

CLASS TITLE: INSPECTOR BREATH ANALYSIS

Class Code: 02380200

Pay Grade: 24A

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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform on-site inspections in a statewide alcohol breath analysis program within the Department of Health involving the certification and recertification of all models of breath-testing instruments approved for use by law enforcement in Rhode Island; to train and certify/recertify breath testing instrument operators; to ensure compliance with state laws as mandated; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of a superior from whom assignments are received; work is reviewed in process and upon completion for conformance to established monitoring methods and techniques, state law, and agency policies, rules and regulations.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: As required, may supervise technical and clerical staff.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

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To certify/recertify performance of methods, techniques and evaluate degree of proficiency.

To diagnose and repair malfunctions of these and related instruments and to coordinate activities between state and local police and out of state repair facilities to expedite repairs and decrease down time.

To perform inspections, testing, calibration and certification/recertification of all local law enforcement agency breath analysis equipment and to ensure accuracy and precision within prescribed limits.

To utilize maintenance and calibration laboratory equipment and solutions for use in examinations and certifications

To participate in formal classroom training designed to instruct and certify/recertify qualified candidates in the operation of evidentiary breath analysis instruments and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

To have and provide necessary practical experience in the operation of breath testing instruments. To screen and monitor volunteer subjects for live alcohol workshop.

To provide expert court testimony to support the accuracy of the equipment and its operation as well as the methods and techniques employed by its operators.

To consult with and give advice and counsel to police and other law enforcement officials regarding the operation of instruments, problems, methods and procedures. To prepare and respond to all of discovery from various attorneys.

To track court decisions and rulings and disseminate information to state and local police. To train police officers in the use of new equipment.

To provide ongoing in- service training in all aspects of "Driving Under the Influence" enforcement procedures and policies.

To evaluate, test and approve new breath testing equipment to be purchased and utilized by law enforcement agencies.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the principles and mechanics of breath-testing instruments and the methods, procedures and techniques of their operations; the ability to apply such knowledge in the certifying and recertifying the accuracy of such instruments and their operators in accordance with state law; the ability to give testimony in court pertaining to the accuracy of breath-testing instruments and the competency of operators of such instruments; the ability to consult, advise and counsel instrument operators, police, and other law enforcement officials regarding breath-testing problems, methods and procedures; the ability to understand and maintain knowledge of technical specifics of instrument performance; the ability to maintain and file reports; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a concentration in law enforcement, criminal justice, sociology or a closely related field supplemented by completion of an approved course of training in breath analysis methods, procedures and instrument operation; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through employment in a position involving the operation of breath testing instruments.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must possess a valid certificate of competency in breath analysis and breath testing instrument operation issued by the Rhode Island Department of Health and must maintain such certification requirements as a condition of employment.

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