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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT DRUG TESTING

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PURPOSE: The procedures contained herein shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy revised April 2018, and New Jersey Attorney General's Law Enforcement Directive No. 2018-2. This policy shall serve as notification to all employees of the agency's drug testing policy.

POLICY: It shall be the policy of the Fort Lee Police Department to conduct reasonable suspicion and random drug testing of applicable employees contained in Section I of this policy.

This written directive is considered an annex to the Rules and Regulations of the Fort Lee Police Department.

PROCEDURES:

I. APPLICABILITY

- A. This policy applies to:
1. Applicants for a position as a law enforcement officer who, if appointed, will be responsible for the enforcement of the criminal laws of this State and will be authorized to carry a firearm under N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6;
 2. Law enforcement officer trainees subject to the Police Training Act while they attend a mandatory basic training course; and
 3. Sworn law enforcement officers, including Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO), who are responsible for the enforcement of the criminal laws of this State, come under the jurisdiction of the Police Training Act and are authorized to carry a firearm under N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6.
 4. This policy does not apply to civilian employees.

II. TYPES OF DRUG TESTING

- A. Applicants for Law Enforcement Officer Position
1. This written directive recognizes that drug testing is an important component of a pre-employment background investigation. Thus, prospective employees shall be drug tested as a condition of employment. The policy requires law enforcement agencies engaged in the hiring process to drug test prospective employees at any point during the pre-employment process.
 2. In addition, applicants for employment may be tested as many times as the law enforcement agency deems necessary to ensure that the applicants are not engaged in the illegal use of drugs. For example, applicants who have been drug tested as part of the application process may be tested again if a significant amount of time has elapsed since the previous step in the employment process.
 3. During the pre-employment process, the agency must ensure that it complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by refraining from making any medical inquiries. Therefore, the medication information form should not be used at the applicant stage, unless a positive test result requires an explanation by the prospective employee or the applicant has been provided with a conditional offer of employment (COE).
- B. Law Enforcement Trainees
1. Individuals hired as law enforcement officers who are required to attend and successfully complete a mandatory basic training course approved by the Police Training Commission are subject to drug testing during their attendance at a police academy. Trainees will be required to submit one or more urine specimens for testing while they attend a mandatory basic training course. The drug testing of law enforcement trainees will be

conducted by the police academy staff under rules and regulations adopted by the Police Training Commission.

2. Individual trainees shall also be required to submit a urine specimen for testing when there exists reasonable suspicion to believe that the trainee is illegally using drugs. A trainee shall be ordered to submit to a drug test based on reasonable suspicion only with the approval of the County Prosecutor, the Chief of Police of the Fort Lee Police Department, or the academy director.

C. Sworn Law Enforcement Officers

1. Sworn law enforcement officers shall be ordered to submit a urine specimen for testing when they have been randomly selected to submit to a drug test. Random selection shall be defined as a method of selection in which each and every sworn member of the Fort Lee Police Department, regardless of rank or assignment, has an equal chance to be selected for drug testing each and every time a selection is conducted.
2. Sworn law enforcement officers shall also be required to submit a urine specimen for testing when there exists reasonable suspicion to believe that the officer is illegally using drugs. An officer shall be ordered to submit to a drug test based on reasonable suspicion only with the approval of the county prosecutor or the Chief of Police.
3. Urine specimens may also be collected from law enforcement officers during a regularly scheduled and announced medical examination or a fitness for duty examination. However, the collection and analysis of these specimens are not governed by this policy.

III. NOTIFICATION OF DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

A. Applicants

1. Agencies that choose to test applicants for law enforcement positions must notify those applicants that the pre-employment process will include drug testing. The notification will also indicate that a negative result is a condition of employment and that a positive result will: a) result in the applicant being dropped from consideration for employment; b) cause the applicant's name to be reported to the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police; and c) preclude the applicant from being considered for future law enforcement employment for a period of two years from the date of the drug test. In addition, the notification will indicate that if the applicant is currently employed by another agency as a sworn law enforcement officer and the officer tests positive for illegal drug use, the officer's employing agency will be notified of the test results and the officer will be terminated from employment and permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.

B. Trainees

1. All newly appointed law enforcement officers shall be informed that drug testing is mandatory during basic training. Newly appointed officers shall also

be informed that a negative result is a condition of employment and that a positive result will result in: a) upon final disciplinary action, the officer's termination from employment; and b) inclusion of the officer's name in the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police; and c) the officer being permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.

2. Newly appointed officers shall be further informed that the refusal to submit to a drug test shall result in their dismissal from employment and a permanent ban from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.
3. Each police academy will include in its rules and regulations a provision implementing drug testing during basic training.

