

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. The course manual is electronic so please bring a computer to class. There is a link to the manual in the class posting on the ACAIDS Portal. **There is no cost for this training**.

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