STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This course will train law enforcement officers to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents, serious injury, and fatal crashes.

This course will train other criminal justice professionals (prosecutors, toxicologists, etc.) to:

- Understand the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both
- Effectively work with law enforcement in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents, serious injury, and fatal crashes

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

The trainee will:

- 1. Demonstrate proficiency with the Standardized Field Sobriety Test 3-test battery
 - a. Understand the results of selected SFST validation studies
 - b. Define and describe the SFSTs
 - c. Define nystagmus and distinguish between different types
 - d. Demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in administering the SFSTs
- 2. Describe, in general terms, how drugs affect the human body
 - a. Describe, in general terms, the basic purpose and functions of selected major systems in the human body as they relate to observable signs
 - b. Identify methods of ingestion and general effects of drugs
 - c. Identify medical conditions that may mimic alcohol and drug impairment
 - d. Identify the seven drug categories as referenced in the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program and the basis for dividing drugs into these specific groups
- 3. State, in basic terms, the purposes of the eye exams
 - a. State the purposes of various eye examinations used, which includes Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN), Vertical Gaze Nystagmus (VGN), and Lack of Convergence (LOC)
 - b. LOC test: How to administer properly and describe what the results indicate
 - c. Describe the difference in pupil size
- 4. Familiarize themselves with each of the seven drug categories
 - a. Identify common drug names and terms associated with the seven drug categories
 - b. Identify the common methods of ingestion for each category
 - c. Describe the indicators of impairment associated with each category
 - d. Describe conditions that may mimic the signs and symptoms associated with each drug category
 - e. List the indicators which may emerge during the three phases of the DWI detection process
- 5. Define polydrug use and articulate the possible effects
 - a. Describe the prevalence of drug and alcohol use (individually and in combination) as well as polydrug use

- 6. List the Pre and Post arrest procedures
 - a. Describe the three phases of the DWI detection process: Vehicle in Motion, Personal Contact, and Pre-Arrest Screening
 - b. Describe effective roadside interview techniques
 - c. List the elements of Driving While Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) offense
 - d. Identify the indicators of impairment observed during the three phases of the detection process

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE:

- **I.** Introduction and Overview
 - A) Welcome and Introduction
 - 1) Introduce Instructors
 - 2) Program Goals and Objectives
 - a) Ultimate goal
 - b) Overview DWI problem
 - c) Job performance objectives
 - B) Administrative Details
 - 1) Seminar schedule
 - 2) Facilities
 - 3) Logistics (rosters, vouchers)
 - 4) Reading assignments
 - 5) Glossary
 - C) What is a drug?
 - 1) Definition
 - a) Impair the ability to safely operate a vehicle
 - 2) Understanding the drug problem
 - a) National Survey on Drug Use and Health
 - D) Alcohol and Drug Use
 - 1) Statistics on alcohol usage
 - a) Comparison of alcohol to drug usage
 - 2) Types of drug users
 - a) Breakdown of the seven categories
 - E) Related driving under the influence curriculum
 - 1) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Program
 - a) Prerequisite to ARIDE
 - 2) Drug Evaluation and Classification Program
 - 3) Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals
 - 4) Drug Recognition Expert
- II. SFST Update and Review
 - A) Overview of the validation studies
 - 1) 1977- California

- a) Lab study
- 2) 1981- California
 - a) Lab and field study
- 3) 1983- Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC
 - a) Field study
- B) Southern California Research Institute
 - 1) Development of the three-test battery
 - a) Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus- 77% accurate
 - b) Walk and Turn 68% accurate
 - c) One Leg Stand- 65% accurate
- C) Colorado/Florida validation studies
 - 1) First full field study conducted on SFST
 - a) Correct arrest decision- 93% Colorado
 - b) Correct arrest decision- 95% Florida
 - c) Correct arrest decision- 91% San Diego
- D) Review of types of nystagmus
 - 1) Vestibular
 - a) Movement occurring due to a disturbance in the ear
 - 2) Pathological
 - a) Brain tumors, brain damage, or other diseases of the ear
 - 3) Neural
 - a) Optokinetic
 - b) Gaze
 - 1) Horizontal
 - 2) Vertical
 - 3) Resting
- E) HGN Testing Procedure
 - 1) Initiating the test
 - a) Setting up the subject
 - b) Position of the stimulus
 - c) Medical rule out
 - 2) The three clues and procedure
 - a) Lack of smooth pursuit
 - b) Distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation
 - c) Angle of onset prior to 45 degrees
 - 1) estimating a 45-degree angle
 - 3) Test interpretation
 - a) Observation of 4 or more clues indicates the likelihood of 0.08% BAC or more
- F) Walk and Turn
 - 1) Administrative procedures
 - a) Instructional stage
 - b) Walking stage