C. Sworn Law Enforcement Officers: Reasonable Suspicion Testing

1. In accordance with this written directive, individual law enforcement officers will be ordered to submit to a drug test when there is a reasonable suspicion to believe that the officer is illegally using drugs.
 - a. The reasonable suspicion standard is "less demanding" than the probable cause standard in two ways. First, the amount of evidence needed to satisfy the reasonable suspicion standard is less than that needed to satisfy the probable cause standard. Second, the type of information used to satisfy the reasonable suspicion standard may be "less reliable than that required to show probable cause." The following factors should be evaluated to determine the quality and relevance of the information acquired by the law enforcement agency:
 - 1) The nature and source of the information;
 - 2) Whether the information constitutes direct evidence or is hearsay in nature;
 - 3) The reliability of the informant or source;
 - 4) Whether corroborating information exists and the degree to which it corroborates the accusation; and
 - 5) Whether and to what extent the information may be stale.
2. Any employee who has reasonable suspicion to believe that a fellow employee is illegally using drugs shall immediately report that fact, in writing, to the Chief. This report shall include detailed observations that let the reporting employee to this conclusion.
 - a. The Chief of Police shall review the report before ordering a suspicion based drug test.
 - b. Any employee of the police department who discloses the identity of an officer that will be or has been subject to a drug test based on reasonable suspicion shall be subject to disciplinary action including up to termination.

3. Before an officer may be ordered to submit to a drug test based on reasonable suspicion, the Fort Lee Police Department shall prepare a confidential written report, which documents the basis for the reasonable suspicion. The report shall be reviewed by the County Prosecutor or the Chief of Police of the Fort Lee Police Department before a reasonable suspicion test may be ordered. Under emergent circumstances, approval may be given for a reasonable suspicion test on the basis of a verbal report.
4. In accordance with this written directive, a negative result is a condition of employment as a sworn officer and that a positive result will result in: a) upon final disciplinary action, the officer's termination from employment; b) inclusion of the officer's name in the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police; and c) the officer being permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.
5. In accordance with this written directive, officers who refuse to submit to a drug test based on reasonable suspicion after being lawfully ordered to do so are subject to the same penalties as those officers who test positive for the illegal use of drugs. A sworn law enforcement officer who resigns or retires after receiving a lawful order to submit a urine specimen for drug testing and who does not provide the specimen shall be deemed to have refused to submit to the drug test.

D. Sworn Law Enforcement Officers: Random Drug Testing

1. All sworn officers of the Fort Lee Police Department are eligible for random drug testing, regardless of rank and assignment.
2. At least 10 percent of the total number of sworn officers within the Fort Lee Police Department shall be randomly tested each time.
3. At a minimum, random drug testing shall be conducted at least once in the remainder of 2018 and at least twice in every subsequent calendar year.
4. A method of random selection has been established, which ensures that every probationary or sworn officer in the Fort Lee Police Department has an equal chance to be selected for a testing each and every time a selection takes place, regardless of rank, and regardless of the fact that one or more officers were randomly selected for testing at a prior selection process during the same calendar year. See section IV Random Selection Process.
5. The selection process will be verified and documented in writing by the Chief of Police or Internal Affairs Commander, and the report will be maintained in confidential files.
6. A representative of the collective bargaining unit(s) is permitted to witness the selection process.
7. Should a randomly selected officer be unavailable on the date selected, the following shall apply:

- a. Officers will be notified while on duty by the Chief of Police or his designee and required to submit a urine specimen at that time, during a confidential specimen acquisition process.
 - b. An officer shall be tested on the earliest time available after he or she returns to work.
8. Any member of the Fort Lee Police Department who discloses the identity of an officer selected for random testing or the fact that a random selection is scheduled to take place prior to the Department officially announcing same or prior to the collection of urine specimens is subject to discipline including up to termination.
9. A system to collect urine specimens from selected officers in a prompt, efficient and confidential manner has been established in accordance with the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy and collection procedures established by the New Jersey State Toxicology Laboratory.
10. Officers who refuse to submit to a drug test when randomly selected, or who knowingly tamper with or alter a urine sample by use of adulterants or dilution, are subject to the same penalties as those officers who test positive for the illegal use of drugs. A sworn law enforcement officer who resigns or retires after receiving a lawful order to submit a urine specimen shall be deemed to have refused to submit to the drug test.
11. The knowing tampering with or alteration of a urine sample by adulteration or dilution will be treated in the same manner as if the officer tested positive for the illegal use of drugs. Alteration or adulteration will be presumed if, among other reasons, the temperature gauge of the collection container registers an improper temperature, or the State Toxicology Laboratory or other independent laboratory facility discloses the presence of an adulterant or dilution by some means.

IV. RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS

- A. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office has designated a randomizer program to be used as the sole means in the random drug testing selection process. Once the program is available, it will be used by this department in all random drug screening selection processes.
 1. The Chief will notify the Internal Affairs Commander to conduct either a standard panel or steroid panel for random drug testing. The Internal Affairs Commander will:
 - a. Use the randomizer program to create a list of officers who will be subjected to a random drug test;
 - 1) Ten (10) percent of the sworn workforce shall be selected for each screening process (rounded up).
 - 2) An additional five (5) percent of the sworn workforce shall be selected as Alternatives, who will be tested in order if an

officer is determined, by policy, to be unavailable for screening.

