



STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING INSTRUCTOR COURSE APPLICATION

BACKGROUND: 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 SFST Instructor. Becoming an SFST Instructor is a prerequisite to DRE Instructor training.

PREREQUISITES: Prospective students shall be employed by a criminal justice agency or institution involved in providing training services to law enforcement agencies. The students must have successfully completed a minimum of 16 hours of a California POST certified and State Coordinator approved SFST course consisting of IACP/NHTSA SFST curriculum. Personnel shall have a minimum of one-year of experience administering the SFSTs after attendance at the initial SFST course.

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 pass the course. To provide the opportunity for participants to apply instruction techniques demonstrated during the course, each participant is required to design and deliver two 30-minute presentations on sessions in the DWI/SFST curriculum.



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Name: _____	Agency Name: _____
POST ID Number: _____	
Address: _____	City: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____	Are you a DRE? YES / NO DRE# _____
Phone: _____	If a DRE, do you intend to begin the DRE Apprentice Instructor Process? YES / NO
Class Location and Dates: _____	

Application Checklist

- Must have successfully passed the NHTSA/IACP SFST Course (Include certificate) and shall 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. (contact the unit if you have questions)
- Must submit two copies of completed DUI reports (redacted and 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 a DUI trial? _____

DREs ONLY-

How long have you been a DRE? _____

How many enforcement evaluations have you conducted (post-cert site)? _____



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SUPERVISOR 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 or "Class A" uniform is required.

Acknowledging Supervisor's Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____, Date: _____

SFST Instructor Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____