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Section 900.60 Use of Portable Breath Testers

Policy

It is the policy of the Shively Police Department to implement Portable Breath Testers (PBTs) to assist officers in performing field sobriety testing on subjects who are suspected of driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages. PBTs are to be used to assist officers after the completion of standardized field sobriety tests. PBT's are not to be used as a substitute for standardized field sobriety tests. If a PBT is utilized, the results must be annotated on the uniform citation. This provides proper documentation if an officer is questioned regarding the use of a PBT in a court proceeding.

Equipment Inventory

Officers will only use PBTs that have been approved by the Chief of Police. The Shively Police Department will maintain a list of Manufacturer names, models and serial numbers of PBTs being utilized. When an officer turns in a PBT, it shall be turned in to that officer's Sergeant. It will be the responsibility of the commanding officer to ensure that the PBT is in working order and damage free. The Manufacturer name, model and serial number will be reported to the Major for inventory control. Reassignment will be determined by the Major.

Training

Officers will receive all required training necessary to utilize a PBT properly. PBTs will be used only in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, Kentucky Revised Statutes and Shively Police Department Standard Operating Procedures and Policies. Introduction of PBT results into court will only be done in accordance with Kentucky Rules of Evidence.

Maintenance

Each officer that is assigned a PBT is responsible for making sure that the PBT is in working order and free of damage. Officers must report any damage or malfunction to their Sergeant in the form of an Interoffice Memorandum immediately. An officer who loses or damages a PBT due to negligence will be responsible for the cost of purchasing a replacement PBT. Officers that are issued a PBT will be responsible for ensuring that the PBT is calibrated