- b. Print three (3) copies of the Randomized Officer Selection List. One copy will be maintained by the Chief, one will be maintained by the Internal Affairs Commander, and one will be placed in a sealed envelope for the PBA.
 - c. The sealed envelope will be marked as confidential and will be presented to the PBA representative for his/her signature and date over the seal. The envelope will then be returned to the Internal Affairs Commander.
 - 1) After all samples have been collected and submitted to the lab for analysis, the PBA may request to meet with the Chief to unseal the confidential Randomized Officer Selection List" envelop to verify the names of the selected officers.
- B. Until the randomizer program is available, the following selection process will be adhered to:
- 1. The Internal Affairs Commander will maintain a spreadsheet, format as determined by the Chief, with all officers subject to Random Drug Testing as defined by the AG Directive.
 - 2. The Chief will notify the Internal Affairs Commander to conduct either a standard panel or steroid panel for random drug testing. The Internal Affairs Commander will:
 - a. Print the sorted officer list by the category selected by the Chief for this round of testing, and
 - b. Prepare the manual Selection Form clearly indicating the 10% point based on the department size (rounded up).
 - 3. Three copies of the sorted officer list will be made. One copy will be maintained by the Chief, one will be maintained by the Internal Affairs Commander, and one copy will be placed in a sealed envelope for the PBA.
 - 4. The Internal Affairs commander will seal the list in an envelope marked "Confidential: Sorted Officer List".
 - 5. The Chief, or his/her designee, will notify the PBA to meet.
 - 6. The Internal Affairs Commander will set out numbered tags equal to the number of officers eligible for random selection.
 - 7. The PBA representative will be allowed to verify that all tags are present.
 - 8. The Internal Affairs Commander will present the sealed "Confidential: Sorted Officer List" envelope to the PBA representative for his/her signature and date over the seal.
 - 9. The envelope will be returned to the Internal Affairs Commander.

- a. After all the samples have been collected and submitted to the lab for analysis, the PBA may request to meet with the Chief to unseal the "Confidential: Sorted Officer List" envelope to verify the names of the selected officers.
10. The Internal Affairs Commander will then place all the displayed tags into a container. The tags will be mixed to the satisfaction of the Chief. The Internal Affairs Commander will then begin selecting one tag at a time and recording the selection on the Selection Form.
 - a. Five additional tags will be selected as Alternates to replace officers that are determined to be unavailable for collection as specified in the policy.
 - b. Alternates will be used as selected and listed in numerical order on the Selection Form.
11. The completed original Selection Form will be retained by the Internal Affairs Commander.
12. A copy of the signed Selection Form will be provided to the Chief, and the PBA Representative.
- C. The frequency and dates of the selection shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police up to twelve (12) times per calendar year.
- D. The Internal Affairs Commander will then begin the collection process with the assistance of a supervisor.
 1. If the Chief is selected, then the Deputy Chief, will be brought into the process. If the Deputy Chief is unavailable then the senior on-duty Captain will be brought into the process. The Internal Affairs Commander will notify the Prosecutor's Office that the Chief has been selected for Random Testing.
 2. If the Internal Affairs Commander is selected, then the senior on-duty Captain will be brought into the process. If a Captain is unavailable then the Deputy Chief will be brought into the process. The Chief will notify the Prosecutor's Office that the Internal Affairs Commander has been selected for Random Testing.
 3. If the Chief and Internal Affairs Commander have been selected then the senior uninvolved Captain will be brought into the process. At least two uninvolved supervisors, in rank and seniority order, will be brought in to supervisor the process.
- E. No PBA representative will be involved with the sample collection or transportation process.
- F. No officer is to disclose the name(s) of any officer selected for Drug Testing while the samples are being collected and submitted for analysis. This does not apply to the selected officer themselves disclosing their name while seeking legal assistance through the PBA. This does not apply to the PBA review process with the Chief, or designees.

- G. Officers on approved time off (VAC, TD, SHT, Sick, WC, etc.) leave will be maintained on the Eligibility List.
- H. Officers on approved time off, exceeding 10 consecutive work days will be excused from the collection process. The next available Alternate will then be included in the process.
 - 1. Approved leave should be in writing and must be designated before the testing occurs. An officer cannot be placed on approved leave after that officer's name has been pulled in a random testing period.
- I. Samples should be obtained from an employee as close as possible to when the selection process was completed, i.e. either during the officer's current shift in conjunction with the Internal Affairs Commander or designated monitor's assignment or during the officer's next shift in conjunction with the Internal Affairs Commander or designated monitor's assignment.

