

# **TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

## *Forensic Services Division*

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### **3.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

#### **ANNUALLY**

Once per calendar year.

#### **BATCH**

A group of specimens extracted/prepared and analyzed during the same time period, which includes appropriate calibrators, positive control(s), and/or negative control(s). This is also known as run or sequence.

#### **BLOOD ALCOHOL/TOXICOLOGY EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT DROP BOX**

Drop box located in the lobby area of each Evidence Receiving Unit for the submission of hand delivered Blood Alcohol/Toxicology Evidence Collection Kits.

#### **CRITICAL**

Reagents and equipment used in the laboratory that directly affect the quality of analysis.

#### **CUT-OFF**

The measured value established for a screening assay. Values equal to or above this value will be identified as presumptively positive.

#### **NONCRITICAL**

Reagents and equipment used in the laboratory that do not directly affect the quality of analysis.

#### **PROCESSED EVIDENCE**

Any evidence that has been received into the laboratory, documented, entered into LIMS, and is therefore ready for examination.

#### **MIX**

To blend the constituents of a sample by either using a vortex or inversion.

#### **OPIATE REMARK/ADDITIONAL OPIATE REMARK**

Presumptive testing indicates the possibility of opiates/additional opiates.

#### **PROOFING**

A measure of how much ethanol is contained in an alcoholic beverage (will be reported in v/v%).

#### **STOCK REFERENCE STANDARD**

The initial solution made from standard reference material from which appropriate dilutions may be made.

#### **TOXICOLOGY SUPERVISOR**

This term refers to the unit chief or any person serving as an acting unit chief for the Toxicology Unit.

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#### **TYPE A EVALUATION**

A method of evaluation of uncertainty by the statistical analysis of a series of observations.

#### **TYPE B EVALUATION**

A method of evaluation of uncertainty by means other than the statistical analysis of a series of observations.

#### **UNPROCESSED EVIDENCE**

Any evidence that has been received, but has not been documented or entered into LIMS.