- 2) Test interpretation
 - a) Two out of eight clues indicated a likelihood of a 0.08% BAC
 - b) Overview of the eight clues
- G) One Leg Stand
 - 1) Administrative procedures
 - a) Instructions
 - b) Performance of the test
 - 2) Test interpretation
 - a) Two out of four clues indicated a likelihood of a 0.08% BAC
 - b) Overview of the four clues

III. Proficiency Exams

- A) Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus
 - 1) Student demonstration of the ability to administer the HGN
- B) Walk and Turn
 - 1) Student demonstration of the ability to administer the Walk and Turn
- C) One Leg Stand
 - 1) Student demonstration of the ability to administer the One Leg Stand
- D) Performance on proficiency exam
 - 1) Student allowed a second attempt if not successful on first
 - a) Failure on the second attempt leads to failure of the course

IV. Drugs in the Human Body

- A) General overview of pharmacokinetics
 - 1) Pharmacokinetics defined
- B) Introduction to the major systems of the human body
 - 1) Digestive System
 - 2) Urinary System
 - a) Eliminates wastes such as drugs from the body
 - 3) Respiratory System
 - a) Eliminates alcohol and other drugs from the body
 - 4) Muscular System
 - 5) Circulatory System
 - 6) Nervous System
 - a) Made up of the brain, stem and spinal cord
 - b) Many drugs adversely affect the central nervous system
- C) Homeostasis
 - 1) Defined
 - a) Natural balance or stability of the systems of the body
 - 2) The effect of drugs and alcohol on homeostasis
- D) Methods of ingestion and general effects of drugs

- 1) Oral administration
 - a) Most common for prescription drugs
- 2) Injection
 - a) Most common way for heroin
 - b) Common to other drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine
- 3) Insufflation
 - a) Snorting
- 4) Inhalation
 - a) Directly to the respiratory system usually through smoking
- 5) Transdermal
 - a) Absorption through the skin
- E) Medical conditions which may mimic drug impairment
 - 1) Head trauma
 - 2) Stroke
 - 3) Diabetes
 - 4) Conjunctivitis
 - 5) Shock
 - 6) Multiple Sclerosis
 - 7) Other
- F) Introduction to the Seven Drug Categories
 - 1) Central Nervous System Depressants
 - a) Xanax, Prozac, GHB
 - 2) Hallucinogens
 - a) Ecstasy, Peyote, Psilocybin, LSD
 - 3) Central Nervous System Stimulants
 - a) Cocaine, methamphetamine, Ritalin
 - 4) Dissociative Anesthetics
 - a) PCP, DXM, Ketamine
 - 5) Narcotic Analgesics
 - a) Heroin, Demerol, codeine, morphine
 - 6) Inhalants
 - a) household cleaners, paint thinner, gasoline
 - 7) Cannabis
 - a) Marijuana, hashish
- V. Observation of the Eyes and Other Sobriety Tests for Impairment
 - A) Pupil size observation
 - 1) Procedure
 - a) Explanation of pupil
 - 2) Dilation
 - a) Larger than normal pupil size

