

FLSB Impaired Driving Section

Impaired Driving Section

The Washington State Toxicology Laboratory, established in 1963, performs drug and alcohol testing for coroners, medical examiners, law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and the State Liquor Control Board in all 39 Washington counties.

The Impaired Driving Section (IDS) of the FLSB is made up of several different programs, all designed for traffic safety and assuring that motorists are safe on Washington roads.

- Breath Testing
- Drug Evaluation and Classification
- Ignition Interlock

- Standardized Field Sobriety Tests
- Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Programs

The Impaired Driving Section also coordinates and supports the Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU), a self contained 36 foot motor home that travels across the state in support of all law enforcement efforts during Driving Under the Influence emphases. The Mobile Impaired Driving Unit is equipped with three breath test instruments and two holding cells to effectively and efficiently process impaired drivers in a faster manner which subsequently gets the patrol officer back on the road in minutes.



The Breath Test Program and Toxicology Laboratory successfully attained ASCLD/LAB [ISO International accreditation](#) of their breath alcohol calibration program on November 16, 2009. We were the fourth laboratory in the country to earn this distinction and accreditation.



Breath Testing Program

The Breath Test Program (BTP) manages, maintains, and certifies the calibration of more than 220 evidentiary breath testing instruments in the state. The instruments are used for over 40,000 tests annually. The BTP is comprised of

13 technicians, two sergeants and one administrative assistant. The technicians provide operator certification and re-certification training for over 8,000 police officers throughout the state. The technicians offer expert witness tes-

timony in support of the statewide breath alcohol testing program. The program compiles computerized statistical data and analysis related to DUI enforcement to members of the criminal justice community.
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Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DEC) began in February 1996. A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are trained to recognize the symptoms of intoxication for seven different categories of drugs. A DRE conducts a standardized, diagnostic 12 step examination of persons arrested or suspected of drug-impaired driving or similar offenses. Based on the results of the examination the DRE develops an expert opinion.

The Washington State Patrol coordinates the DRE program for the state of Washington. Impaired driver training is provided to all law enforcement agencies in the state. Nearly all law enforcement agencies in the state of Washington participate in the Drug Recognition Expert program. Currently, there are over 200 Drug Recognition Experts in the State of Washington who perform over 1,500 evaluations a year.

Coordinator:
Sgt. Mark Crandall



BAC Recertification
Student

Ignition Interlock Program

The Impaired Driving Section (IDS) is responsible for monitoring all aspects of the Ignition Interlock Program. IDS, through legislative mandate, certifies Ignition interlock manufacturers to conduct business in Washington State. This program also monitors ignition interlock installers by conducting annual onsite audits to verify the devices are being calibrated and installed under state guidelines. Citizens, required to have the device installed, are subject to random compliance checks and review of their individual device's database.



Coordinator:
Trooper Steve Luce

The state interlock coordinator provides educational training and presentations to law enforcement and the ignition interlock community to insure the continued viability of the program.

To find out more about Ignition Interlock providers:

<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/interlock.htm>

Left—Ignition Interlock
Demonstration

Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Program

The SFST Coordinator's position was created in April of 2010. The program was implemented to be utilized by all law enforcement agencies in the state of Washington. The SFST's are the foundation for detecting and processing intoxicated drivers. It is imperative that all law enforcement personnel working patrol related duties are familiar with the proper administration and interpretation of the SFST's. The SFST Program is responsible for the

instruction and monitoring of the twenty four hour federally recommended SFST/DUI Basic Course, the SFST Instructor Development Course, and the SFST Refresher Courses.

The SFST Program will act as an information clearinghouse for all matters related to SFST and DUI education.

Coordinator:
Sgt. J.P McAuliffe



SFST Training

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors

In August 2009, the Washington State Patrol welcomed two Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (“TSRP”) into the Impaired Driving Unit. Funded by grants from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, **Moses Garcia** and **Courtney Popp** now serve as statewide resources for prosecutors and law enforcement on legal issues involving impaired driving. Coming from varied backgrounds of city/appellate and county prosecution, the TSRPs help ease the burden that difficult impaired driving cases make on our state’s prosecutors by aiding with trial preparation, predicate questions, case review, briefing preparation, research of novel legal issues, or serving as second chair at trial. In addition to their work with prosecu-

tors, the TSRPs will respond to queries from law enforcement and other stakeholders on recent law changes, defense challenges and court procedures, and provide a variety of legal trainings to the Washington State Patrol and all Allied Agencies across the State. A comprehensive trial notebook and website are currently under development to ensure that prosecutors in every corner of the State have 24/7 access to valuable resources and information necessary for successful impaired driving prosecution.

