



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

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Subject: Standardized Field Sobriety Tests		
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POLICY:

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.

MEMBER:

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.

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