

## Evaluation Statement

Proposed Classification: Forensic Scientist, GS-401-12  
Physical Scientist, GS-1301-12

PN: S000330

Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Office of Law Enforcement  
National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory

### References:

Job Family Standard for Professional Work in the Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences Group, GS-0400, September 2005.

Job Family Standard for Professional Work in the Physical Science Group, GS-1300, December 1997.

Title and Series Determination: Forensic Scientist, GS-401- or GS-1301:

See the evaluation statement for the Forensic Scientist, GS-401-13/Physical Scientist, GS-1301-13, position description number S000326. The evaluation statement for the full performance level position explains fully the allocation of this position to the GS-401 or GS-1301 Series, the basis for the position's title, and background information concerning the function of the position.

Grade Level Determination: Refer to the evaluation statement for the Forensic Scientist, GS-401-13/Physical Scientist, GS-1301-13, position, position description number S000326 for the grade determination. This is an interim position established to provide for a period of growth. The incumbent will receive assignments that are designed to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to carry out assignment at the GS-13 level, the next grade level in the career ladder.

Conclusion: This position will remain at the grade GS-12 level until the employee meets the necessary qualification requirements and the incumbent's supervisor certifies that the incumbent has reached the described level of proficiency and effectiveness contemplated at the GS-13 grade level. Upon meeting all requirements, the incumbent may be promoted noncompetitively to the level of GS-13, providing that sufficient work exists at that grade level to warrant establishing such a position.

See PD#s S000326 - GS-13  
S000331 - GS-11  
S000332 - GS-09