- 3) Constriction
 - a) Smaller than normal pupil size
- B) Lack of Convergence
 - 1) Administration of the testing procedures
 - a) Instruction stage
 - b) Testing stage
 - 2) Test interpretation
 - a) Ability of the eyes to cross
- C) Modified Romberg Balance Test
 - 1) Administrative procedures
 - a) Instruction stage
 - b) Balancing stage
 - 2) Test interpretation
- D) Finger to Nose Test
 - 1) Administrative Procedures
 - a) Instruction stage
 - b) Performance stage
- VI. Seven Major Drug Categories
 - A) Central Nervous System Depressants
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion
 - 2) Effects of CNS Depressants
 - a) General Indicators
 - 3) Context of CNS Depressants and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms
 - d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
 - 4) Examples of CNS Depressants
 - B) Central Nervous System Stimulants
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion
 - 2) Effects of CNS Stimulants
 - a) General Indicators
 - 3) Context of CNS Stimulants and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms

- d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
- 4) Examples of CNS Stimulants
- C) Hallucinogens
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion
 - 2) Effects of Hallucinogens
 - a) General Indicators
 - 3) Context of Hallucinogens and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms
 - d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
 - 4) Examples of Hallucinogens
- D) Dissociative Anesthetics
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion
 - 2) Effects of Dissociative Anesthetics
 - a) General Indicators
 - 3) Context of Dissociative Anesthetics and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms
 - d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
 - 4) Examples of Dissociative Anesthetics
- E) Narcotic Analgesics
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion
 - 2) Effects of Narcotic Analgesics
 - a) General Indicators
 - 3) Context of Narcotic Analgesics and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms
 - d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
 - 4) Examples of Narcotic Analgesics
- F) Inhalants
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion

- 2) Effects of Inhalants
 - a) General Indicators
- 3) Context of Inhalants and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms
 - d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
- 4) Examples of Inhalants
- G) Cannabis
 - 1) Identification
 - a) Depress an individual's brain activity and function
 - b) Methods and signs of ingestion
 - 2) Effects of Cannabis
 - a) General Indicators
 - 3) Context of Cannabis and Traffic Safety
 - a) Eye indicators
 - b) Duration of effects
 - c) Overdose symptoms
 - d) Conditions that mimic drug impairment
 - 4) Examples of Cannabis
- H) Test your knowledge

VII. Drug Combinations

- A) Effects of Drug Combinations
 - 1) Prevalence of drug and alcohol use
 - a) Alcohol as a popular mixer with other drugs
 - 2) Potential effects of poly drug use
 - a) Poly drug use defined
 - 3) Null effect
 - a) Defined
 - 1) Nothing plus nothing equals nothing
 - 4) Overlapping effect
 - a) Defined
 - 1) Something plus nothing equals something
 - 5) Additive effect
 - a) Defined
 - 1) Action plus action equals greater action
 - 6) Antagonistic effect
 - a) Defined
 - 1) Action plus opposite action may be unpredictable
- B) Summary
 - 1) Matrix of impairment indicators and effects

VIII. Pre- and Post-Arrest Procedures

- A) What is DWI detection?
 - 1) Describe process of identifying and apprehending impaired driver
 - a) Begins when law enforcement is drawn to a vehicle
 - b) Ends when you decide to arrest or not
- B) Three phases of DWI detection
 - 1) Vehicle in Motion
 - a) Do I stop the vehicle?
 - 2) Personal Contact
 - a) Do I have the driver stop out of the vehicle?
 - 3) Pre-Arrest Screening
 - a) Do I arrest the driver?
- C) Roadside interview techniques
 - 1) Word choice
 - 2) Physical positioning
 - 3) Observation of indicators
- D) Documentation
 - 1) Understanding of the elements of DWI
 - 2) Legal requirement of specific state laws
 - 3) Documentation of Phase I
 - a) Detailed description of driving behavior
 - 4) Documentation of Phase II
 - a) Description of observations and indicators
 - 5) Documentation of Phase III
 - a) Description of divided attention tasks
 - 1) Clues on SFST examination
- E) Pre-trail preparation
 - 1) Resources available
 - a) Prosecutor
 - b) Toxicologist
 - c) DRE Officer
 - d) Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
- IX. Final Scenario Assessment and Conclusion
 - A) Scenarios #1 through #9
 - 1) Instructor led scenarios
 - B) Course critique and feedback