

Columbus Police Crime Laboratory

Firearms Section

The Firearms Section is staffed by a team of experienced forensic scientists offering expertise in firearm operation, obliterated serial number restoration, and comparison microscopy. Each year, thousands of firearms, cartridge cases, and bullets are submitted to the laboratory for analysis. Scientists issue reports based on their scientific analysis and offer expert witness testimony in court.

The projectile recovery tank allows forensic scientists to safely test firearms and recover undamaged projectiles for examination.



Microscopic comparison allows forensic scientists to associate or eliminate cartridge cases and bullets to a common source.



Forensic scientists and police evidence technicians utilize the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) to associate firearms and spent evidence to crime scenes.

