

# Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

## Change in Instrument Status Form

Effective: 11/10/2021

Version: 2.0

Date: 06/24/2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument #: 100378 \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument Location: Palmer PD \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name and Agency: Carlie Glaister SCDL \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

During IFIR (2022.02.22 – 2022.04.11) it was observed that Palmer PD was experiencing higher than average prevalence of RFI status messages. Breath Test Supervisor Lucas Szipszky was notified and asked to remind officers about not keying radios within the vicinity of the DataMaster. After corresponding with the officer it was determined that there was not a clear source of RFI and during current review of status messages there was still a higher than average prevalence of RFI. It is being recommended to replace the instrument due to RFI status messages when the Breath Test Supervisor is available to do so. Attached is documentation of communication.

If instrument was placed in service or removed from service, fill out the appropriate sections below.

In Service Date/Time: NA

Out of Service Date/Time: NA

**For Use by SCDL**

Additional Notes

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**Email completed form to [dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov](mailto:dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov)**

For questions contact the Breath Alcohol Program at 907-269-5740

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Approved by: Chemistry Supervisor

## Glaister, Carlie K (DPS)

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**From:** Lucas N. Szipszky <lszipszky@PalmerPolice.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 6:24 PM  
**To:** Glaister, Carlie K (DPS)  
**Cc:** Lee, Tatiana A (DPS)  
**Subject:** Re: RFI status messages

I'm on leave until July 3. If you can have Colleen bring it out I'll set it up when I get back.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2022, at 3:05 PM, Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <carlie.glaister@alaska.gov> wrote:

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The RFI status messages continued to be recurring during the most recent review that I am currently working on. Due to the high prevalence of RFI without a clear source, it is possible that the instruments RFI sensor may be overly sensitive. We are going pack you a replacement instrument.

Please work with Forensic Technician Tatiana Lee, on how the DataMaster will be received (shipped/picked up?)

*Carlie Glaister (Bailey)*

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**From:** Lucas N. Szipszky <lszipszky@PalmerPolice.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 8:18 AM  
**To:** Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <carlie.glaister@alaska.gov>  
**Cc:** Barnett, Brandi M (DPS) <brandi.barnett@alaska.gov>; O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS) <colleen.obryant@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: RFI status messages

They assured me they turned their stuff off and by unplugging the phone it allowed the test to go without getting the status message. We do have a squadroom about 20-30 feet away but at that time of night it's empty except for those that we're trying to solve the RFI issue.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2022, at 8:01 AM, Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <[carlie.glaister@alaska.gov](mailto:carlie.glaister@alaska.gov)> wrote:

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Phones should not impact Radio Frequency Interference. However, if there are officers using radios in rooms nearby that could cause interference. Colleen mentioned that there is a squad room near the DataMaster, I'm not sure if that could be contributing?

*Carlie Glaister (Bailey)*

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**From:** Lucas N. Szipszky <[lszipszky@PalmerPolice.com](mailto:lszipszky@PalmerPolice.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 6, 2022 7:58 AM

**To:** Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <[carlie.glaister@alaska.gov](mailto:carlie.glaister@alaska.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: RFI status messages

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I was just told this has been happening frequently lately. The officer told me they had turned off everything to include taking and leaving electronics in another room. What they said to fix it was by unplugging a phone that's on a table next to the suspect. I plugged it back in on Tuesday to see if it continued to do it.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2022, at 7:45 AM, Glaister, Carlie K (DPS) <[carlie.glaister@alaska.gov](mailto:carlie.glaister@alaska.gov)> wrote:

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While reviewing status messages we noticed that Palmer PD has a higher percentage of RFI status messages than average. Please remind breath test operators, and other officers within the vicinity of the instrument to avoid keying their radio while the DataMaster is being used.,

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