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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS

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POLICY

1. Polygraph examinations, for the detection of deception, will only be used under the following conditions:
 - a) the examination is used as an aid to the investigative or hiring process;
 - b) the required approval within the Delta Police Department (Department) has been given;
 - c) the subject understands that the examination is voluntary and consents to it;
 - d) the examination is conducted by a trained and authorized person in the designated manner;
 - e) the truthfulness of the subject cannot be reasonably determined by any other lawful means; and
 - f) the context of the investigation warrants its use.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide an aid to criminal investigations or to the hiring process of all staff for the Department.

RELATED POLICIES

OE10 – Criminal Investigations
EM20 – Recruitment & Selection

PROCEDURES

3. Polygraph examinations may only be conducted with approval of the:
 - a) Inspector i/c Investigative Services, for investigative purposes; and

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- b) Inspector i/c Human Resources, for hiring purposes.
4. The following information will be required by the polygraph examiner prior to the test:
- a) full name and date of birth of subject to be examined;
 - b) a summary of case facts, including:
 - i) alibis/excuses/reasons,
 - ii) reason to verify truth regarding a person having knowledge,
 - iii) specific charges laid, and
 - iv) statements, if available;
 - c) the subject's verbal consent (young offenders require a written and signed consent form);
 - d) criminal record of the subject, if applicable;
 - e) the medical record of the subject with details of any continuing medication, and if under the care of a physician and/or psychiatrist, their name and telephone number;
 - f) the name of the primary investigator; and
 - g) the name of the supervisor supporting a polygraph examination and authorizing any related costs.

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