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On August 10, 2009, Eugene Meyer, Commissioner of Public Safety, approved the training manual for the DataMaster DMT Version 1.0 for use in evidentiary breath testing conducted in the State of Iowa. Since then, minor modifications to the software have been introduced into the DataMasters to aid the Iowa officers in running a test. In addition, enhancements to the quality assurance protocols and safeguards within the software to ensure a non-biased test is given to the subject have been implemented.

As a result of these changes, the “Operating the DataMaster DMT Version 2.0” manual will go into effect on February 1, 2016. This manual updates those changes seen by the operator. Many of the updates are simply better explanations to the officers of certain status messages they may observe. An additional change was the elimination of a beep that the instrument would emit when the subject was not providing an adequate breath into the instrument. Finally, one change was the elimination of the PBT check from the DataMaster software. This feature, though well intentioned, has not worked as well as hoped. It has been removed from the software.

The changes in Version 2.0 that are relevant to the actual performance of an evidential breath test are inconsequential. Officers previously certified on the DataMaster may not notice any significant differences from the way they have performed tests in the past. Therefore, I have decided that the change from Version 1.0 to Version 2.0 will not require a retraining of all previously certified operators throughout the state.

“Operating the DataMaster DMT Version 2.0” will be placed onto the breath alcohol webpage as soon as possible to <https://breathalcohol.iowa.gov>

As Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety for the State of Iowa, I hereby approve the breath test protocols that are used within the DataMaster DMT to obtain a breath alcohol test from an individual. In addition, I approve the “Operating the DataMaster DMT Version 2.0” manual.

Very Truly Yours,

Roxann M. Ryan
Commissioner