

I. STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AS INSTRUCTORS IN THE STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING PROGRAM

SFST instructors will have successfully completed the NHTSA/IACP-approved Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) training program or its equivalent and will have experience in administering the SFSTs and in providing testimony in court in the area of DUI/DWI enforcement. Dedicated, qualified instructors are critical to the continued success of the SFST program.

SFST 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. Also addressed in this section are standards for instructors/trainers in the program. These individuals are responsible for training the SFST instructors.

- 2.1 Only persons who have successfully completed the NHTSA/IACP approved DUI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing training program, or its equivalent, may be designated as SFST instructors.**

North Carolina Standard: In addition to the IACP-approved DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing training program, an SFST instructor applicant must be recommended by a currently certified SFST instructor. A SFST instructor candidate must show proficiency in the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests observed by a current instructor within 90 days prior to application.

The SFST Instructor applicant must be a currently certified chemical analyst, have attended an Alcohol Screening Test Device course and completed the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement course.

- 2.2 Any SFST trained person desiring to become an instructor in the SFST program should follow their departmental policies and procedures when applying for participation in the SFST program. The state SFST Program coordinator will ensure the applicant meets all qualifying requirements to be a SFST Instructor.**

Commentary: The agency head or SFST coordinator shall verify that a candidate instructor meets the prerequisites to enter SFST instructor development course training. Prerequisites may also include any state, local or agency requirements specified for instructors within the jurisdiction.

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Commentary: This requirement does not preclude state or local jurisdictions from placing additional requirements on persons assigned to teach additional local law enforcement programs.

North Carolina Standard: Currently the only North Carolina accepted SFST Instructor School is the IACP/NHTSA SFST Instructor Development Course (IDC) or the IACP/NHTSA DRE Instructor Development Course.

Upon successful completion of the IDC the instructor candidate shall complete four hours of instructor observed teaching and documented on the SFST Instructor Qualification Progress Log by two current SFST Instructors. These teaching hours must be completed during a 24-hour SFST class. Teaching hours during an SFST Refresher class are not authorized.

The instructor candidate must also conduct a total of two dosing sessions monitored by a current SFST Instructor and documented on the SFST Instructor Qualification Progress Log. Instructor Candidates must submit a complete and current CV to the SFST State Coordinator before being credentialed as an SFST Instructor.

The instructor candidate has six months, beginning on the last day of the IDC to complete the requirements for credentialing as an SFST Instructor. Instructor Candidates are prohibited from running a class as a lead instructor for one year following the IDC.

2.4 All training sessions conducted as part of the SFST program shall be coordinated by a designated SFST instructor who has previously instructed, to insure proper content and delivery of the approved curriculum.

Commentary: To ensure that all training classes are conducted in accordance with the standards, it is recommended that the instructor coordinating the training have a minimum of one-year experience as a SFST instructor.

North Carolina Standard: All training sessions conducted, as part of the North Carolina SFST Program, shall be coordinated through the SFST State Coordinator. The lead instructor/training coordinator for the class should have a minimum of one year of experience as an SFST Instructor. The lead instructor/training coordinator shall be responsible for the training being compliant with established standards, curriculum, proper forms and documentation, and instructors' logs.

North Carolina Commentary: The SFST State Coordinator or his/her designee may at any time without notice monitor, audit, inspect, and assess any portion or all SFST Training or related training and make a report to the Lead Instructor.

2.5 An instructor trainer (a person who is training instructors) shall have demonstrated proficiency as an instructor.

North Carolina Standard: The SFST State Coordinator shall designate qualified SFST instructors as instructor trainers. Consideration for the designation of SFST instructor trainer shall be initiated by written request to the SFST State Coordinator by the SFST instructor desiring to become an instructor trainer. Only SFST instructors who have been designated by the SFST State Coordinator to teach the SFST Instructor School will be allowed to instruct.

2.6 An instructor trainer must be knowledgeable of and have audited the SFST School and the SFST IDC training and must be thoroughly familiar with the SFST student manual and instructor guide.

Commentary: An instructor must demonstrate evidence of the satisfactory completion of the NHTSA/IACP-approved Instructor Development Course or equivalent. Instructor trainers must be familiar with the approved SFST Training Program and be thoroughly familiar with the curricula for their assigned blocks of instruction.

North Carolina Standard: In addition to the national standard requirements, the North Carolina SFST program requires that instructor trainers are approved by the North Carolina Technical Advisory Committee on Impaired Driving. The SFST instructor trainer must have participated in a substantive position in a minimum of four (4) SFST Training sessions with a minimum of forty (40) hours of instruction prior to consideration as an instructor trainer.