

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

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PRELIMINARY ALCOHOL SCREENING DEVICE

POLICY

The Honolulu Police Department's commitment to traffic safety includes the use of a preliminary alcohol screening device (PASD) in accordance with this directive and the PASD program.

PROCEDURES

I. DEFINITIONS

Preliminary alcohol screening device (PASD): The department-issued, portable, breath alcohol testing device that conforms to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) specifications.

PASD program manager: The officer assigned by the Traffic Division's commander to manage the department's PASD program.

PASD element coordinator: The officer assigned by the element commander to coordinate the PASD program for that element. Each patrol district and the Traffic Division shall designate a PASD coordinator and provide the name of the coordinator to the PASD program manager.

PASD operator: An officer trained and authorized to conduct preliminary alcohol screenings using the PASD.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PASD Program Manager

1. The PASD program manager shall be responsible for maintaining and calibrating all PASDs as well as downloading and maintaining data from all of these units.

2. In addition, the PASD program manager shall ensure that the PASD element coordinators comply with accuracy checking and reporting requirements established by the PASD manufacturer and program.

B. PASD Element Coordinator

Each PASD element coordinator shall, as soon as practicable, inform the PASD program manager of any PASD that is damaged, malfunctioning, lost, stolen, or requires recalibration. The coordinator shall also:

1. Conduct accuracy checks on each PASD in the element on a regular basis as established by the PASD manufacturer and program;
2. Ensure that all issued PASDs fall within the working parameters established by the manufacturer;
3. Submit an accuracy check report to the PASD program manager within five calendar days of checking the PASDs; and
4. Ensure that other maintenance measures such as storage of the PASDs, memory checks, and battery checks are adhered to as specified by the PASD manufacturer and training.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

Officers must successfully complete the department-authorized PASD training to be qualified as PASD operators.

IV. PASD USAGE

Only PASD operators shall use the PASDs to conduct preliminary alcohol screenings. The operators shall also:

- A. Use only department-issued PASDs; and
- B. Conduct screenings in accordance with the training they received.

V. PROCEDURES

The PASD may be used on persons who are suspected of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant.

- A. The standardized field sobriety test shall be conducted prior to administering the PASD.
- B. Before using the PASD, the PASD operator shall read the admonition on the Preliminary Alcohol Screening Report, HPD-424E form, to the subject. The subject's initials that acknowledge the admonition must be obtained on the form to proceed with the administering of the PASD test.
- C. Before obtaining the breath sample, the operator shall observe the subject for a deprivation period of at least 15 minutes. Also, the form shall be filled completely to include the following information:
 - 1. Device number;
 - 2. Device temperature;
 - 3. Test time;
 - 4. Test number;
 - 5. Test results;
 - 6. Method used to obtain the breath sample; and
 - 7. Strength of the breath.
- D. The PASD results can be used to augment, but not be the only element for, the establishment of probable cause.

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Each element with PASDs shall be responsible for maintaining its own supply of mouthpieces and accuracy check gas tanks.



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