


<p>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>  <p>General Order Number: 4.06</p>	<p>Date of Issue</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Effective Date</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Revision Date</p>
<p>Subject: ALCO-SENSORS</p>	<p>Amends:</p>	<p>Rescinds:</p>	
<p>Index as:</p> <p>Alco-Sensors General Policies and Procedures</p>	<p>State Certification Standards:</p>		

Special Instructions:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to prescribe the policies and procedures of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office regarding the issuance and use of Field Sobriety Testing Instruments or "Alco-Sensors".

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that Field Sobriety Testing Instruments of "Alco-Sensors" be available to the deputies of this department to more effectively enforce state statutes regarding driving under the influence offenses.

DISCUSSION

The use of a Field Sobriety Testing Instrument or "Alco-Sensor" is to aid the deputy in detecting an individual who may be in violation of state statutes concerning the offense of driving under the influence. A deputy must note that the use of an "Alco-Sensor" is not a state administrated chemical test. Rather this is to aid the deputy in establishing probable cause to affect an arrest for driving under the influence. For the purposes of this General Order, the term "Alco-sensor" shall mean any hand held device to detect alcohol in a subject's breath.

I. GENERAL PROCEDURES

- A. Each deputy that is assigned an Alco-Sensor for use while on duty is responsible for the care and upkeep of the unit. The deputy shall keep the unit in the original storage container when not in use to keep the unit free of debris and dirt.
- B. The deputy shall ensure that he or she has an ample supply of the breath tubes that are used with the unit. The deputy should also remember that once a tube has been used, it could be a biohazard and should be disposed of properly.
- C. After each use of the unit, the deputy should take the time necessary to ensure that the unit is clear of alcohol and the "SET" button is depressed. Doing this will cut the unit off so that the fuel cell will not burn out.
- D. Any problems regarding the Alco-Sensor(s) should be directed to the Patrol Commander.
- E. The Patrol Commander will be responsible for maintaining a current listing of all deputies who are assigned an Alco-Sensor.
- F. Each deputy assigned an Alco-Sensor will be responsible for the possession, maintaining of, and the location of the unit. If the unit is loaned to another deputy, the assigned deputy is responsible for ensuring the unit is returned in a serviceable condition.



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