

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Investigative Polygraph and Voice Stress Analysis Examinations		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 29.15	
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29.15 Policy

- 29.15.1 Since the use of the polygraph and/or computerized voice stress analysis (CVSA) may be generally perceived by the public as an indication of guilt, it is the policy of the Weber County Sheriff's Office not to release any information regarding the use of a polygraph examination or CVSA or the results of a polygraph examination or CVSA during an investigation.
- 29.15.2 Approval authority for the use and purpose of polygraph examinations or CVSA reside within the following positions:
- A. The decision whether or not to use polygraph examinations for pre-employment, internal investigation, assisting outside agencies, or other non-criminal matters resides with the Sheriff or designee.
 - B. The decision to employ polygraph examinations or CVSA during the course of a criminal investigation resides with the Investigations Section or Internal Affairs supervisors or designee.
- 29.15.3 When authorizing an examination, the approving authority should determine that an investigation by other means has been as thorough as circumstances reasonably permit, recognizing that polygraph or CVSA effectiveness and accuracy are greatest when relevant issues and the examiner's knowledge

of the matter under investigation have been narrowly and well defined.

29.15.4 Polygraph Examiners

- A. Investigative polygraphs will only be administered by examiners who have satisfactorily completed training from and are certified by a polygraph school accredited by the American Polygraph Association.

29.15.5 CVSA Examiners

- A. Investigative computerized stress analysis examinations will only be administered by examiners who have satisfactorily completed training from and are certified by the National Institute for Truth Verification.
- B. Definitions and procedures for the use of computerized voice stress analysis are outlined and specified in CVSA guidelines established by the Sheriff's Office. These guidelines shall be maintained and kept on file by the Administrative Support Section and a copy kept on file by the Investigations Section Lieutenant.