

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: July 28, 2025

FROM: Dale Lane, Police Chief

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and Tennessee Highway Safety Office for Use of SoToxa Mobile Narcotics Testing Instrument

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for the issuance and use of a SoToxa mobile breath testing instrument to test for narcotics on Driving Under the Influence arrests.

BACKGROUND:

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is responsible for all alcohol and drug testing equipment in the state. In conjunction with Tennessee Highway Safety Office, The TBI has purchased SoToxa narcotics breath testing instruments and selected the Collierville Police Department as an agency to deploy one of the units.

DISCUSSION:

The Collierville Police Department has always been vigilant in the enforcement of impaired driving violations. Breath alcohol testing instruments have been utilized by CPD for many years. Now technology has advanced and an instrument that can test for narcotics by using a breath sample has been developed. The SoToxa narcotics breath test equipment will be on loan to the department with the understanding it will be issued to an officer that has completed the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement training and has a proven record of DUI enforcement. The THSO has selected officer John Dees. Officer Dees will attend a one-day training course for training and the THSO will add money to the department's Multiple Violations Traffic Enforcement Grant for the purchase of supplies used by the SoToxa unit. These supplies consist of the breath testing cartridges used for each test. The unit comes with twenty-five cartridges and each reorder of twenty-five is \$800.00 which will be paid for through grant funds.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There will be no budget impact for this MOU.

ATTACHMENTS:

[MOU - TBI & THSO SoToxa.pdf](#)
[SoToxa User Manual.pdf](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for issuance and use of a SoToxa mobile narcotics testing instrument.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						