



ARIDE: A Training Option Bridging the GAP Between SFST and DRE

The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) program was developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with input from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. ARIDE was created to address the gap in training between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program.

The SFST program trains officers to identify and assess drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol while the DEC Program provides more advanced training to evaluate suspected drug impairment. The SFST assessment is typically employed at roadside, while an officer trained as a drug recognition expert (DRE) through the DEC Program conducts a drug evaluation in a more controlled environment such as a detention facility.

The ARIDE program was designed to bridge the gap between the SFST program and the DEC program by providing field officers with general knowledge related to drug impairment, and promoting the use of a DRE in drug impairment cases. Students enrolled in the ARIDE program will be **required** to demonstrate proficiency in SFST testing. Another focus of the ARIDE program is obtaining the proper biological sample for impairment cases. This is a 16 hour training course, taught in two days. Enrollment in this class is limited to 30 students. **There is no cost for this training.** *(Bring your computer, the manual will be given to you to download)*

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To register for the class, have your sergeant enroll you via the Google Shared Drive under Training Schedule and then ARIDE. If you are non-UHP contact Heidi Dunn at heididunn@utah.gov to sign up.

Next course: Brigham City Fire Hall
Date: December 20-21, 2021
Time: 0800-1700
Location: 442 West Forrest Street
Brigham City, Utah