V. SPECIMEN ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

- A. Preliminary Acquisition Procedures
 - 1. The Chief of Police or his designee shall serve as monitor of the specimen acquisition process. The monitor shall always be of the same sex as the individual being tested. In the event there is no member of the same sex available from the agency collecting the specimens, the agency may request that a member of the same sex from another law enforcement agency serve as monitor of the process.
 - 2. Prior to the submission of a specimen, an applicant for a law enforcement position shall execute a form consenting to the collection and analysis of their urine for illegal drugs. (Attachment A). The applicant will also complete a form consenting to the collection and analysis of their urine for illegal drugs during enrollment in a basic training course (Attachment B). The forms shall also advise the applicant that a negative result is a condition of employment and that a positive result will result in the consequences outlined in Section III A of this policy. Applicants shall not complete a Drug Testing Medication Information form (Attachment D) prior to the submission of a specimen unless they have already received a conditional offer of employment. However, applicants who have not received a conditional offer of employment can be required to complete a medical questionnaire if, following the submission of their specimen to the State Toxicology laboratory for analysis, the Fort Lee Police Department receives a report indicating that the specimen tested positive for a controlled substance.
 - a. Applicants who received a conditional offer of employment shall complete a Drug Testing Medication Information form (Attachment D), which clearly describes all prescription medication, non-prescription (over the counter) medication, dietary supplements and nutritional supplements that were ingested by the applicant during the past 14 days.

3. Prior to the submission of a urine specimen, a trainee enrolled in a basic training course shall execute a form (Attachment B) advising the trainee that a negative result is a condition of employment and that a positive result will result in the consequences outlined in Section III B of this policy. The form shall also advise trainees that the refusal to participate in the test process carries the same penalties as testing positive. Trainees shall also complete a Drug Testing Medication Information form (Attachment D), listing all prescription medication, non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication, dietary supplements and nutritional supplements that were ingested by the trainee during the past 14 days.
4. Prior to the submission of a urine specimen, an officer shall execute a form (Attachment C) advising the officer that a negative result is a condition of employment and that a positive result will result in the consequences outlined in Section III C of this policy. The form shall also advise the officer that the refusal to participate in the test process carries the same penalties as testing positive. Sworn officers shall complete the Drug Testing Medication Information form (Attachment D) listing all prescription medication, non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication, dietary supplements and nutritional supplements that were ingested by the officer during the past 14 days.
5. The Drug Testing Medication Information form (Attachment D) shall be placed in an envelope, which is sealed by the donor. The donor shall date and initial the seal.

B. Monitor Responsibilities

1. The monitor of the specimen acquisition process shall be responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring that all documentation is fully and accurately completed by the individual submitting the specimen (the donor).
 - b. Collecting specimens in a manner that provides for individual privacy while ensuring the integrity of the specimen. Individual specimens and forms shall be identified throughout the process by the use of social security numbers. At no time shall a name appear on any form or specimen container sent to the State Toxicology Laboratory.
 - c. Complying with chain of custody procedures established by the New Jersey State Toxicology Laboratory for the collection and submission for analysis of urine specimens.
 - d. Specimens shall be collected utilizing equipment and supplies approved by the State Toxicology Laboratory. Under no circumstances shall a specimen be collected and submitted for analysis in a specimen container that has not been approved by the State Toxicology Laboratory. It is the responsibility of each agency to contact the Laboratory to obtain the appropriate supplies and equipment including the Drug Testing Custody and Submission Form.
 - 1) The only source for vials to be used for urine testing pursuant to Directive 2018-2 and/or the AG's Drug Testing Policy, are

the vials provided by the State Toxicology Laboratory at 325 Norfolk Street, Newark, NJ. Vials are available free of charge at the laboratory. No appointment is necessary, but the laboratory is only open between the hours of 0830 and 1400 hours.

- e. Collecting and submitting urine specimens in accordance with procedures established by the State Toxicology laboratory.
2. In order to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the collection process a monitor may:
 - a. Direct an individual officer who has been selected for drug testing to remove outer clothing (jackets, sweaters etc.), empty their pockets, and wash their hands under running water, before they produce a specimen.
 - b. Add tinting agents to toilet water and secure the area where the specimens are to be collected prior to specimen collection.
 3. If the monitor has reason to believe that an individual officer will attempt to adulterate or contaminate a specimen, substitute another substance or liquid for their specimen, or compromise the integrity of the test process, the monitor may conduct a direct observation of the individual officer. If a monitor concludes that direct observation is necessary, he or she must document the facts supporting the belief that the officer will attempt to compromise the integrity of the test process before there can be direct observation.

