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TOXICOLOGY FACT SHEET

Provide testing for alcohol and drugs in support of suspected impaired driving investigations.

Scope of Testing/Services:

- Ethanol (drinking alcohol) – blood, urine, serum/plasma – quantitative (blood alcohol percentage)
 - Alcohol related calculations, including retrograde extrapolation
 - Note: urine alcohol requests must have 2 specimens collected at least 30 minutes apart in accordance with NYS DOH Rules & Regulations Part 59
- Drugs – blood and urine
 - Qualitative (present/not detected): Amines, Benzodiazepines (urine), Buprenorphine, Cannabinoids (urine), Carisoprodol, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Methadone, Opioids, Phencyclidine (PCP), Tramadol, Zolpidem
 - Quantitative (blood only): Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids

Types of investigations (subject may be alive or deceased):

- DWI, DWAI, DWAI-drugs
- Vehicular Assault/Serious Physical Injury
- Vehicular Manslaughter/Homicide
- Other driving and/or motor vehicle cases

Types of investigations we do NOT provide Toxicology services for:

- Drug facilitated crimes (“date rape drugs”)
- Cause of death determinations

Submission requirements:

- Must complete a Lab-1* submission form – request alcohol testing, drug testing, or both
Note: FMVA/SPI investigations automatically get both alcohol/drug testing
* Other submission documents may be accepted but are not preferred
- Mailed to the Forensic Investigation Center, Albany, NY (or satellite lab)
- Delivered in person at any of our four locations (Albany, Olean, Binghamton, and Newburgh)
- Testing is performed at the Albany lab, submission to other locations may delay turnaround time
- All evidence must be properly sealed

Turn-around times: Average turn-around time for 2020 was ~40 days from date of submission

Toxicology Lab Reports: Electronic versions are uploaded to eJusticeNY upon completion, no hard copies are issued as of July 1, 2020

CPL 245 Discovery: Toxicology discovery materials are uploaded to eJusticeNY within approximately one week of report completion; CPL 245.20(1)(s) materials are available online at <https://publicapps.troopers.ny.gov/discovery/>

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