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Student Handout

What *NOT* To Do In The BA Room

- Do *NOT* instruct or allow Subject to use restroom in the BA Room . . .



And more specifically . . .

- Do *NOT* hand the extra simulator jar, that is stored in the BA Room, to the Subject and instruct them to urinate in it



- Do *NOT* instruct Subject to urinate in the trash can in the BA Room



- Do *NOT* instruct Subject to urinate in the corner of the room



Breath Test Video Recording

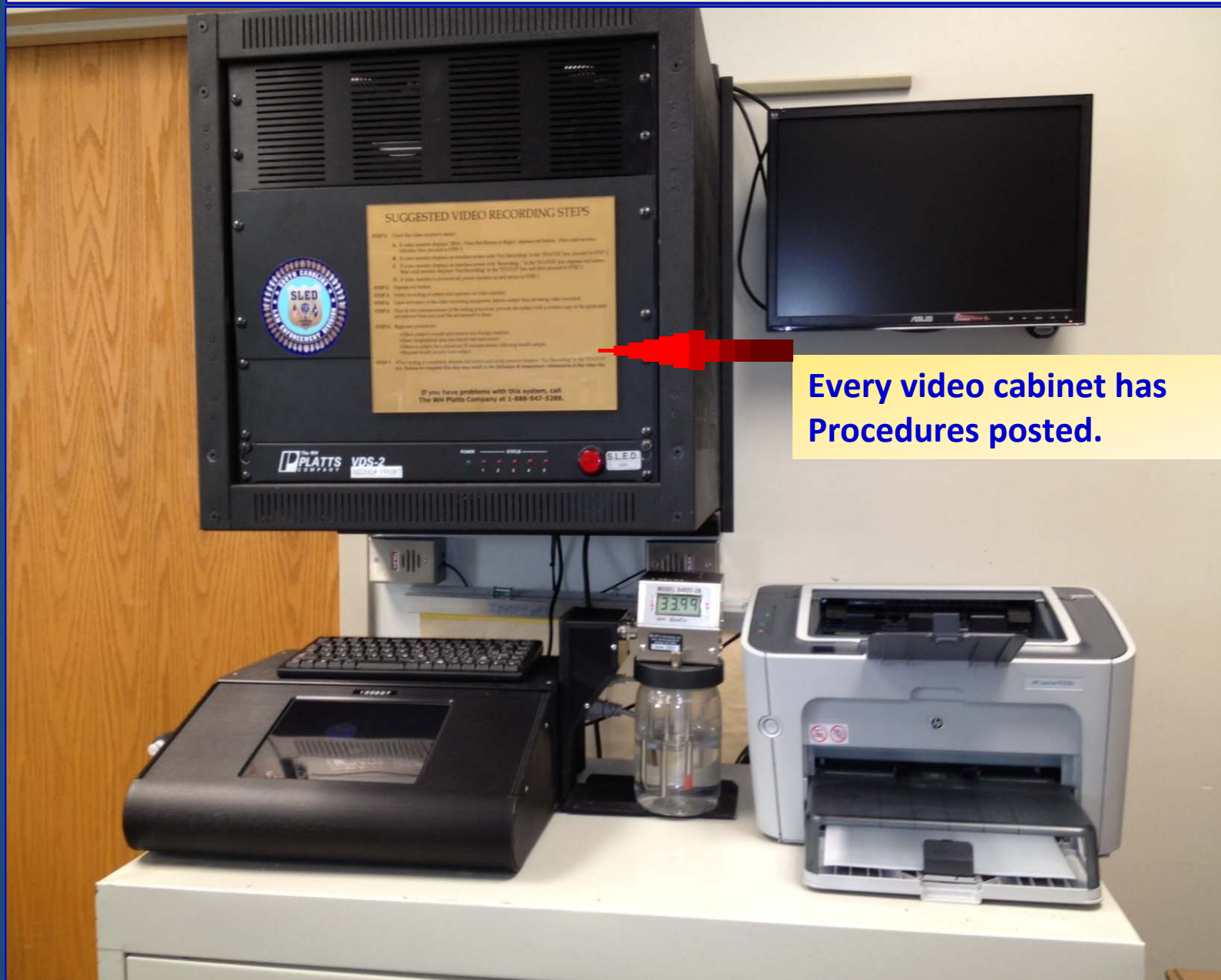
- Make sure Subject can be seen on the monitor.
- *Make Subject stay put*, whether they are standing or sitting
- Make sure Operator can be seen on the video monitor.
- Some rooms have one camera with a wide-angle lens that captures entire room.
- Some rooms have two cameras; one for Subject and one for Operator. If there are two cameras, ensure the PIP is visible on monitor. The PIP is the Operator camera.

Breath Test Video Recording

- Do NOT allow Subject to walk around the BA room.
- If there is no chair, instruct them to stand in the same spot. No leaning against wall or sitting on floor. Ensure their face is visible.
- If there is a chair, ensure their face is visible.
- The Operator should not move off camera.
- If other Officers enter room, the Operator should maintain attention to Subject & testing procedures.



When In Doubt – Check It Out














Every video cabinet has Procedures posted.



SLED POLICY 8.12.5



Highlight These Areas:

-  A (2): Implied Consent Tests
-  B (2): Non-Implied Consent Tests
-  C (1–6): Breath Test Sequence
-  E (1-5): Advisement Process
-  F (1-4): Refusal
-  G (1-5): Checking Of the Subject's Mouth
-  H (1), H (3): BA Test Report/Evidence Ticket
-  I (1), I (5): Observation Period Start Time
-  J (1-7): Observation Period
-  K (1-6): Data Entry
-  L (1-2): Operational Protocol

Ambient Conditions to Observe in the BA Room

Ambient Conditions Can Cause Status Codes – Check for following :

Temperature of Room

- Is it too cold/hot? (65-80°)

Odor in Room

- If you can smell it, so can the DataMaster.

