



STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING INSTRUCTOR COURSE APPLICATION

The development of the DWI Detection and SFST Instructor Development Course was a joint effort between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI). It is designed to enable participants to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to effectively fill roles as instructors in support of the NHTSA/IACP DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) training program which targets the detection of impaired drivers.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has been designated as the statewide Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) coordinator for the State of California. This program includes both the SFST and SFST Instructor courses. Quality SFST training is the foundation of the DECP because SFST is the first in a series of courses (SFST-ARIDE-DRE) developed to detect driving impairment by alcohol, drugs other than alcohol, or the combination of both drugs and alcohol. Mastery of SFSTs is essential for those who regularly encounter suspected impaired drivers and for those who want to advance to ARIDE and DRE training. Only those persons experienced in the techniques of performing SFSTs should become instructors in the program. Due to class size, the needs of the State, and quality of the SFST program, not all applicants are accepted. The DRE State Coordinator shall make the final determination as to whether a candidate shall be accepted into training as a DRE Instructor.

PREREQUISITES: In order to qualify for this course, prospective students must have successfully completed a minimum of 16 hours of a California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified SFST course consisting of IACP/NHTSA approved SFST instruction. Personnel should have at least one year of experience of active use of the SFSTs once the class has been completed. Additionally, in order to be considered for training in the SFST Instructor program, a person must be employed under direct contact of a criminal justice agency or institution involved in providing training services to law enforcement agencies.

CLASSROOM TRAINING: SFST Instructor classroom training is conducted over five consecutive days. Candidate instructors are required to attend all sessions. Three days of training consists of classroom instruction, and two days require the student to practice teaching in the classroom environment. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on two written examinations (pre-test and final) and must demonstrate proficiency and a profound knowledge of the SFST curriculum in all practical exercises in order to be certified. To provide the opportunity for participants to apply instruction techniques demonstrated during the course, each participant is required to design and deliver two, separate, 30 minute presentations on sessions in the DWI/SFST curriculum.



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Name: _____	Current Assignment: _____
POST ID Number: _____	Agency Name: _____
Address: _____	City: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____	
Phone: _____	Fax: _____
Class Location and Dates: _____	

Application Checklist

- Must have successfully passed the SFST Course within the State of California and should have a minimum of one year of experience and be actively enforcing DUI in California.
- Two California certified DRE or SFST Instructors must recommend you by sending an email to DRE@chp.ca.gov.
- Must submit two copies of completed DUI reports (redacted-signed off by supervisor).
- On a separate page, summarize your experience in teaching and instruction. Inform how you will use this training to benefit the DEC programs, your department, and the State of California.

Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications, or applications without the required supporting documents, WILL NOT be considered.

Experience and proficiency:

Date SFST Training Successfully Completed: _____

How many total DUI evaluations have you conducted? _____

How many evaluations have you conducted in the past year? _____

How many times you have testified in court for DUI trial? _____



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COMMANDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

California's Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) is an effective means of identifying and prosecuting drug and alcohol impaired drivers. SFST Instructors provide invaluable training that is an integral part of the current prosecution model in addressing the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) problem.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has been designated as the statewide DECP coordinator for the State of California. The resources coordinated by the CHP on a statewide basis assists the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the expansion of the DECP to other states as well as within California by providing training in DUI detection to law enforcement personnel.

As an SFST Instructor, your Officer will be tasked with instructing for all California agencies, participate in statewide training events, and maintain a profound knowledge of SFST protocol and relevant case law trends. Accomplishing this task requires tremendous support and flexibility from the SFST Instructor's agency.

There is no registration fee to attend the SFST Instructor course and all the training materials will be provided. During the class, students are required to wear collared shirts/slacks or equivalent business casual attire and bring a laptop that has PowerPoint capabilities. Additionally, for two classroom presentations court/business attire is required.

Acknowledging Commander's Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____, Date: _____

SFST Instructor Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____