

## Survey to Chief APOs

### Issue: Drug Testing Methods

#### Question (from Lebanon County):

1. Does your department utilize transdermal and/or oral drug testing? If yes, what has your experience been like?
2. What company do you use to purchase the test kits?
3. Under what circumstances do you utilize these methods i.e. for offenders with renal functioning issues
4. Do you also utilize a urinalysis drug screening method?

#### Adams County

1. Does your department utilize transdermal and/or oral drug testing? If yes, what has your experience been like? no
2. What company do you use to purchase the test kits? n/a
3. Under what circumstances do you utilize these methods i.e. for offenders with renal functioning issues n/a
4. Do you also utilize a urinalysis drug screening method? We utilize the test sticks, we test based on field and office visits based on their level of supervision.

#### Blair County

1. Does your department utilize transdermal and/or oral drug testing? If yes, what has your experience been like? No transdermal but we do use oral testing. Experience has been so so as it has a short detection window.
2. What company do you use to purchase the test kits? Redwood/Abbott
3. Under what circumstances do you utilize these methods i.e. for offenders with renal functioning issues...we use it in a pinch if same sex tester isn't available. mostly within specialty courts when they are tested numerous times a week.
4. Do you also utilize a urinalysis drug screening method? yes

#### Bradford County

1. Does your department utilize transdermal and/or oral drug testing? If yes, what has your experience been like? no
2. What company do you use to purchase the test kits? n/a
3. Under what circumstances do you utilize these methods i.e. for offenders with renal functioning issues n/a

4. Do you also utilize a urinalysis drug screening method? All urinalysis drug screening is contracted through our local hospital which is geographically centralized within the county. All offenders are assigned a drug testing number that corresponds to a pre-determined number that the offender will be tested each month. The numbers range from zero (dummy number) times per month to eight times per month. The drug testing numbers are selected by the contractor using a quasi random method. Offenders call a phone number every morning as early as 0600 hours. A voice recording plays with the drug testing numbers and hours for that day. They have to report during that time frame or its considered a missed test. Samples are collected at the hospital and shipped to Redwood Toxicology. We receive a daily fax with results and no shows. The hospital bills us on a monthly basis.

#### Erie County

Erie County uses transdermal testing when we utilize the scam bracelets and patches for Treatment Court offenders who may be absent from weekly Court due to travel for work or other approved situations. This occurs very rarely and the patches we have used are through Pharmcheck

We use the oraltox saliva test rarely as well but are available through Premier Biotech.

We purchase 13 panel cups from Redwood and utilize redwood for confirmations when necessary.

#### Lancaster County

For Lancaster, the answer is no for questions 1-3. We are still doing urinalysis and purchase the drug testing supplies from Redwood/Abbott.

We are currently using a 10 panel I cup for \$2.90 per piece for the bulk of our testing. We also use single test panels for: Buprenorphine, Ecstasy, Fentanyl and PCP. Each of the individual panels has differing prices. The most expensive panel is the Fentanyl at \$2.13 per panel. The other individual panels are around \$.31 per test.

#### Lehigh County

Lehigh doesn't utilize 1 through 3, but utilizes in-house test sticks and an out-side drug testing program called Averhealth.

#### Venango County

1. Does your department utilize transdermal and/or oral drug testing? If yes, what has your experience been like?

We use BI's Transdermal Alcohol Detection bracelet (limited application) for alcohol but we no longer use the sweat patches for drug testing.

We do have Oral test available but these are not the preferred drug testing method due to the shorter detection window.

2. What company do you use to purchase the test kits? Redwood Lab provides the Oral tests.

3. Under what circumstances do you utilize these methods i.e. for offenders with renal functioning issues.

We use oral testing in cases where a same sex officer is not available or the individual could not provide a urine specimen within the prescribed time frame.

4. Do you also utilize a urinalysis drug screening method?

Single, 6, 10 and 12 panel tests provided by Redwood Labs. They also provided our GCMS confirmations.

Kratom urine tests are purchased from Alco Pro.

#### Warren County

Warren County uses the PharmChem Sweat patch for transdermal drug detection. It is very effective in detecting drug use but it was a battle getting offenders to accept it as scientifically accurate. They tended to continue to deny use saying the patch was not accurate. It took a Court hearing with expert testimony being presented to overcome that issue. We will at times also conduct urine screening on a random basis. Due to the cost of the sweat patch \$25 per patch and an analysis fee of \$22.50 per patch for a cost of \$47.50. Due to the expense we use it for drug court offenders and some other intensive drug cases. If an offender has a positive test they are billed a \$50 testing fee. If it's clean we pay if it's dirty you pay.

#### Westmoreland County

In Westmoreland County, we use the 10 panel instant oral fluid tests when necessary, i.e., an individual who sits in our waiting area and continuously claims that he/she cannot urinate; for transgender individuals, and; in situations when two male officers are in the field and need to test a female on supervision and when two females in the field need to test a male. The tests are more expensive and time consuming but our staff is happy that we have this option for those aforementioned situations.

We also use 11 panel drug testing cups for individuals on supervision and 13 panel drug testing cups (specifically for Drug Court participants).

We order all drug testing supplies through Premier.