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**TRAINING BULLETIN**

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To: All Law Enforcement  
From: Kevin Behrens, Director   
Re: Oklahoma Blood Specimen Collection Kits

Many of you are familiar with the State of Oklahoma Blood Specimen Collection Kit used for the collection of blood samples for the purpose of chemical testing. For many years OSBI produced a kit containing four blood tubes. However, for the last two years, only kits containing three tubes have been produced. At this time, all of the four tube kits are expired. Additionally, with regard to three vial kits, Lot# 12644 expired on May 31, 2014, and Lot# 13601 will expire on December 31, 2014.

BOT Action 07-03, dealing with the effect of expiration dates on Blood Specimen Collection Kits has not been rescinded, and is still applicable. A copy of this Action is attached for your convenience. Nevertheless, to avoid unnecessary complications in the prosecution of cases involving the collection and testing of blood samples, it is recommended that you obtain current three tube Blood Specimen Collection Kits from the OSBI. The new Blood Specimen Collection Kits may be obtained at no cost by contacting Linda Cain with the OSBI at 405-715-9513. Any expired kits may be brought to the Board of Tests for use in training, or you may call the office to arrange for us to pick them up.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should any questions or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence.



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**ACTION NO. 07- 03 BY THE STATE DIRECTOR  
OF TESTS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFLUENCE**

Under authority of 47 O.S. Supp., 2003 Section 751-761 and OAC 40:1-1-3, promulgated by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence, the following official **ACTION** is hereby taken by the State Director of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence.

**EFFECT OF EXPIRATION DATES APPEARING ON LABELS  
OF STATE OF OKLAHOMA BLOOD SPECIMEN COLLECTION KITS**

The State Of Oklahoma Blood Specimen Collection Kits issued by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, approved by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence all have a label showing a lot number and expiration date. The expiration date refers to the date sodium fluoride and potassium oxalate in the vacuum tubes expire under federal guidelines.

Pursuant to forensic science studies<sup>1</sup>, the State Director of the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence finds: An expired date does not render the contents of the tubes, or any of the other contained components of such kits, improper or invalid for withdrawing, storing, shipping, or preserving blood. The results of the analysis of blood drawn utilizing a kit with an expired date shall be given the same effect as if the date were unexpired. Medical personnel authorized to draw blood for analysis for alcohol content may substitute vacuum tubes, provided by their employer medical facility, with appropriate quantities of sodium fluoride and potassium oxalate, if so stated in their own handwriting above their signature on the officer's affidavit.

This ACTION is effective February 16, 2007.

  
J. Robert Blakeburn  
State Director of Tests

<sup>1</sup>Comparison of Blood Ethanol concentrations In Samples Simultaneously Collected Into Expired And Unexpired Venipuncture Tubes, Zittel and Hardin, Journal of Analytical Toxicology, Vol.30, June 2006