



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

To: Chiefs of Police  
Police Training Officers  
State Police Resident Troopers  
CSP Training Academy

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Subject: **Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)**

Tuition: **No Cost**

**Prerequisite: SFST certification (24 hour minimum that included at least one wet-lab)**

**Registrants must have at least one (1) year of field experience, from the date of certification, to be eligible for this course.**

### **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's Highway Safety Office, is offering a two-day (2) training seminar titled **"Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)."** The training session is scheduled for **August 24-25, 2023**, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. This class will be held at the Law Enforcement Council's (LEC) office 11 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360.

**Directions:** LEC is in the Hartford Healthcare building. The building entrance is in front of the building and their office is located on the left as you enter.

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 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

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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 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 the 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-arrest and post-arrest procedures will also be discussed.

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

This class is limited to thirty (30) 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 close of business on Tuesday, August 1, 2023**. If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Training Division at 203-427-2625.

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

- Area 600 Patrol Procedures (10 hours)

**There is no tuition for this course.** Coffee break refreshments are available at the Academy for a small fee. Lunch may be purchased at local restaurants. The uniform Dress Code for POST In-Service training (General Notice 90-03) will be in effect. We ask that all training supervisors inform assigned personnel that they represent their agency and are required to dress accordingly.

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

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