



Louisianan Highway Safety Commission Has Responded to Our Louisiana Law Enforcement Officers Request for Additional Training in the Field of Impaired Driving Investigations.

Empowering the Impaired Driving Investigator

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Partnered With: *Louisiana District Attorney's Association*

Today's Louisiana Law Enforcement Officers are faced with many challenges when investigating suspected impaired drivers and following through with aiding a successful prosecution. This course presentation is geared toward all the law enforcement officer and mastering their working environment to aid in successful prosecution.

This entire investigation process soon propels the law enforcement officer into a testifying witness for prosecution in the judicial system followed by defense counsel cross examination. During the court process, testifying to the *totality of the circumstances* leading to an arrest decision is where the law enforcement officer witness is most challenged.

The *Empowering the Impaired Driving Investigator* training session is presented as an open discussion for both experienced and inexperienced law enforcement as well as those seeking continued education via impaired driving workshops. Each day's presentation begins with bringing the DWI Investigator back to basics. A training partnership has been created with the Louisiana District Attorney's Association and a representative from the attending law enforcement agencies geographical area will be participating.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- The Law Enforcement Officer's Reputation- What Is It Saying About You
 - Empowering Yourself As An Impaired Driving Investigator
 - Disempowering the Criminal Defendant
 - Empowering Yourself as a Law Enforcement Officer Witness
 - Empowering the Prosecution
 - Creating Law Enforcement and Prosecution Relationships
- Closing the Criminal Defense War Chest & Disempowering the Criminal Defense
 - Preparing the Best Narrative Report & Supporting Documents
 - When Does the Investigation End
 - Going Beyond the Generic Interview
 - Maximizing Use of Audio/Video Capture
 - Mental Preparation for Courtroom Appearances
 - Proper Courtroom Testimony
 - Testifying To Wet Lab & SFST Training

With participation from the *Louisiana District Attorney's Association* during the training environment, Law Enforcement Officers are able to seek guidance specific to their courts. Officers are able to understand the importance of the crucial steps needed in the arena of using field sobriety tests or chemical test that often not obtained by the driver or suppressed by the court. In addition, Many Agency, Officer and Prosecutor partnerships are often created or enhanced during this session. It is these working relationships than soon yield fewer court challenges to the testifying officer witness.

In addition to the above, Law Enforcement Officers are able to present excellent questions in a training environment without the feel of embarrassment. SFST instructors are guided towards reaching out to their own and other partnering agencies for continued education.

The highlight of this session is the much requested insight in simply conducting the best investigation under existing circumstances faced in the field, documenting all necessary supporting evidence and aiding your prosecutor for a successful prosecution, all the while being mentally prepared for potential witness testimony.

This course topic is recommended for all law enforcement who conduct impaired driving investigations and arrest, specifically those assigned to a DWI Task Force. This topic is a lead-in to the second training session, *LA Driving, Creating Digital Online DWI Reports*. Use of *LA Driving* directly coincides with *Empowering the Impaired Driving Investigator* and Law Enforcement are encouraged to attend both sessions. All current users of *LA Driving* will receive 90 minute *hands on* demonstration of case entry exemplifying the morning session's topics as well as trouble shooting existing user issues and verification of *Web Log in Version VS the Client Application*. *New Users* will receive in depth training in the use of *LA Driving* as well as hands on test case entry.