



## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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

From: William E. Tanner, III  
Field Services Training Division

Date: January 13, 2025

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

Tuition: **No Tuition**

**Prerequisite:** *The candidate shall have attended and successfully completed a NHTSA/IACP approved Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) training which included a wet lab.*

### **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 **Tuesday, May 20, 2025, to Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.** **This class will be held at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450.**

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 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 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.

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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-four (34) 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, April 29, 2025.** 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 610 Patrol Procedures (10 hours)

**There is no tuition for this course.** Lunch may be purchased at local restaurants. The uniform Dress Code for POST In-Service training (General Notice 23-02) will be in effect. We ask that all training supervisors inform assigned personnel that they 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 communication of all in-service training matters.

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