Minimum Qualifications for Experienced Firearm and Toolmark Examiners

1.0 Objective

The following guidelines is to identify the education and/or experience requirements for an experienced level, firearm and/or toolmark examiner’s position

2.0 Experience and Education Requirements

2.1 Bachelor’s degree in a natural/physical science from an accredited academic institution, successful completion from a training program and two years of firearm/toolmark casework experience (which may include time from the training program) or

2.2 In lieu of an academic degree, the hiring agency will use other experience equivalencies, at their discretion, to measure the candidate’s firearm/toolmark casework experience (this can include the time spent during the training program) and

2.3 The examiner to be hired must demonstrate competency in firearm/toolmark casework; this will be measured by the hiring agency.

3.0 Personal Background Recommendations

3.1 No felony convictions

3.2 Employment drug screen

3.3 Background investigation