GENERAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: Intoxilizer Breath Instrument

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I. PURPOSE

The Long Beach Police Department maintains an Intoxilizer 5000 breath instrument in the CSULB Police Department for use by CSU, LBPD and other sworn police officers. This General Order is to provide guidance in the use of the LBPD Intoxilizer 5000 breath instrument to determine blood alcohol content of subjects during official investigations.

II. INTRODUCTION

The Intoxilizer 5000 is designed to measure the percent of alcohol in blood through the analysis of a person’s breath. Breath samples are widely accepted by the judicial system as a means of documenting and determining the degree of alcohol intoxication during DUI and other alcohol related investigations.

III. OPERATION

A) Prior to use all CSULB Police Officers must be trained and certified for its use by a licenced criminalist of the LBPD Crime Lab. Officers will follow the procedures set forth in their training while using the Intoxilizer Instrument and should not deviate if possible.

B) Police Officers will follow and complete the Long Beach Police Department Intoxilizer 5000EN Precuationary Checklist for each subject tested.

C) Officers will use a new, clean mouthpiece for each subject tested and use the plastic cover on the new mouthpiece to attach and remove the mouthpiece from the breath hose. Officers should limit contact with the subjects saliva and utilize gloves during testing.

D) Officers will enter accurate subject information into the Intoxilizer machine and follow all prompts given by the Intoxilizer Instrument for each subject tested.
IV. AUDIT

It will be the responsibility of the Long Beach Police Department to maintain and audit the Intoxilizer 5000 breath instrument. If the device fails and is in error the LBPD Crime Lab is to be notified by the Watch Commander for correction during normal business hours.