Hand Sanitizer

Rubbing Alcohol

Air Freshener

Disinfectant (Lysol)

Cleaning Products

Paint Fumes

Adhesive Products

Floor Wax – Floor Stripping Products

Cologne/After Shave/Perfume

Subject Location In Room

- Does subject sit right next to DataMaster?

If so, reposition the breath tube away from the subject.

DATAMASTER STATUS CODES

SLED's main goal is to provide a *good* breath test for the state and the subject.

- ❖ SLED Policy 8.12.6, Section A, (1): Any status code message occurring during the operational protocol will cause the test to abort.
- ❖ *The instrument is programmed to eliminate any chance of an improper test.*
- ❖ All checks, such as internal standard, simulator solution temperature, simulator reading, etc., will pass or the test is aborted at the point of the failed check. All status codes are electronically recorded by the DataMaster DMT.

STATUS CODES

- **STATUS CODES** occur sometime during the 12 run-step Operational Protocol. (with the exception of a “Communication Error” which can occur whenever the printer is engaged)
- These 12 run steps inspect/check the instrument each time a subject test is performed.
- These checks ensure the DMT is working properly with every subject test, regardless of any prior or subsequent status code message.

STATUS CODES









Receiving a STATUS CODE can be frustrating to the Operator and the Subject!













However, it DOES NOT mean the DMT is malfunctioning. On the contrary. It is doing exactly what it's designed do ... Abort itself when it detects something is not right with the breath test.

- ✓ **Remember: The instrument is programmed to eliminate any chance of an improper test.**

STATUS CODES

-  Filter 1, 2, or 3 Won't Zero
-  Sim. Temp. Too High
-  Fatal System Error
-  Calibration Error
-  Communications Error
-  Internal Standard Out of Range
-  Detector Overflow
-  Filter Wheel Error

-  Sim. Temp. Too Low – **caused by operator**
-  RFI - **usually caused by operators keying mobile radios in BA room or vicinity**
-  Printer Error – **usually caused by operator**
-  Blank Error – **usually caused by operator**

-  External Standard Out Of Range – **can be caused by room conditions or loose jar**
-  Ambient Failure – **caused by condition of room air**
-  Pump Error - **usually caused by operator**
-  Invalid Sample – **usually caused by subject—pretend to blow**
-  Suck Back Error – **caused by the subject**
-  Interference Detected – **caused by something on subject's breath**

Out of the 18 most common STATUS CODES:

- 10 can be caused by operator or subject.
- 8 can be prevented by operator.

STATUS CODES

Two of the most common STATUS CODES we see every week on the database are: ➡ “BLANK ERROR” &
➡ “PUMP ERROR”

99.9% of the time, these STATUS CODES are caused by the Operator/Officer. WHY? HOW?



THE MOUTHPIECE



- ★ Improper insertion & improper removal of the mouthpiece can cause both these STATUS CODES.
- ✓ Should be placed on breath tube when display reads, “Please Blow,” *and not before.*
- ✓ Should be removed immediately after breath sample delivered, being careful not to block intake opening on mouthpiece with plastic wrapper or finger.

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Question: What do you do when an “Interference Detected” Status Code is received?

Answer: The law is silent on this situation. It gives no remedy. *However ...*

SLED Policy 8.12.5 states: “ The instrument will indicate if significant interference is present in the subject's breath. In this case, the breath sample is not acceptable, and the instrument will display "INTERFERENCE DETECTED".

An “INTERFERENCE DETECTED” reading is not a completed test and, by itself, is not a refusal situation. If necessary, medical attention should be given to the subject. The operator may elect to continue to administer a breath test. In this case, the advisement process, checking of the mouth and observation period are not required to be repeated.”

STATUS CODES

Question: What should an officer do if DataMaster gives a Status Code during a test?

Answers:

- Refer to “Helpful Hints” sheet for “Action To Be Taken”. If not already posted in BA Room, it can be found on main screen of DMT under Help/Information icon.
- May need to utilize another DataMaster for certain Status Codes.
- Save evidence tickets from aborted tests.
- Notify SLED. (803-896-7300)

☞ Do not notify your Dispatch or your Supervisor, *if possible*. First-person notification is preferred in order that SLED can make a determination as to the course of action needed. Miscommunication occurs with third-party notification. *If* help is not needed immediately, please wait to notify SLED during office hours. - or -

☞ Enter Inquiry/Complaint if necessary into DMT using Inquiry/Complaint icon on main screen.

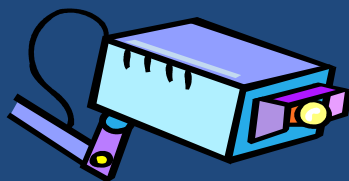
Use Caution When . . .

When entering your Inquiry/Complaint into the DMT:

Realize that whatever you write will follow you into Court.

Use Caution When . . .

- ❖ Once you activate the video, be careful what you say in the breath testing room at all times. (even when you *think* it's not working)



- ❖ Because it is a computer, sometimes it may appear that it's NOT recording, when, in fact, it IS recording the audio. For example, the monitor may have a black screen, but the audio is still picking up what you say.
- ❖ It's not a good idea to say or do anything in front of those cameras and microphones that you do not want to come back to embarrass you in an open courtroom, or on the news, or with your boss.

