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| **Police Staff** **Fingerprint Officer** **Forensic Services** **Role Definition:ZF002 / 10708** |

**ROLE DEFINITION**

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| Dept / Area Command: | Forensic Services |  | Section: | Crime Investigation |
| Post Title: | Fingerprint Officer |  | Post Reference: | ZF002 / 10708 |
| Post Grade: | Grade B to Grade G |  | Location: | Headquarters |
| Car User Status: |  |  | Telephone Allowance: |  |
| Shift Allowance: |  |  | Standby Allowance: |  |
| Weekend Enhancement: |  |  | Contractual Overtime: |  |
| Line Manager: | Fingerprint and Forensic Manager | | | |
| Staff Responsibilities: | Not Applicable | | | |
| Purpose: | To provide a fingerprint identification service for the force, effectively identifying marks found at the scenes of crime in order to contribute to the detection of offenders and the reduction of crime. | | | |

**Key Responsibilities:-**

1. **Analyse, compare and evaluate friction ridge detail in order to provide opinions and interpretations of the suitability of these marks for evidential purposes to officers.**

**2. Prepare and present evidence in court when required as an expert witness for forensic fingerprint matters on behalf of the force.**

**3. Undertake a range of duties in relation to verification, quality standards and records maintenance in order to maintain and enhance the service provided.**

**4. Support the development of trainees and operational officers, including Durham Constabulary staff as part of the strategic alliance, to maintain and enhance the forensic capabilities of both forces.**

**5. Attend and examine crime scenes for fingerprint evidence including obtaining prints from cadaver in support of operational officers.**

**6. Attend training / learning events to develop professionally and maintain personal competency in line with ISO 17020/17025 requirements.**

**7. Have an awareness and understanding of developments and new technologies which can be interrogated in order to successfully support the role and maintain effective Continuous Professional Development (CPD)..**

**The postholder may be required to undertake such other responsibilities as are reasonably commensurate with the grade of the post.**