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661—157.5(321J) Preliminary breath screening test.

157.5(1) A peace officer desiring to perform a preliminary screening test of a person's breath shall use a device approved by the division of criminal investigation criminalistics laboratory. Such devices are approved for accuracy and precision using a dry gas standard or breath simulating device. The division of criminal investigation criminalistics laboratory shall employ scientifically established tests or methods appropriate to a particular device in determining whether the device meets an acceptable standard for operation including accuracy, or the laboratory may, at its discretion, accept test results from another laboratory. The standards shall include the requirement that in all cases the device shall indicate the alcohol concentration on a numerical display. Devices shall be of a type that may be calibrated on a monthly basis by officers in the field.

The division of criminal investigation criminalistics laboratory shall maintain a list of devices approved by the commissioner for use as preliminary breath screening devices. The list of currently approved devices is available on the website of the department.

157.5(2) Any peace officer using an approved device shall follow the instructions furnished by the manufacturer for use of such a device. The calibration of each unit shall be checked at least once per month, and the device shall be calibrated, if necessary, using a dry gas standard. The officer or officer's department shall maintain a record of each calibration. This record shall include:

- a. The identity of the person performing the calibration.
- b. The date.
- c. The value of standard used.
- d. The unit type and identification number.
- e. The expiration date of the standard used.

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