

# Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement

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## ARIDE

### Course Introduction

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Many law enforcement officers are trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and use the skills gained in the course as part of their overall enforcement of driving while impaired (DWI) laws. Additionally, some officers complete more advanced training through the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) program and become Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). This course is not designed as a substitute to the DEC program and will not qualify or certify an individual as a DRE. This course is intended to bridge the gap between the SFST and DRE courses and to provide a level of awareness to the participants, both law enforcement and other criminal justice professionals, in the area of drug impairment in the context of traffic safety. Based on that premise, the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course was developed with the following goals in mind:

*This course will train law enforcement officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents as well as crashes which result in serious injuries and fatalities.*

*and*

*This course will educate other criminal justice professionals (prosecutors, toxicologists, judges, etc.) to understand the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or combination of both, to enable them to effectively work with law enforcement in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents as well as crashes which result in serious injuries and fatalities.*

In order to deal with impaired drivers on our roadways, it is important for the law enforcement community and other criminal justice professionals to be aware of the signs and symptoms of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or combination of drugs and alcohol as well as their effects on driving. In addition to identifying the impaired driver, law enforcement agencies need to have the proper information to utilize their available resources including DREs and appropriate screening methods (blood, urine, or saliva).

Criminal justice professionals such as prosecutors and toxicologists must also understand the impaired driving detection process in order to support enforcement efforts, which will increase the probability of successful prosecution and adjudication. The traffic safety community is well aware that it is essential to address both enforcement and adjudication in order to effectively impact DWI incidents as well as associated crashes.

In order to meet these goals, this course will train participants to:

1. Define and describe the relationship of drugs to impaired driving incidents.
2. Demonstrate, articulate, and properly administer the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests proficiently.
3. Observe, identify and articulate the observable signs of drug impairment with the established seven drug categories associated with DEC program.
4. Recognize possible medical conditions, which may mimic the obvious observable signs of impairment.
5. Identify, document and describe indicators observed and information obtained related to impairment which leads to the arrest/release decision.
6. Articulate through testimony, impairment related to alcohol, drugs or combination of both based on a complete investigation.

This course is divided into sessions which are designed to provide the participant with an overview of the issue of impaired driving, the effects of drugs and alcohol on a person's ability to operate a vehicle safely, as well as demonstrate methods of identifying and processing the impaired driver. The following summarizes the sessions contained in the ARIDE course:

- Introduction & Overview of Drugs and Highway Safety
- SFST Update, Review and Proficiency Examination
- Drugs in the Human Body
- Observations of Eyes and other Sobriety Tests to Detect Alcohol and Drug Impairment
- Seven Drug Categories
- Effects of Drug Combinations
- Pre- and Post-Arrest Procedures

This course is designed to build on the Standardized Field Sobriety Test practitioner course. In order for the participant to effectively utilize the information presented in this course, NHTSA has set a prerequisite of SFST proficiency. The participant will receive a short review and update for the SFSTs as part of Session II of this course. After completing that session, the participant will be required to pass a SFST proficiency evaluation. Failure to successfully complete the SFST proficiency evaluation will result in dismissal from class.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS TRAINING.**



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# A-RIDE Registration Form

(Please print clearly. This information will be used for your certificate and official record.)

## Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last (Include Jr., Sr., etc.)

TCLEOSE PID\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box No. City State Zip

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Pager \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Peace Officer Status: ☐ Full-Time ☐ Reserve ☐ Cadet ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you are a peace officer, check the appropriate box. This for your TCLEOSE Record)

**Verification of SFST:** Date(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Attach copy of SFST certificate or Tcledd's report. \*\***

## Agency/Company Information

Agency/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box No. City State Zip

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

## Course Information

Course Title A-RIDE Credit Hours 16

Starting Date November 9, 2011 Ending Date November 10, 2011

Course Location 6222 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street Amarillo TX 79106  
Site Address City State Zip

Facility Name Amarillo College - West Campus - Building C, Room 125

*After completing registration, please e-mail to DRE@SHSU.EDU or fax to 936.294.3263.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_