



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**  
**Police Officer Standards and Training Council**  
**Connecticut Police Academy**

TO: Connecticut Chiefs of Police  
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SUBJECT: **Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)**

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TUITION: **No Cost**

**COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, in partnership with the Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, is offering a two-day (2) training seminar titled "**Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)**." The training session is scheduled for **September 22-23, 2022**, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT.

The prerequisite for attending ARIDE is Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) certification that included at least one (1) wet lab. A **wet lab** is defined as a live alcohol workshop utilizing volunteer drinkers that were dosed in a controlled environment, to ensure that students became proficient in administering and interpreting SFSTs. Anyone lacking the wet lab portion of SFST training will not be allowed to take the ARIDE class.

The ARIDE program was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with input from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP). Although the focus of ARIDE is on drug impaired driving, students will get a review of the SFSTs and must demonstrate their proficiency in front of an instructor. Students must pass this SFST proficiency exam to continue.

The SFST program trains officers to identify and assess drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol while the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) program provides more advanced training to evaluate suspected drug impairment. ARIDE is intended to bridge the gap between these two programs by providing officers with the general knowledge related to drug impairment and by promoting the use of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in the State of Connecticut.

Students will be given an overview of the seven types of drug categories and the physiological effects these drugs have on the human body. Students will learn how to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both.

In addition, they will learn of medical conditions and other situations that can produce similar signs of impairment. The role of eye examinations in disclosing the possibility of drug impairment and in suggesting the possible category or categories of drugs being used, will be discussed. Students will receive the latest updates in SFST Testing. Legal issues associated with impaired driving as well as pre- and post-arrest procedures will also be discussed.

**Topics include:**

- The concept of “drugs” in the context of DWI enforcement.
- The role of eye examinations in disclosing the possibility of impairment.
- Medical conditions and other situations that can produce similar signs of impairment.
- Identification of the major categories of drugs.
- The observable effects of each of the seven major categories of drugs.
- The physiological effects likely to result from various combinations of drugs.
- Appropriate procedures for dealing with drug-impaired or medically-impaired suspects.
- SFST update.
- Legal issues associated with impaired driving.
- Pre-and post-arrest procedures.

**Prerequisite:** SFST Certification (24 Hour Minimum, including at least one wet lab)

A laptop is required to access course materials. Please bring your own laptop.

The class is limited to thirty-five (35) attendees. Please complete a registration form from the web and email it to William Tanner at [William.Tanner@ct.gov](mailto:William.Tanner@ct.gov) no later than August 12, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Division at 203-427-2625.

Students successfully completing the course will receive Review Training Credit in the following area(s):

- Area 600 Patrol Procedures (10 hours)

There is no tuition for this course. Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants. Professional, business attire required.

**Training Officers:** Please be sure to include your department email address and the email of the student to be enrolled on all applications to assure prompt communications of all in-service training matters.

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