

TITLE: Class C Drive Test Baseline Study: Preliminary Report

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To obtain descriptive statistics on 30 DMV field offices in order to select six representative sites for a follow-up evaluation of the reliability of the current Class C drive test.

SUMMARY:

Twenty-four offices were selected after stratifying larger offices on geographic region, office grade, and level of English-speaking contacts. Six additional offices, in Southern California, were included at the request of Field Operations Division. Drive test score sheets were collected for 1 week in the spring of 1992. For the total sample, the average score was 64.7 and the mean failure rate was 30%. An analysis of variance, excluding subjects who were automatically disqualified, showed the offices to be significantly different in test scores. These differences were most likely due to real differences in applicant performance, scoring procedures, or both. An examination of item pattern profiles indicated that all but five offices had a correlation of at least .90 with the total sample of offices.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: .

Six representative field offices were selected from the 30 study offices and used in subsequent studies of the current and revised Class C drive tests.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

See Hagge, Report # 150; Shumaker, Report # 151; and Romanowicz and Hagge, Report # 154