

## EXPERT GUIDELINES

The chart gives examples of what rates the SPD has approved for past cases. If you are requesting an expert, investigator or interpreter at a rate at the high end of the scale or over the hourly rates listed, you should include an explanation of why the rate is appropriate in your case. If the requested amount is more than \$2000, you should submit an explanation. Out of state experts are discouraged because of travel costs.

<b>EXPERT</b>	<b>HOURLY RATE</b>	<b>OTHER GUIDELINES</b>
Accident Reconstructionist	\$2,500 flat fee or \$130/hr	
Arson Expert	\$45 - \$75	
Attorney	\$40	
Audio	\$100 - \$150	
Chemist	\$65 - \$125	
CPA/Accountant	\$50 - \$100	
DNA testing	\$ 800 - \$1500/sample	Out of state labs discouraged
Drug Expert/Addictionologist	\$50 - \$75	
Forensic Toxicologist	\$125	No more than \$50/hr travel
Handwriting Analyst	\$75	
Interpreter	\$25-30 (Spanish)	some languages higher
Investigator	\$20	.32 cents/mile
Pathologist	\$125 - \$200	No more than \$50/hr travel
Physicians	\$125 - \$200	No more than \$50/hr travel
Polygraph Exams	\$350 flat fee	
Process Server	\$20	
Psychiatrist/Neuro Psychiatrist	\$125 - \$200	No more than \$50/hr travel
Psychologist	\$100 - \$150	No more than \$50/hr travel
Psychologist – Eyewitness	\$100 - \$150	No more than \$50/hr travel
Serologist (blood expert)	\$50 - \$75	
Social Worker/Pre-sentence Writer	\$1000 - \$1500 flat rate	