

ASCLD/LAB-*International*

Off-site Surveillance Report

Washington State Patrol Breath Test Program Seattle, Washington

(With satellite premises located in the following cities within Washington State:
Burlington, Marysville, Poulsbo, Tumwater, Tacoma, Vancouver, Wenatchee,
Yakima, Kennewick and Spokane)

INTRODUCTION

This is the ASCLD/LAB-*International* Off-site Surveillance Report of the Washington State Patrol - Breath Test Program. The off-site surveillance review was completed on November 12, 2015.

Lead Surveillance Assessor:

Harry A. Fox, III - ASCLD/LAB / Annville, Pennsylvania

OBJECTIVES

To conduct limited scope conformance monitoring of the management and technical operations of the laboratory in accordance with the accreditation requirements specified below, and to report the findings in a fair and impartial manner to the laboratory and to ASCLD/LAB top management for the purpose of continuing ASCLD/LAB-*International* accreditation in accordance with the scope of accreditation.

ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

The conformance monitoring was performed using the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005, the ASCLD/LAB-*International* Supplemental Requirements for the Accreditation of Forensic Science Calibration Laboratories (2007), applicable ASCLD/LAB-*International* policies and the laboratory's own documented management system.

LABORATORY OVERVIEW

The Washington State Patrol - Breath Test Program is a state government laboratory that provides services and assistance to law enforcement agencies throughout Washington State. The location of the laboratory has not changed since the last on-site visit. The current Bureau Director is Larry Hebert and the current laboratory director is Lieutenant Robert Sharpe.

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

No changes in the scope of accreditation have occurred since the last on-site visit.

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE DECLARATION

As a required conformance monitoring activity, the laboratory submitted an ASCLD/LAB-*International* Performance Declaration. In summary, a review of the Performance Declaration revealed the following:

- The report was received on September 14, 2015.
- A signed statement from the laboratory director declaring that the laboratory continues to maintain conformance with all accreditation requirements and the requirements of the laboratory's own management system was included.
- An organizational chart was provided, indicating all current administrative and technical management positions.
- The level of proficiency testing activity appears to meet accreditation requirements.
- A Statement of Qualifications for each individual employed since the last on-site visit was provided. No issues or concerns were noted.
- The laboratory provided information concerning one or more corrective actions which have occurred since the last on-site visit. The completed corrective actions to date appear to be adequate to address the topics.
- At the time of the submission of the performance declaration, the laboratory had not conducted the annual internal audit. The audit is scheduled to occur between September and October 2015.
- A summary report of the laboratory's most recent management review, conducted on December 15, 2014, indicated that the laboratory conducted the review in accordance with accreditation requirements, considering all elements required in ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

There was no ASCLD/LAB Corrective Action Request (CAR) pending review of on-going adherence to the corrective action.

COMMENTS

Comments include recommendations, suggestions, concerns, or other observations documented by the surveillance assessor that are not supported by sufficient objective evidence of non-conformance. The laboratory is not required to respond to comments. The following comment(s) were documented by the assessor: **None**

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Other considerations may include any topic, issue or information of which ASCLD/LAB top management needs to be aware in order to make a more fully informed decision regarding the continuation of accreditation: **None**

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the sampling of objective evidence during this conformance monitoring activity, I conclude that the laboratory is operating in conformance with ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and the ASCLD/LAB-*International* Supplemental Requirements for the Accreditation of Forensic Science Calibration Laboratories (2007); ensures the competence of personnel to perform work; and operates an effective management system in conformance with the accreditation requirements of the ASCLD/LAB-*International* program.

REPORT AUTHORIZATION

As the surveillance assessor, I affirm that this report represents a true and accurate accounting of the findings of the ASCLD/LAB-*International* conformance monitoring of the Washington State Patrol - Breath Test Program.

Lead Surveillance Assessor Harry A. Fox, III


Signature

November 17, 2015
Date

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