C. Specimen Collection

1. Unless otherwise noted, all steps must be completed by the donor in the presence of the monitor.
2. The monitor shall inform the donor to wash his/her hands prior to beginning the specimen collection process.
3. The monitor allows the donor to select two sealed specimen container kits.
4. The donor unseals both kits and removes the kit contents on a clean surface.
5. Using an ordinary pencil, the donor writes his/her SSN and the letter "A" below the SSN on one of the I.D. labels.,.
6. Next, using an ordinary pencil, the donor writes his/her SSN and the letter "B" below the SSN on the second I.D. label.,
7. The monitor checks that the donor SSN on both labels matches the SSN provided on the submission form. The monitor shall never touch an unsealed unpackaged specimen container.
8. The donor places the labels inside one of the specimen containers printed side out, thereby designating this bottle, and subsequently produced specimen, as "bottle A" and "first specimen", respectively.

9. The donor then places the label inside the second specimen container printed side out, thereby designating this bottle, and subsequently produced specimen, as “bottle B” and “second specimen”, respectively.
10. The monitor instructs the donor to void a specimen between 45 mL and 60 mL into each specimen container, to not flush the toilet, and return with both specimens immediately after the specimen is produced.
 - a. The auto-flush feature should be disabled by blocking the sensor.
 - b. Flushing the toilet by anyone other than the monitor will void the test and necessitate the collection of another specimen.
 - c. The monitor must follow the “shy bladder” procedure for donors that initially are unable to produce an adequate amount of urine (See Section D. “Shy Bladder” Procedure below)
11. The monitor visually checks each specimen for adequate volume and temperature indicator strip on the specimen container within 4 minutes. A color change between 90° and 100°F indicates an acceptable specimen temperature. The monitor indicates if the temperature is acceptable in the “Yes/No” column for each specimen and writes the collection date and his/her initials in the spaces provided on the submission form. If a temperature strip does not indicate the acceptable temperature, the monitor must consider the possibility that the officer attempted to tamper with the collection.
12. If the monitor is satisfied that all test requirements are met and the required documentation is accurate, he/she shall request the donor to seal each one of the specimen containers.
13. The monitor will take possession of the specimens and documentation. The monitor will ensure that all specimens, including second specimens, are delivered to the NJSTL in a timely manner (See Section V. Submission of Specimens for Analysis below).

D. “Shy Bladder” Procedure

1. When a donor initially produces an inadequate amount of urine, the monitor must take the following steps:
 - a. Advise the donor to remain on the premises and under the supervision of the test monitor until the monitor is satisfied that the donor cannot produce a specimen.
 - b. While the donor is under supervision, allow the donor to drink up to 40 ounces of fluids distributed reasonably over a period of up to three hours in an attempt to induce the production of a specimen.
 - c. Under no circumstances, should multiple voids be combined to produce an adequate sample volume.
2. If the donor remains unable to provide a specimen after a reasonable period of time, the monitor may have the donor examined by a doctor to determine

whether the inability to produce a specimen was the result of a medical or physical infirmity or constituted a refusal to cooperate with the drug testing process.

E. Second Specimen

1. A donor whose specimen tested positive may only challenge the positive test result by having the second specimen independently tested. The first specimen will not be retested.
2. The second specimen will be maintained at the State Toxicology Laboratory for 60 days following the receipt of a positive drug test result from the laboratory by the submitting agency.
3. The second specimen will be released by the NJSTL under the following circumstances:
 - a. The agency is notified by the State Toxicology Laboratory that the first specimen tested positive for a controlled substance;
 - b. The agency notifies the donor that the first specimen tested positive for a controlled substance; and
 - c. The agency is informed by the donor whose specimen tested positive that he/she wishes to challenge the positive test result.
4. The positive urine donor must designate, from a list maintained by the NJSTL, a laboratory that is certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) to conduct workplace urine drug testing, and pay all costs associated with the reception and testing of the sample.
 - a. The State Toxicology Laboratory maintains an up-to-date list of SAMSHA and CAP certified laboratories and will furnish that list upon request.
5. A representative of the second test laboratory may, in person, take possession of the second sample in accordance with accepted chain of custody procedures or the sample may be sent to the laboratory by pre-paid tracking mail also following accepted chain of custody procedures.
6. Following testing of the second specimen, the independent laboratory will report the result of the second specimen drug test to the donor, to the submitting agency, and to the medical review officer.

VI. SUBMISSION OF SPECIMENS FOR ANALYSIS

- A. The State Toxicology Laboratory is the only facility approved for the analysis of law enforcement drug tests conducted under the Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy. Law enforcement agencies are not permitted to use any other facility or laboratory for the purpose of analyzing urine specimens for illegal drug use by law enforcement officers.

