The department requires the use of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST). These sobriety tests provide a research-validated indicator of impairment when they are administered and evaluated in a standardized manner.

**POLICY:**

In the event a member’s investigation requires determining the sobriety level of someone suspected of being under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance or other drug, the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. **All members will use Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST); specifically, the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, the Walk and Turn, and the One-Leg Stand unless:**
   a. Test subject is unable to complete the test due to injury or handicap.
   b. Test subject refuses the test.
   c. Inclement weather prevents conducting the test.
2. The tests should be administered on level ground and in a safe environment.
3. Record all test results on all related forms and/or paper work.
4. All tests shall be video taped by MVRE when possible.

**SUPERVISOR:**

1. Review all complete paperwork for completeness and accuracy.

**RELATED PROCEDURE:**

901 – Arrest and Incarceration
1929 - Issuance of a Uniform Traffic Citation
1933 - Blood Test Processing of the Intoxicated Operator of a Motor Vehicle

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