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Subject: Changes and Information for Idaho Breath Testing Operators and Breath Testing Specialists-- VERY IMPORTANT

*******This email contains VERY important changes for all Breath Alcohol Instrument Operators and Breath Testing Specialists in Idaho. Please read the entire email*******

***Effective today ISPFS has issued a formal training presentation for "Breath Testing Instrument Operator Classes." Effective immediately, Operator classes taught by an ISPFS Regional Breath Testing Coordinator or Agency BTS must follow this training presentation for ISPFS certificates to be issued for the course. Within a few weeks, the BTS course will also have one formal training presentation that must be covered as part of the official ISPFS BTS course. The official course material may be downloaded from the ISPFS Alcohol Website. http://www.isp.idaho.gov/forensic/alcohol.html This is an effort by ISPFS to ensure that all Operator and BTS training is standardized. Previous certifications WILL still be valid UNTIL the Operator or BTS needs to recertify. Each recertifying operator or BTS will take the approved ISPFS course. While not a reality yet, ISPFS is exploring new technology to allow the coursework portion of these classes to be accomplished online (while still having an practical instrument portion with a live instructor).

***The certificates for the Operator and BTS course have also been changed. Only a BTS certified on a specific instrument by ISPFS may teach the operator course and sign certificates for that specific instrument. The new certificates/cards are available by emailing Jeremy Johnston (Breath Alcohol Discipline Leader) at jeremy.johnston@isp.idaho.gov

***New forms/logs have also been posted to the Alcohol website for instrument maintenance, instrument operation, and simulator solutions. While the new log forms are not required--it is HIGHLY recommended that you use these new forms for record keeping in your program.

***ISPFS has also posted a new FAQ on our website in response to a recent court decision. In the case of State v. Masterson (http://www.isc.idaho.gov/opinions/MASTERSON%2037385.pdf) it was argued that since the BTS and Operator Certification cards only state certification for the Intox 5000, that somehow the operator was not certified to operate the Intox 5000EN.

ISPFS has addressed the issue in our FAQ section of the ISP Breath Alcohol page. We also posted the ISPFS FAQ response later in this email. For all those Operators and Breath Testing Specialists that HAVE the CURRENT Intox cards, YOU DO NOT NEED A NEW CARD. To further clarify our position to the courts, any NEW card issued after today will have the wording "Intox 5000 Series." Again, the NEW Operator certificates/cards are available to the BTS by emailing Jeremy Johnston (Breath Alcohol Discipline Leader) at jeremy.johnston@isp.idaho.gov

FAQ 11(From ISPFS Website
http://www.isp.idaho.gov/forensic/documents/BreathAlcoholTestingFAQ_001.pdf)

If an "Operator Card" or "BTS Card" says that the certification is for the Intoxilyzer 5000, does that cover certification for the Intozilyzer 5000EN?

Yes, the Intoxilyzer 5000EN (or 5000 Enhanced) is just an upgraded version of the Intoxilyzer 5000. The 5000EN is updated to better discriminate between Ethyl Alcohol and other volatile interferents that may be present on human expired breath. Both instruments use infrared technology and are operated in the same manner.

ISPFS Operator and BTS certification qualifies the Operator and/or BTS for the Intoxilizer 5000 series of instruments. The Operator and BTS courses cover both instruments. While the certification card for the BTS or Operator states Intoxilyzer 5000, it should be interpreted to mean that the Operator and/or BTS is certified for the Intoxilyzer 5000 series of instruments that are in use within the state of Idaho. BTS/Operator certification cards on Alco-Sensor and/or Lifeloc instruments (approved for use in Idaho) are also valid for the instrument series, not just a single model.