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TO: Agency Head or Training Officer
FROM: Robert Ryan; DRE / SFST Project Supervisor
SUBJECT: Standardized Field Sobriety Tests – Instructor Development Course
DATE: April 5, 2024

The Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch is hosting the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) – Instructor Development Course (IDC) in August 2024.

Location: TBD

Date: August 26 – 30, 2024

Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructors are responsible for observing, evaluating and verifying the performance of SFST candidates throughout the training process. Therefore, only persons experienced in the administration of the SFST battery should become SFST Instructors. SFST IDC candidates should have experience administering the SFST's and providing impaired driving testimony.

This training is provided at no cost to agencies. Lodging will be provided and per diem (meals and mileage) will be reimbursed for anyone whose duty station or residence, whichever is closer, is 35 miles or more away from the training location.

All training materials and equipment will be provided to SFST Instructor candidates at no cost to their agency. Those students who are selected and who successfully complete the classroom portion of the SFST-IDC shall then complete a minimum of four (4) hours of instructor-observed training during a 24-hour SFST course. Additionally, each instructor candidate shall conduct two (2) dosing sessions at an alcohol workshop monitored by a current SFST Instructor.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

SFST IDC applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Completed DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Test training
- Obtain a recommendation letter from a currently certified SFST Instructor
- Currently certified Chemical Analyst
- Completed Alcohol Screening Test Device (ASTD) Course
- Completed the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course
- Demonstrate SFST Proficiency with a SFST Instructor
 - Not affiliated with the applicant's organization
 - Within ninety (90) days prior to the application

Standardized Field Sobriety Tests trained officers can apply for the SFST IDC by accessing their North Carolina Justice Training and Certification Portal. Access "Academy Resources" along the left edge of your Acadis Homepage then click on "Webforms".

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Impaired Driving Advisory Committee (I.D.A.C.). All applicants will be advised of I.D.A.C.'s decision.

The application and all required supporting documents must be submitted via Acadis no later than 5:00 PM on Friday May 31, 2024.

Incomplete applications or those lacking required prerequisite courses or documentation will not be considered.

If you have any questions; visit the Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch's website (QR code below) or contact Robert Ryan at (919) 291-6083 or email at robert.ryan@dhhs.nc.gov.

