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The GBI Crime Lab Operations Bulletin <u>2012-03</u>: Intoxilyzer Replacement Update issued on July 12, 2012 provided initial information to agencies across the state concerning the status of the project to replace the Intoxilyzer 5000 over the next three years. The GBI Crime Lab has selected the Intoxilyzer 9000 manufactured by CMI, Inc. as the replacement instrument.

Since that bulletin significant progress has been made in moving this project forward. The evaluation of potential replacement instruments has been completed. A comprehensive report of the evaluation process has been posted to the website at <u>Evaluation of Breath Alcohol Testing Instruments to Replace</u> the Intoxilyzer 5000. The report includes the objective criteria used during the evaluation and capabilities of each of the evaluated instruments.

On September 13, 2012 the first presentation of amendments to GBI Rule 92-3, Implied Consent, was made to the Board of Public Safety. Amendment of that rule is necessary to authorize the Intoxilyzer 9000 as an approved breath testing instrument in the State of Georgia. Pending final approval of the proposed amendments by the Board of Public Safety at a future meeting, the Intoxilyzer 5000 will continue to be an approved instrument for breath alcohol testing conducted on or before December 31, 2015 and the Intoxilyzer 9000 will become an approved instrument effective January 1, 2013. A summary of the proposed rule amendments can be found at <u>Summary of Sept 2012 changes to GBI Rule 92-3</u>.

The GBI Crime Lab is taking the necessary steps to establish a contract with CMI that all law enforcement agencies in the state can use to purchase the Intoxilyzer 9000. The contract should be finalized by mid-October 2012. The final price per instrument is expected to be about \$8000 to \$8500. Once the contract has been finalized the information necessary to order replacement instruments will be posted on the Crime Lab website and distributed via an operations bulletin.

If there are any questions regarding this bulletin please contact me at 404-270-8082 or via email at <u>george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov</u>.

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