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Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU)

The IDS operates the Mobile Impaired Driving Unit, known as the MIDU. This mobile processing command post allows officers engaged in impaired driving emphasis patrols and special events to enhance public safety by providing on-the-spot breath alcohol analysis of subjects arrested for suspicion of driving or boating under the influence of alcohol. The MIDU is fully equipped with breath testing instrumentation, computers, communications equipment, and has a holding

facility — everything an officer needs to book a subject for DUI. The unit is self-contained and can be driven anywhere it is needed, and may also be deployed for us as a mobile command station for large-scale emergency situations and investigations.

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**Coordinator-
Sgt. J.P McAuliffe**



MIDU

Breath Testing Program Contacts

Breath Test Program public records — including DataMaster database records, signed affidavits and repair certifications, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and curriculum vitae — are available online at our [Web Based Discovery Materials](#) Site (WebDMS).

Please note that WebDMS will be updated weekly. If you have questions or comments or do not find the records you are seeking, please contact the Breath Test Program at breath-test@wsp.wa.gov or call the Breath Test Program of the Washington State Patrol:

- Burlington (360) 757-7553
- Bremerton (360) 405-6622
- Hoquiam (360) 596-6094
- Kennewick (509) 734-7029
- Marysville (360) 658-2588
- Olympia (360) 586-1516
- Seattle (206) 720-3018
- Spokane (509) 227-6566
- Tacoma (253) 536-4347
- Union Gap (509) 249-6716
- Vancouver (360) 449-7916
- Wenatchee (509) 665-4018

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Breathalyzer Instrument**

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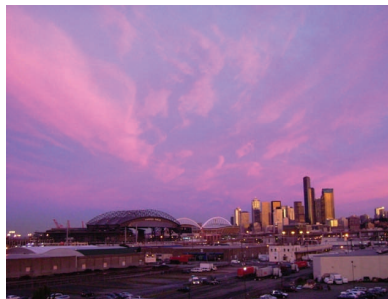
The Crime Laboratory Division CODIS Laboratory publishes a newsletter; you can find it at:

<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/forensics/crimlabs.htm#codis>

You can access previous issues of the FLSB Newsletter at: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/forensics/flsbhome.htm>

As a reminder, you can access Breath Test Public Records bureau records related to Breath Alcohol at the Web Based Discovery Materials location, WebDMS at:

<http://breathtest.wsp.wa.gov/welcome.htm>



**Downtown Seattle
from the Seattle Lab**

Odds 'n Ends—Thank you, Training Needs, Forensic Services Guide, Leaf Marijuana Identification Training

Trooper Luce,
Once again, thank you so much for coming down – the jury loved you! In case you hadn't heard this is the result. The defendant got convicted on the DUI above a .15. He got acquitted on attempting to elude an officer but convicted on the lesser charge of failing to yield to an officer.

From the Washington Traffic Safety Commission:

This is a letter of recognition and commendation for Ms. Courtney Popp and Mr. Moses Garcia, Washington State Patrol (WSP – Impaired Driving Section, who have exceeded our expectations in their new roles as Washington's first Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRP). Courtney and Moses have been in these positions since September 2010 and

have moved very quickly to build and implement a fully functioning TSRP Program.



Please drive carefully!

If you have training needs, please contact any section of the FLSB and we will be glad to help as much as possible. You can get contact information for any of the areas of the FLSB by visiting the FLSB website: (<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/forensics/flsbhome.htm>)

The Forensic Services Guide is a good resource for your forensic related questions! You can find it also at the FLSB website.

The Crime Laboratory Division is offering a Leaf Marijuana Identification Training this summer at the WSP Academy in Shelton for law enforcement agencies. The dates are August 8-11, 2011. If your agency is interested, please contact Rebecca Cortez at (206) 262-6002.