- B. Urine specimens should be submitted to the State Toxicology Laboratory as soon as possible after their collection. In the event a specimen cannot be submitted to the laboratory within one working day of its collection, the Fort Lee Police Department shall store the specimen in a controlled access refrigerated storage area in Internal Affairs until submission to the State Toxicology Laboratory.
- C. Submission of specimens to the State Toxicology Laboratory may be accomplished by personnel from the law enforcement agency or commercial courier using "next day delivery." Specimens submitted by commercial courier must be packaged to ensure their integrity.
- D. All specimens must be accompanied by the Law Enforcement Drug Testing Custody and Submission Form which can be obtained from the lab and the sealed envelope containing the Medication Information Form. The State Toxicology Laboratory will inspect all documentation to ensure that it has been properly completed. Failure to include the appropriate documentation with each submission will cause the Laboratory to delay conducting an analysis of the specimen or specimens until the missing documentation is submitted.
- E. In addition to ensuring that the appropriate documentation has been completed and submitted for each specimen, the State Toxicology Laboratory shall inspect each specimen for damage and evidence of tampering.
 - 1. The Laboratory may reject any specimen it has reason to believe has been tampered with or is damaged; and
 - 2. Notify the submitting agency in writing with the reason for rejection clearly stated.

VII. ANALYSIS OF SPECIMENS

- A. The analysis of the first specimen shall be done in accordance with currently accepted procedures adopted by the State Toxicology Laboratory. These procedures shall include but not be limited to security of the test specimens, chain of custody, initial screening and confirmation testing, parent drug and metabolite cut-off levels and the issuance of test reports. In addition to the controlled substances listed below, every Law Enforcement Executive may request that specimens be analyzed for the presence of steroids.
- B. The Laboratory's drug testing procedures will screen specimens for the following controlled substances:
 - 1. Amphetamines;
 - 2. Barbiturates;
 - 3. Benzodiazepine;
 - 4. Cocaine;
 - 5. Marijuana;
 - 6. Methadone;

7. Opiates;
 8. Oxycodone/Oxymorphone;
 9. Phencyclidine.
- C. The State Toxicology Laboratory utilizes a two stage procedure to analyze specimens.
1. In the first stage, all specimens will undergo an initial screening. The initial screening determines whether one or more of the nine substances listed and/or their metabolites are present at or above a designated cutoff. All presumptive positive specimens will undergo a second and more specific type of testing.
 2. The second type of testing will employ mass spectrometry detection for the definitive identification and quantitation of drugs and/or metabolites presumptively identified by the initial screen.
- D. When a specimen tests positive at both the initial stage and the second stage, a medical review officer assigned to the State Toxicology Laboratory will review the test results together with the medication information form submitted for the specimen. The medical review officer will seek to determine whether any of the substances listed on the form would explain the positive test result. The medical review officer may direct the agency that collected the sample to obtain further information from the individual being tested concerning the medications listed on the medical information form. The medical review officer will then issue a report indicating whether or not the sample tested positive due to a listed medication on the medication information form.
- E. Applicants for law enforcement employment are not required to submit a Drug Testing Medication Information form with their specimen prior to receiving a conditional offer of employment. Therefore, if an applicant tests positive, the law enforcement agency, following notification from the State Toxicology Laboratory, must have the candidate complete the Drug Testing Medication Information form (Attachment D). Once the form has been completed, the agency is responsible for transmitting the form to the Laboratory. A review of the form will be conducted by the medical review officer as outlined above.
- F. In addition to the testing outlined above, specimens submitted to the State Toxicology Laboratory may be tested for additional substances at the request of the law enforcement agency submitting the specimen. The State Toxicology Laboratory has the ability through its own facilities, as well as facilities employed as reference laboratories, to arrange drug testing for steroid abuse, as well as other currently abused chemicals.

VIII. DRUG TEST RESULTS

- A. The State Toxicology Laboratory will provide written test results for every specimen submitted for analysis. All efforts will be made to deliver these reports within 15 working days of the submission. Reports will be addressed to the contact person listed on the specimen submission record. Positive test results will be sent to the

contact person by certified mail.

- B. In some cases, the State Toxicology Laboratory will report that a specimen tested positive for a particular substance and that the information on the medication information form explains the test result. For example, the Laboratory may report that a specimen tested positive for barbiturates and a prescription for that barbiturate was listed on the form by the officer. At this point, it is the responsibility of the submitting agency to determine whether the officer had a valid prescription for that drug. Officers who do not have a valid prescription are subject to disciplinary action including, termination by the agency.
- C. Under no circumstances will the State Toxicology Laboratory provide law enforcement agencies with verbal reports of drug test results. In addition, no individual or agency may ask the Laboratory to conduct a second analysis of a specimen that has already been analyzed.

