

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory
Change in Instrument Status Form

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Effective: 10/10/2022

Date: 10/16/2023

Instrument #: 100687

Instrument Location: Anchorage Police Department

Supervisor Name and Agency: Colleen O'Bryant - SCDL

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

I reached out to BTS Nicholas Bowe regarding diagnostic failed status messages due to breath tube temperature being too low. BTS Bowe inspected the breath hoses and reconnected to ensure a secure fitting of the heating element. The breath tube temperature increased. The instrument was never taken out of service and remains in service as of 2023.10.16.

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

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Additional Notes

See attached email conversation. COB 2023.10.16

Email completed form to dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov
For questions contact the Breath Alcohol Program at 907-269-5740

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From: Bowe, Nicholas <nicholas.bowe@anchorageak.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 10:17 PM
To: O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS)
Subject: RE: Dry Gas Request + 100687, 100697 Breath Tube Temperature

I had tightened the plug on the breath hose for instrument 100697 yesterday and today it looks like it is in the operating range for the temp (39+). I tightened the plug on the hose for 100687 today, and the temp started climbing and is now in operational range (39+) as well. I will not take them out of service at this time. – Thanks – N. Bowe

From: O'Bryant, Colleen S (DPS) <colleen.obryant@alaska.gov>
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Subject: Dry Gas Request + 100687, 100697 Breath Tube Temperature

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Nick,

We can definitely get you new tanks. While reviewing your instruments I noticed that 100687 failed diagnostic tests 4 times in the last week due to the breath tube temperature being too low. 100697 also failed once on 2023.10.07 for the same reason.

Could you please visit these instruments and unplug the breath tube heating connection, reconnect it and make sure it is seated properly. The connection should be fully inserted into the back of the instrument and then snugly screwed in. It's also important to make sure the temperature in the room the instrument lives isn't getting too cold. If this doesn't bring up your breath tube temperature we'll need to replace these instruments.

Colleen O'Bryant

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From: Bowe, Nicholas <nicholas.bowe@anchorageak.gov>
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To: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored) <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>
Subject: dry gas

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Hi there! I was wondering if I could swing by some time (probably next week) and pick up some new dry gas bottles for the Datamasters at the Anchorage jail. I would probably be wanting 3 - just to make sure we make it through the holidays + an upcoming academy training. We are down to 1 as of last night, but I will probably change out one of them tonight because one of the Datamasters is in the red. Thanks - N. Bowe