Centrally located at Police Headquarters in the heart of the Parramatta CBD, Fingerprint Operations have been providing NSW police with specialised fingerprint services for over 114 years.

Using cutting edge technology, fingerprint experts are routinely involved in helping solve some of the most serious crimes in NSW. This is achieved through the detection, recovery and subsequent analysis of fingerprint evidence from both major and volume crime scenes. Often fingerprint evidence can be the only link between an offender and the crime scene. A successful case can hinge entirely on the work of the fingerprint expert.

Fingerprint Operations has access to over seven million fingerprint records on the national database and provides 24/7 biometric identification services to operational police and the criminal justice system. While training for fingerprint expertise, staff perform rotational duties with the Evidence Recovery Section, combining both crime scene and laboratory work.

All staff are required to successfully complete approximately five years of training and additional tertiary qualifications to be accredited by the Australasian...
Forensic Field Sciences Accreditation Board (AFFSAB) as a fingerprint expert. AFFSAB accredited Fingerprint Experts are internationally recognised as amongst the best in the world.

If you have a keen eye for detail and excellent problem solving skills, then a career as a Fingerprint Expert may be for you. Fingerprints is an extremely rewarding forensic discipline offering a good balance of crime scene examination and forensic analysis work.

What are the hours like?

Forensic Investigators work shift work, which means they are required to work various times of the day or night, weekends and public holidays. In addition, Forensic Investigators may be required to perform on-call duties and overtime as required.

What’s the pay like?

Police officer salary: A probationary constable in their first year receives approximately $65,000 which includes employer’s contribution to superannuation. In addition to this once you transfer into the FETSC you may also be entitled to specialist and academic allowances ranging from $2500 to $4000 per year.

Upon AFFSAB accreditation as a fingerprint or crime scene expert, officers move from the specialist allowances to the expert allowance which is approximately $17000 per year.

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