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## OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2012-03 JULY 12, 2012 INTOXILYZER REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The GBI Crime Lab has selected a replacement instrument for the Intoxilyzer 5000 following an extensive evaluation process that included input from local agency representatives. The information concerning the instrument will be presented to the Board of Public Safety as part of recommended amendments to GBI Rule 92-3 within the next sixty (60) days. Following approval by the Board of Public Safety of the Rule 92-3 amendments, the GBI Crime Lab will establish a contract with the selected vendor. This should simplify the procurement process for local agencies.

The cost per instrument to local agencies will be approximately \$8000. Annual costs for supplies to ensure the test results meet all reasonable quality assurance criteria for introduction into legal proceedings are expected to be \$300-500 per year per instrument. All breath alcohol testing instruments in the state will need be replaced no later than the end of calendar year 2015. A timeline indicating the appropriate time for each agency to replace their intoxilyzer instruments has been previously distributed to all affected police and sheriff's departments. Please contact the laboratory for a copy of this timeline if needed.

If possible avoid purchasing replacement or additional intoxilyzer instruments until after April 1, 2013. Additional information regarding training and procurement of the new instrument will be forthcoming as details are finalized.

If there are any questions regarding this bulletin please contact me at 404-270-8082 or via email at [george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov](mailto:george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Herrin, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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