IX. CONSEQUENCES OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

- A. When an applicant tests positive for illegal drug use:
 - 1. The applicant shall be immediately removed from consideration for employment by the department.
 - 2. The applicant shall be reported to the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police by the law enforcement agency to which the individual applied.
 - 3. The applicant shall be precluded from consideration for future law enforcement employment by any law enforcement agency in New Jersey for a period of two years. After 2 years, the positive test may be considered in evaluating an applicant's fitness for future Law Enforcement employment.
 - 4. Where the applicant is currently employed by another agency as a sworn law enforcement officer, the officer's current employer shall be notified of the positive test result by the Internal Affairs Commander. Under these circumstances, the officer's current employer is required to dismiss the officer from employment and also report his or her name to the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police.
 - 5. Any Fort Lee Police Officer who is an applicant in another jurisdiction and yields a positive drug test result after undergoing drug testing by that jurisdiction in compliance with the guidelines established by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey shall be:
 - a. Immediately suspended from all duties;
 - b. Terminated from employment as a police officer upon final disciplinary action;
 - c. Reported to the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police; and

- d. Permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in the State of New Jersey.
6. Any Fort Lee Police Officer who is an applicant in another jurisdiction and is notified of a positive drug test result by that jurisdiction shall immediately notify the Internal Affairs Commander, or Chief of Police if Internal Affairs Commander is unavailable, of the positive drug test results.
 - a. The officer shall not report for his/her normal assignment or begin his/her work shift without advising a supervisor.
 - b. The officer shall not request time off or a leave without providing the above notification.
- B. When a trainee tests positive for illegal drug use, subject to rules adopted by the Police Training Commission:
1. The trainee shall be immediately dismissed from basic training and suspended from employment this department;
 2. Upon final disciplinary action, the trainee shall be terminated from employment as a law enforcement officer by the appointing authority.
 3. The trainee shall be reported to the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police.
 4. The trainee shall be permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.
- C. When a sworn law enforcement officer tests positive for illegal drug use (without a possible medical form explanation):
1. The officer shall be immediately suspended from all duties.
 2. The officer shall be administratively charged and, upon final disciplinary action, terminated from employment as a law enforcement officer.
 3. The officer shall be reported by his or her employer to Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police.
 4. The officer shall be permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.
- D. If an officer tests positive for a prohibited substance, but the officer's medication form lists a substance that might explain the positive result:
1. The state laboratory will send a report to this agency, which will indicate that the officer tested positive with an explanation.
 2. The Internal Affairs Commander will be responsible for conducting an investigation and obtaining a prescription from the tested officer to authenticate the listed substance on the medication form.

3. If the officer is able to authenticate that medication (i.e., from a prescription, a doctor's note, etc...), then the Chief of Police is not required to immediately suspend that officer nor is the Chief of Police required to report that officer to the Central Drug Registry because the test result, albeit positive, was properly explained and vetted.

X. CONSEQUENCES OF A REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO A DRUG TEST

- A. Applicants who refuse to submit to a drug test during the pre-employment process shall be immediately removed from consideration for law enforcement employment and barred from consideration for future law enforcement employment for period of two years from the date of the refusal. In addition, the Chief of Police shall forward the applicant's name to the Central Drug Registry and note that the individual refused to submit to a drug test.
- B. Trainees who refuse to submit to a drug test during basic training shall be immediately removed from the academy and immediately suspended from employment. Upon a finding that the trainee did in fact refuse to submit a sample, the trainee shall be terminated from law enforcement employment and permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey. In addition, the Chief of Police shall forward the trainee's name to the Central Drug Registry and note that the individual refused to submit to a drug test.
- C. Sworn law enforcement officers who refuse to submit to a drug test ordered in response to reasonable suspicion or random selection shall be immediately suspended from employment. Upon a finding that the officer did in fact refuse to submit a sample, the officer shall be terminated from law enforcement employment and permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey. In addition, the Chief of Police shall forward the officer's name to the Central Drug Registry and note that the individual refused to submit to a drug test. Please note that if there is no valid reason why an officer cannot produce a specimen, the officer's actions will be treated as a refusal. In addition, a sworn law enforcement officer who resigns or retires after receiving a lawful order to submit a urine specimen for drug testing and who does not provide the specimen shall be deemed to have refused to submit to the drug test.

XI. RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. A sworn law enforcement officer who tests positive for illegal drug use or refuses to submit to a drug test, and who resigns or retires in lieu of disciplinary action or prior to the completion of final disciplinary action, shall be reported by the Chief of Police to Central Drug Registry and shall be permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.

XII. RECORD KEEPING

- A. The Fort Lee Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit shall maintain all records relating to the drug testing of applicants, trainees and law enforcement officers.
 1. Applicants-The Background Investigation Supervisor will forward all applicants' drug testing results to the Internal Affairs Commander.

2. The Training Supervisor should coordinate the collection of academy drug testing records and forward them to the Internal Affairs Commander.
- B. The Fort Lee Police Department's drug testing records shall include but not be limited to:
1. For all drug testing:
 - a. The identity of those ordered to submit urine samples;
 - b. The reason for that order;
 - c. The date the urine was collected;
 - d. The monitor of the collection process;
 - e. The chain of custody of the urine sample from the time it was collected until the time it was received by the State Toxicology Laboratory;
 - f. The results of the drug testing;
 - g. Copies of notifications to the subject;
 - h. For any positive result, documentation from the officer's physician that the medication was lawfully prescribed and does not render the officer unfit for duty;
 - i. For any positive result or refusal, appropriate documentation of disciplinary action.
 2. For random drug testing, the records will also include the following information:
 - a. A description of the process used to randomly select officers for drug testing;
 - b. The date selection was made;
 - c. A copy of the document listing the identities of those selected for drug testing;
 - d. A list of those who were actually tested; and
 - e. The date(s) those officers were tested.
- C. Drug testing records shall be maintained with the level of confidentiality required for internal affairs files pursuant to the New Jersey Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures.

