



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

### ***Courtroom Preparation and Testimony***

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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 the law enforcement officer and being prepared as a potential prosecution witness.

Arresting suspected impaired drivers 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 *Courtroom Preparation and Testimony* 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.

For maximum effectiveness, the use of an actual courtroom is suggested or similar staged facility.