

<p style="text-align: center;">East Haven Police Department</p> 	Type of Directive: Policies & Procedures		No. 218.1
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I. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this directive is to set forth the policies and procedures of the East Haven Police Department (EHPD) regarding the requirement of its sworn personnel to be screened for controlled substances, including anabolic steroids in accordance with CT Public Act 20-01.

II. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the East Haven Police Department for all sworn personnel to submit to a urinalysis drug test that screens for controlled substances, including anabolic steroids, in accordance with CT Public Act 20-1 (An Act Concerning Police Accountability).

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Chain of Custody: Procedures to account for the integrity of each urine specimen by the tracking of its handling and storage from the point of collection to final disposition.
- B. Confirmation Test: A second analytical procedure to identify the presence of a specific drug or metabolite that is independent of the original screen test.
- C. Medical Review Officer (MRO): A licensed physician responsible for receiving laboratory results generated by an employer's drug testing program who has knowledge of substance abuse disorders and has appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate an individual's confirmed positive test result together with his/her medical history and any other relevant biomedical information.

- D. Refusal to Submit: When any person covered by this directive engages in conduct that obstructs the testing process. This includes, but is not limited to, the refusal to sign consent forms; the refusal to take a required test; the failure to make oneself available to a test as required by this directive and failure to provide an adequate urine sample for testing.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERATIONS

- A. The illegal use and/or possession of any controlled substance including anabolic steroids is strictly prohibited.
- B. The performance of any police function while using legally prescribed drugs is prohibited, unless the use of such drug is pursuant to the instructions of a physician who has advised the officer that the drug will not adversely affect his/her work performance.
- C. Refusal to submit to a drug test is strictly prohibited. Each officer is required to cooperate with testing personnel and provide them with the following:
1. An adequate and complete sampling.
 2. Assistance in completing the required documentation for chain of custody.
 3. Appropriately and accurately marking and sealing the sample specimen, if applicable.
- D. The refusal to submit to a drug screening test pursuant to this directive may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination and the potential loss of POSTC certification.
- E. The use of a masking agent designed to conceal the use of drugs from the testing process is strictly prohibited.
- F. Only Department approved collection sites and testing facilities will be used.
- G. The Department will assume all costs associated with the drug testing process as outlined within this directive.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Controlled Substances and Anabolic Steroids Panel
1. The drug panel testing will be made up from a list of commonly used controlled substances, masking agents and anabolic steroids as provided by POSTC.
- B. Drug Testing Procedures
1. An officer who is scheduled for his/her POSTC triennial police officer re-certification shall submit to a urinalysis drug test that screens for controlled substances, including, but not limited to, anabolic steroids. The results of such test must indicate no presence of any controlled substance not prescribed to the officer.
 2. All officers subjected to testing shall present a valid photo identification at the collection site.

3. The officer who is subjected to the testing shall provide an adequate urine sample at the collection site.
 - a. If an officer is unable to provide an adequate urine sample, the officer shall remain at the collection site for a reasonable amount of time and consume a sufficient amount of fluid to assist in providing an adequate sample.
 4. Once the urine specimen is collected, it will be tested by the approved testing facility.
 - a. The testing facility must continue to maintain the uninterrupted chain of custody procedure from receipt of the specimen and maintain internal chain of custody procedures that establish fundamental accountability and reliability of the testing process from a legal viewpoint.
 5. The testing facility will properly preserve, store and secure a split urine sample of the original urine specimen so that it may be made available for the purpose of an independent confirmation test.
 6. The accuracy of the test shall be drug specific. If the test is negative, no further testing will be conducted.
 7. If the test result is positive, which will be reviewed and interpreted by the MRO, the officer shall be notified and may request a confirmation test be conducted on the split sample.
 - a. Any officer requesting a confirmation test of a split sample must make the request to the collection site within seventy-two (72) hours of being notified of the test results of the original specimen.
 - b. The officer may request the split sample be tested by an independent laboratory provided the laboratory is an approved, SAMHSA certified laboratory that conforms with all professionally accepted local, state and federal requirements for drug analysis and maintains strict chain of custody integrity of the sample.
 8. The Chief of Police will be notified of any positive test results.
- C. Controlled Substances and Anabolic Steroids Cut Offs for Positive Results
1. Controlled substances that do not naturally occur in the body have a quantitative administrative cut off that signifies consumption.
 - a. The Department will follow reasonable cut offs set by the testing facility.
 2. Testosterone occurs naturally in the body and will be found in the urine of both males and females. Due to the presence of testosterone in all urine samples, testing agencies cannot submit a result indicating “no presence” of an anabolic steroid.
 - a. To determine the improper or illegal use of anabolic steroids, the MRO will review the ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone.
 - b. A urine sample with a testosterone/epitestosterone ratio greater than 6/1 shall be reported as a positive test.

3. On rare occasions, a person may have a natural elevation that exceeds the 6/1 ratio requiring further testing. Further testing may be required and will be determined by the MRO.
 - a. If a test result is abnormal, the MRO who works in conjunction with the laboratory/testing facility, will discuss with the tested officer.

D. Records

1. All drug testing related records and information will be maintained in a confidential manner and their disclosure shall be strictly limited in accordance with applicable law.
2. Each officer will have the right to have a copy of his/her drug test result upon written request.