



LABORATORY TESTING

Drug Testing Savings

Confirmation of the use of one drug is all that is required to support a substance violation. When it was determined that nearly 8% of tests conducted for the Panama City Correctional Institution for more than one drug, arresting officers were requested to seek confirmation of only the most serious drug. Any other positive results are reported to the releasing authority in the body of the violation report but not cited in affidavits, thereby avoiding the unnecessary cost of additional testing. For more information, please contact Jay Winters at (850) 872-7375 or email Winters.Jay@mail.dc.state.fl.us. (2004 #91, DOC-003)

Inmate Drug Testing

Jails, treatment centers and even businesses may use a drug test and data entry process that reduced the cost of on-site tests, streamlined data entry and improved sampling for personnel and laboratory savings of nearly \$900,000. For more information, please contact Jeff Johnson at the Department of Corrections (850) 410-4290 or email at johnson.jeffrey@mail.dc.state.fl.us. (2003 #78)

Improved Drug Testing Output and Turnaround

Department of Law Enforcement staff in the Pensacola regional operation center's chemistry laboratory developed a protocol and trained local law enforcement agencies to safely submit samples from clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. For more information, please contact Hal Easter at (850) 595-2100 ext. 2104 or email HalEaster@fdle.state.fl.us. (2004 #90, FDLE-010)

Improved Turnaround of Criminal Evidence Analysis

Fire and Arson Laboratory staff reduced turnaround time on more than 1,000 units of criminal evidence and documentation of crime scenes from 9.2 days to 6.4 days. For more information, please contact Carl Chasteen at the Fire and Arson Laboratory, Division of State Fire Marshal, Department of Financial Services in Quincy (850) 539-2705 or email chasteenc@dfs.state.fl.us. (DFS-014)

DNA Case Outsourcing

A program to monitor and document the Orlando crime lab's DNA outsourcing process saves more than \$5,000 annually. For more information, please contact Harry Hopkins at (407) 650-5150 or email at harryhopkins@fdle.state.fl.us. (2005 FDLE-004)