



Traffic Services Section Michigan State Police Field Update #23

Providing Traffic Related Information and Services to Michigan Law Enforcement

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RADAR and LIDAR Instructor Training

Three separate one-day LIDAR Instructor courses are currently scheduled for February 20, 21, and 22, 2007, at the Michigan State Police Training Academy. Cost for the course is \$30, which includes all materials and lunch. The class runs from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Contact [Sgt. Kevin Beasley](#) at (517) 336-6651 for information or to register.

The Traffic Services Section is also in the process of scheduling additional RADAR Instructor courses. Cost for the one-week course is \$150. Contact Sgt. Beasley for information.

Abandoned Watercraft, Snowmobiles, and Off-Road Vehicles

Abandoned watercraft and snowmobiles are not processed using the abandoned vehicle procedure, [MCL 257.252a](#), but are transferred to the custodian through a court order or surety bond. If a snowmobile or watercraft is not abandoned, but an owner does not have a title in possession, [2005 PA 271](#), effective December 19, 2005, allows for the issuance of a title for watercraft or snowmobiles valued at less than \$2500 through the use of an affidavit of ownership. The Secretary of State (SOS) has updated the [TR-205 Ownership Certification form](#) to accommodate the changes. This form can be used for situations where a person obtains ownership of a watercraft or snowmobile through some means other than abandonment, i.e. part of property purchase, gift, trade, etc.

Abandoned off-road vehicles can now be processed in the same manner as motor vehicles and trailers, using the TR-52 Abandoned Vehicle form or the [TR-208 Certificate of Scrapping form](#). The TR-208 can be used in lieu of a paper TR-52 for abandoned scrap vehicles. Please note that in order to be considered scrap, a vehicle must be both at least seven years old **AND** extensively damaged or inoperable.

The new contact person at SOS for information or problems related to abandoned vehicle web postings or TR-52 forms is [Cherie Price](#) at (517) 636-5234. Continue to contact [Sgt. Lance Cook](#) at (517) 336-6660 for information related to proper procedures or interpretation and applicability.

BAC DataMaster Issues

Once a subject who has agreed to take a chemical test on the BAC DataMaster provides a breath sample that the instrument accepts for analysis, he/she has met the statutory obligation pursuant to [MCL 257.625c](#) to submit to a chemical test. The subject may then decline a second test without being considered a "refusal." A suspect who declines a second test would not be subject to the refusal procedures in [MCL 257.625d through g](#).

If a subject's sample analysis shows INVALID SAMPLE or INTERFERENCE DETECTED, the subject may be **requested to provide another sample**, but he/she is **not legally obligated** to do so. Seek a warrant for blood, if appropriate, but do not complete the DI-93 Report of Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test form or destroy the subject's license.

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