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8.1 FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY

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RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: LABORATORY DIRECTOR (MAJOR), FORENSIC SERVICES

RELATED STANDARDS/STATUTES/REFERENCES:

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GENERAL PURPOSE: To establish the Forensic Services Laboratory's responsibility to the agency and to specify the authority for the laboratory.

POLICY: The Forensic Services Laboratory is a major component of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). The Laboratory Director reports directly to the Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. With respect to operation of the Forensic Services Laboratory, funding rests with the State of South Carolina as approved by the Legislature.

PURPOSE: To provide a full-service forensic laboratory for the State of South Carolina. Customers include federal, state and local law enforcement entities and judicial systems.

SCOPE: The Forensic Services Laboratory performs evidence examinations and testing in the following analytical disciplines: Firearms & Toolmarks, Trace Evidence, DNA Casework (to include Evidence Processing & Serology), Toxicology, Drug Analysis, Questioned Documents, Latent Prints and Crime Scene Investigations. The Forensic Services Laboratory includes the DNA Database department which manages the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) to promote the exchange and comparison of forensic DNA evidence. This department processes non-evidentiary profile submissions. The Forensic Services Laboratory oversees the forensic breath testing program for the State of South Carolina through the Implied Consent Department.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES: The Forensic Services Quality Manual is a compilation of policies and procedures, which directly apply to the operations of the SLED Forensic Services Laboratory. Additional procedures may be found in department specific operations manuals. Laboratory staff must also adhere to all SLED Policies and Procedures. Authority to approve all laboratory policies and procedures lies with the Laboratory Director.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The contents of the Forensic Services Quality Manual are not confidential.

BY ORDER OF:



Mark A. Keel
CHIEF OF SLED

ATTACHMENT: Forensic Services Laboratory Quality Manual