



CDS FIELD TESTING KITS

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I. PURPOSE

This directive establishes guidelines for the distribution and use of *departmentally approved CDS (NIK Public Safety) field testing kits*. *These field testing kits can be used to field test suspected controlled dangerous substances*. These guidelines are in addition to the CDS Handling and Processing procedures set forth in Index Code 1202.

II. REPLACEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF CDS FIELD TEST KITS

Each *Patrol District* and *the Special Enforcement Section* will be responsible for purchasing and disposal of CDS field testing kits.

III. USE OF THE TEST KITS

It is generally not necessary to field test more than one item for each case, if a positive result is obtained. *In addition to following the instructions that come with the kit, remember to use the least amount of the sample as possible. Do NOT consume the entire sample for the field test. Do NOT include a used kit in the evidence envelope. Perform the test in the pouch/tube provided by the kit and not directly on the entire evidence sample. Many kits contain strong acids and proper safety procedures should be followed.*

IV. DISPOSAL OF USED TEST UNITS

After a testing unit has been used for a field test, it *must be disposed of by placing the used kit in a properly identified bio-hazard box located at each district station.*

V. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Training Academy will provide training, during entry level instruction, in the use of CDS field testing kits.

VI. PROPONENT UNIT: Crime Laboratory Section.

VII. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 1202.1, dated 01-07-09.