



# CDS FIELD TESTING KITS

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### **I. PURPOSE**

This directive establishes guidelines for the distribution and use of CDS 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 Narcotics and Special Investigations 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. Suspected CDS, CDS packaging and CDS paraphernalia should not be handled with bare hands. Disposable gloves will be worn. Due to the possible risks of accidental exposure from substances such as Fentanyl, particular caution and protective measures, including the use of a face mask meeting NIOSH N95 standards and eye protection should be employed when handling, weighing and/or packaging suspected CDS in powder form as airborne particulates, even in very small quantities, can be hazardous if inhaled or absorbed into the body. Due to the possible risks of accidental exposure from substances such as Fentanyl, CDS in powder form will NOT be field tested.

If a presumptive test of suspected CDS in powder form is required to establish probable cause for an investigation, a preliminary hearing, or for any other reason, the Crime Lab should be consulted so the testing can be conducted in a safe manner in a controlled environment.

### **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. Disposable gloves and masks used during the field testing process will also be placed in a bio-hazard box.

When field testing is complete, the area/counter-top surface where the field testing was completed will be cleaned utilizing a disinfectant solution.

### **V. PROPONENT UNIT: *Forensic Services.***

### **VI. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 1202.1, dated *07-26-16.***