities.

Factor 7. Purpose of Contacts:

Contacts are for the purpose of obtaining/exchanging information and/or receiving instructions from supervisory personnel. Contacts with the general public are to ascertain compliance with law and regulations.

Factor 8. Physical Demands:

Work requires considerable physical exertion including long periods of standing, walking over rough terrain; recurring bending, lifting, reaching or similar activities. The work requires average agility and dexterity.

Factor 9. Work Environment:

Work includes both office and outdoor settings. There is regular and recurring exposure to moderate risks and discomforts such as adverse weather conditions, high/low temperatures, dusty/noisy environments, etc. The incumbent is expected to conduct duties in a safe and orderly manner so as not to endanger self, fellow workers, or property with which entrusted. Assignments include surveillance work in aircraft, boats and automobiles.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Certification of Position Approval
for Retirement
Under 5 USC 8336(c) and 8412(d)**

Approved under the Civil Service Retirement System, 5 USC 8336(c)

Approved under the Federal Employees Retirement System, 5 USC 8412(d)

Category of Coverage: Primary/Rigorous (Law Enforcement)

Bureau: Fish and Wildlife Service – Bureau-wide

Classification Title: Criminal Investigator

Organization Title: _____

Position Number: 9090 Series and Grade: GS-1811-09

RECOMMENDATION FOR COVERAGE REVIEW:

Primary rigorous coverage is recommended for this position. Special retirement coverage under both CSRS and FERS is requested

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See Attached

Chief of Law Enforcement

05/23/03

Date

MARCIA SCIFRES, DOI Fire & Law Enforcement Retirement Team Leader

01/05/2004
Date

APPROVAL : The position described above is approved for coverage under Firefighter or Law Enforcement (FF/LEO) Retirement retroactive to classification date of 10/01/2002. Approval is by DOI Secretary's Designee:

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Workforce Diversity

1/26/04
Date