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Approval of Instrumentation and Procedures for analysis of breath and blood alcohol content

Authority for the blood and breath alcohol program falls on the Department of Public Safety March 1, 2012. Analytical instrumentation and procedures for analysis of breath and blood alcohol in evidentiary samples shall be approved by the Commissioner.

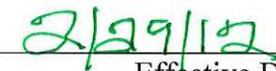
The instrumentation approved for analysis of blood alcohol concentration for evidentiary purposes is gas chromatography. The instrumentation approved for analysis of breath alcohol for evidentiary purposes is DataMaster DMT using infrared spectrophotometry. I have reviewed the documented review and approval of the instrumentation and procedures by the Vermont Forensic Laboratory.

Any preliminary screening device used by law enforcement officer in enforcing the provision of Title 23 of the VSA must conform to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Model Specification for Evidential Breath Testing Devices, and the device used must be on the current NHTSA Conforming Products List for instruments that meet such model specifications.

The procedures incorporated in the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Training manual and the Infrared Breath Testing Device Student Manuals in effect at the time of testing are approved for the performance of breath alcohol testing in the State of Vermont. The blood alcohol testing procedures in the Vermont Forensic Laboratory are approved for the analysis of evidentiary blood alcohol by gas chromatography. Only laboratory approved procedures will be acceptable for use.



Keith W. Flynn, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety



Effective Date

