

Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

Change in Instrument Status Form

Issued: 12/15/2017
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Version: CIISF 2017 R0
Status: Active

Date: 12/30/2020 Instrument Serial Number: 100413

Instrument Location: Wildwood Pretrial

Supervisor Name and Agency: Megan Swangel and Kenai Police Department

Describe the Status Change or Issue with the Instrument:

Back in service

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

In Service Date/Time: 12/30/2020 @ 1200 hrs.

Out of Service Date/Time: _____

For Use by SCDL	Additional Notes

Email completed form to dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov

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

Walton, Derek J (DPS)

From: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored)
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Megan Swangel
Cc: Garrett Baeten
Subject: RE: Datamaster for Kenai Police Department

Hello Ofc. Swangel,

You instrument has had a few status messages in the last few weeks – I’m seeing a couple blank errors, one internal standard error, and then those two tank interference messages from 12/26. I checked the filter readings from those two and they show elevated filter 3 readings which is usually environmental. The internal standard error occurred on 12/3 and appeared to be out-of-sync with the internal standard readings around the same time making me think it was something temporary, possibly also environmental.

Has anything changed with the environment around the Datamaster? Any cleaning, changes in air flow, or vehicle exhaust getting sucked in through the HVAC?

Whatever it was, it did not happen for your VOC on 12/27 which looks normal. I would continue to use the instrument but keep an eye out for any more unusual status messages (RFI doesn’t count unless it’s a ton of them).

Derek Walton

Forensic Scientist
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From: Megan Swangel <mswangel@kenai.city>
Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 8:16 PM
To: DPS SCDL Toxicology (DPS sponsored) <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>
Cc: Garrett Baeten <gbaeten@kenai.city>
Subject: FW: Datamaster for Kenai Police Department

Sorry, for some reason I sent a blank Change in Instrument Status Form. Here’s one that’s filled out.

Thanks,
Megan Swangel

From: Megan Swangel
Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 5:28 AM
To: 'dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov' <dps.scdl.toxicology@alaska.gov>
Cc: Garrett Baeten <gbaeten@kenai.city>
Subject: Datamaster for Kenai Police Department

Good morning,

Our DMT gave a trooper two “Interference Detected” errors. The trooper also said the error occurred before the subject provided a breath sample. I went by and checked it out and found it working properly and ran a VOC and a regular test with no errors. It’s currently out of service.

Megan Swangel

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Walton, Derek J (DPS)

From: Walton, Derek J (DPS)
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Megan Swangel
Subject: DMT back in service?

Hi Ofc. Swangel,

Is the DMT at Wildwood back in service now? Do you have any further questions or concerns about using it?

I think what you did running another VOC and a breath test was the right move.

Derek Walton

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