
	Florida State University Police Department	
POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS		
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Policy – Polygraph Examinations

The Support Services Captain shall be the Departmental official authorized to contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), or other certified polygraph examiner, for polygraph examination of an individual under investigation by the FSU Police Department

Procedure.

- A. Polygraph examiners are not obligated to accept an order from a superior that would cause a violation of professional standards. Examiners are further not obligated to conduct an examination of anybody not suitable for testing. The polygraph examiner shall be the final authority in determining the suitability of a person for testing.
- B. Once the Support Services Captain has determined that a polygraph examination is desirable, the following procedural steps shall be undertaken.
 - 1. Scheduling a suitable time for the polygraph examination will be the responsibility of the case investigator.
 - 2. The case investigator shall be available prior to the test date for case file review and when the test is administered, unless excused by the polygraph examiner.
 - 3. The case investigator shall be available in the event a confession is obtained during the examination.
- C. Administration of Polygraph Examinations.
 - 1. Prior to administering an examination, the polygraph examiner shall be provided with all available case information.
 - 2. Prior to conducting the polygraph examination, the examiner shall ensure that:
 - a. A completed Constitutional Rights form has been signed by the person to be examined (if necessary).
 - b. Consent forms have been completed.

D. Post Examination Interview

If deception is indicated on the polygraph examination, or inconclusive results exist, an interview may be initiated with the person undergoing the investigation by the case investigator.

1. If a confession is obtained, the case investigator shall be present to record the confession unless previously excused by the polygraph examiner.
2. A written report shall be prepared by the polygraph examiner, and a copy will be forwarded to the case investigator.

E. Review by Support Services Captain

1. The Support Services Captain shall, at his or her discretion, determine that another technical device utilized for the detection of deception, i.e., CVSA, should be utilized to analyze the truthfulness of the individual who underwent the polygraph examination.

F. Records Maintenance.

1. The polygraph examiner will retain any document(s) required.

Glossary

Polygraph Examination Analysis – A polygraph examiner’s analysis of the responses of an individual undergoing a polygraph examination when the latter has responded with a “yes” or a “no” to a preformatted questionnaire.

Polygraph Examination - A mechanical lie detection test that measures physiological responses to psychological phenomena. The machine involved in the examination measures changes in breathing, blood pressure, pulse rate and amplitude, and galvanic skin reflex.

Professional Standards - The standards for administering polygraph examinations as set by the Academy of Certified Polygraphists and who have a certificate in Forensic Psychophysiology.

Qualified Examiner - A professional polygraphist who is certified by the Academy of Certified Polygraphists.

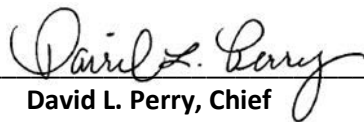
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