XIII. CENTRAL DRUG REGISTRY

- A. The Fort Lee Police Department shall notify the Central Drug Registry maintained by the Division of State Police of the identity of applicants, trainees and sworn law enforcement officers who test positive for the illegal use of drugs or refuses an order to submit a urine sample on the form prescribed in Attachment F.
- B. A sworn law enforcement officer who tests positive for illegal drug use or refuses to submit to a drug test, and who resigns or retires in lieu of disciplinary action or prior to the completion of final disciplinary action, shall be reported by the Chief of Police to the Central Drug Registry and shall be permanently barred from future law enforcement employment in New Jersey.
- C. Notifications to the Central Drug Registry shall include the following information as to each individual:
 - 1. Name and address of the submitting agency, and contact person;
 - 2. Name of the individual who tested positive;
 - 3. Last known address of the individual;
 - 4. Date of birth;
 - 5. Social security number;
 - 6. SBI number (if known);
 - 7. Gender
 - 8. Race
 - 9. Eye color
 - 10. Substance the individual tested positive for, or circumstances of the refusal to submit a urine sample;
 - 11. Date of the drug test or refusal;
 - 12. Date of final dismissal or separation from the agency; and
 - 13. Whether the individual was an applicant, trainee or sworn law enforcement officer.
- D. The certification section of the notification form must be completed by the Chief or director, and notarized with a raised seal.
- E. Notifications to the Central Drug Registry shall be sent to:

Division of State Police
State Bureau of Identification
Central Drug Registry
P.O. Box 7068
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628-0068

- F. Information contained in the Central Registry may be released by the Division of State Police only under the following circumstances:
1. In response to an inquiry from a criminal justice agency as part of the background investigation process for prospective or new personnel.
 2. In response to a court order.

XIV. NOTIFICATION TO COUNTY PROSECUTOR

- A. In the event of (1) a random drug test occurs and results in a positive drug test result; or (2) the administration of a reasonable suspicion drug test of an officer yields a positive result; or (3) a random or reasonable suspicion test is requested and the subject refuses that request, the Chief of Police or a designee must complete the "Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Notification of Drug Testing" form for every officer that meets one of the above "positive" conditions. The "Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Notification of Drug Testing" form must be delivered to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office within ten (10) calendar days (including weekends and holidays) from the date of the results are received and any investigation is completed. Forms can be hand-delivered and/ or mailed (stamped "Confidential") to:

Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
C/O Confidential Investigations Unit
Two Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, NJ 07601

1. Law enforcement agencies are not required to submit "Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Notification of Drug Testing" forms to the Bergen County Prosecutor for situations where an officer is tested, but did not meet one of the conditions above (a "negative" result). However, law enforcement agencies are required to keep track of all positive and negative drug tests within their own departments to comply with the Attorney General's required annual reporting requirements.
- B. The Fort Lee Police Department shall submit the "Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Annual Results of Drug Testing" form to the County Prosecutor indicating the dates of testing (two or more) for that calendar year, the total number of sworn officers in that law enforcement agency, the total number of sworn officers tested, the total number of sworn officers that tested positive, the total number of sworn officers who refused a test. The "Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Annual Results of Drug Testing" form must be submitted to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office by December 1st of each calendar year. The completed form can be hand-delivered and/ or mailed (stamped "Confidential") to:

Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
C/O Confidential Investigations Unit
Two Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, NJ 07601

XV. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. The Fort Lee Police Department Drug Testing Policy shall be made available to the public upon request and shall be posted on the agency website.
- B. All written reports created or submitted pursuant to this written directive that identify specific officers are confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

XVI. CONSEQUENCES OF ALTERING OR ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THE OUTCOME OF A DRUG TEST

- A. Anyone who attempts to alter or alters the outcome of any drug test and/or the administration of any drug test is subject to dismissal and may be criminally charged pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:36-10.
- B. Anyone who is found to possess any tool, product, device or substance adapted, designed, or commonly used to defraud the administration of any drug test, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment and may be charged criminally pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:36-10.

XVII. ACCIDENTAL/INADVERTENT EXPOSURE

- A. Any officer who believes that they may have been exposed to any substance that could render a positive test result must notify this department immediately after the exposure. If the exposure occurs on duty, the officer must immediately notify his/her supervisor.
- B. A report detailing the exposure shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police or the Internal Affairs Commander through the chain of command.
- C. If the exposure occurs off duty, notification must be made without undue delay and prior to the officer's next tour of duty.