



WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Forensic Science Division

FEE SCHEDULE



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division provides forensic services to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in 14 of the 17 Nevada counties encompassing over 80 agencies. The Division is a full-service forensic laboratory staffed by more than 40 individuals in sworn and civilian capacities. The Forensic Science Division is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors / Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB), an independent organization that establishes minimum operating standards and monitors compliance with these standards.

The Forensic Science Division contracts with agencies for services. The contracts have an annual fee based on an average of the last three years of the agency's use of the Division. The contracts are offered with Option A which is full service, Option B which includes all services with the exception of crime scene and photo lab. Alternatively there is an Option C which is pay by the hour for those agencies that do not wish to enter into an annual agreement.

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LABORATORY SECTION

Confirmatory Stain Characterization \$250.00/hour

- Semen (presence of sperm cells)
- Seminal fluid (absence of sperm cells)

Crime Scene Investigation \$250.00/hour per investigator

Restricted to: homicide, attempted homicide, officer involved shootings, questionable deaths with detective on scene, kidnapping, child abuse, sexual assault with substantial bodily injury or unknown suspect, battery with a deadly weapon with substantial bodily injury, armed robbery with substantial bodily injury, bank robbery with substantial bodily injury, robbery, fatal traffic accidents when vehicular homicide is suspected, serial crimes, homicide autopsy

The FIS Sergeant will determine the number of investigators needed based on the case information. Calls outside of the Reno area will always require a minimum of 2 investigators. Calls for homicide and officer involved shootings will require a minimum of 3 investigators

DNA Analysis \$300.00/sample

- Homicide (up to 15 evidentiary samples and 10 reference samples)
- Sexual Crimes (with presence of sperm up to 3 evidentiary samples and 5 reference samples)
- Sexual Crimes (absence of sperm up to 5 evidentiary samples and 5 reference samples)
- Crimes against a person (up to 4 evidentiary samples and 5 reference samples)
- Property crimes (up to 2 evidentiary samples and 5 reference samples)

Firearms/Toolmark Examinations	\$250.00/hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBIS database • Distance determination • Comparative analysis • Weapon function test • Serial number restoration 	
Latent Print	\$250.00/hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional / Chemical processing • Latent Evaluation • WIN/AFIS database • Comparative analysis 	
Presumptive Stain Characterization	\$250.00/hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood • Human Blood • Saliva • Seminal fluid (absence of sperm cells) • Determination of human vs animal hair and suitability of hair for DNA testing 	
Shoepprint and Tire track Comparison	\$250.00/hour
Solid Dosage/Seized Drugs (Drug Testing)	\$250.00/hour
Trace Evidence	\$250.00/hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Match • Headlamp on/off determination • Unknown substances • Arson 	

PHOTO LABORATORY

Upon request, contract option A agencies and public agencies within Washoe County agencies will receive a CD free of charge.

Prints may be request after the CD has been reviewed. Based on forensic contracts, the following fee schedule may apply.

Print Fee Schedule:

- 4x6 prints = \$2.00 per print
- 8x12 = \$6.15 per print
- CD = \$25.00 per disc
- Conversion from slide or 35mm to digital = \$.65 per frame

Payment is due at the time of request for private entities. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt for public entities.

REQUEST FOR RECORDS FROM THE PUBLIC

Release of public records is governed by Nevada Revised Statute **239.010**. According to **Donrey** laboratory reports are confidential records and require a court order before release to un-authorized personnel.

Sexual Assault cases are confidential under NRS 200.377; NRS 200.3771; NRS 200.3772; NRS 200.3773 and NRS 41.1398. The existence of such records cannot be confirmed or denied. It is also the position of the Division that records in sexual assault cases would be deemed confidential under the balancing test set forth in *Donrey of Nevada Inc v Bradshaw*, 106 NEV.630,798 P.2d 144 (1990).

Request for information or records from the public will be responded to within the five (5) business days as mandated by Nevada Revised Statute 239

Request for reports and discovery information

Once the casework examination is completed, a report is released to the investigating law enforcement agency. That law enforcement agency is responsible for sending the laboratory report to the prosecution.

Requests from the defense for laboratory reports will be released to the defense upon receipt of a Subpoena Duces Tecum.

Requests for case notes, calibration documents, or procedure manuals will be released via court order.

Limited documentation may be released without a court order if an agreement exists between the prosecution and defense for the release of the information or if no prosecution has been assigned to the case and the request is deemed reasonable and not burdensome to the FSD staff.

Court Orders for Records

Court orders for records must have been filed with the court and the document must contain a court seal or filing date on the document. Identical copies of the requested documents will be sent to the defense attorney and the prosecuting attorney. Refer to the Fee Schedule.

Voluminous Requests

Should the extent of the documentation requested be too “voluminous” to be practical, the Laboratory Director will determine what resources will be deployed to comply with the request. We offer the option to view the documents at the laboratory. All document viewing must be escorted by a Division member as provided for in NRS 239.055.

Fee Schedule

\$100/hour for any time exceeding the first hour of document preparation.

\$100/hour for any time exceeding the first hour of document viewing.

TESTIMONY FEE SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2010

This section applies to all court proceedings outside of Washoe County regardless of the Law Enforcement Forensic Contract Option.

Expert testimony includes preparation time, travel time, waiting time, and testimony time outside the Washoe County area. Travel expenses such as flights and lodging must be paid up front and not encumbered by a Washoe County Sheriff's Office employee. Sheriff's Office vehicles will not always be available for travel for long distances and it will be the requestor's responsibility to arrange for flights.

In the event that video or phone testimony can be utilized there will be no charges for testimony.

Fee Schedule

\$100/hour per person, with a maximum \$1000/day plus any travel expenses

TOXICOLOGY

ASSAY	PRICING
Blood Alcohol/Volatiles	\$40
Blood Drug Screen	\$100
Urine Drug Screen	\$100
Organic Bases	\$75
Organic Acids/Neutrals	\$75
Quant	\$75
MDA/MDMA	\$75
GHB	\$75
Flunitrazepam	\$75
Ephedrine/Pseudoephedrine	\$75
CO	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$75
Sample Received/Test Cancelled*	\$25
Total Morphine	\$75

Drug Screens include: Screening for Major Drugs of Abuse as well as quantifications and confirmations.

*A minimum charge of \$25 for document processing, evidence handling and storage will be billed for any Blood or Urine kit submitted to the lab.