§ 216-a. Scientific crime detection laboratory. 1. The superintendent may maintain a scientific crime detection laboratory, and may appoint, employ or assign a director thereof, and such additional members or employees as he may deem necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of such scientific crime detection laboratory, within the appropriation. The superintendent may also employ, from time to time, within the appropriation, such skilled experts, scientists, technicians or other specially qualified persons as he deems necessary to aid the New York state police and the laboratory in preventing or detecting crime, apprehending criminals, or preparing and presenting evidence of violations of the criminal laws of the state.

2. The superintendent may, from time to time, establish headquarters or stations in such localities of the state as he shall deem most suitable for the efficient operation of the laboratory.