

Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Track Workshops (as of February 16, 2015)

1. Prosecuting DUI Cases By Effectively Using the SFST Manual

Ensuring that law enforcement and prosecutors understand the recent updates to the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Manual is essential for efficiently and effectively prosecuting motorists charged with DUI. Hear from experts who will walk you through key manual changes as well as discuss how it can be used to prepare for effective courtroom testimony.

2. Concentrates, Edibles, Popular Drug E-Devices & Their Relationship/Popularity With Impaired Driving

This session will break down the new and sweeping drug trend of marijuana concentrates, edibles and e-device usage. This new trend has been rapidly evolving and can be very difficult to detect due to the product type, lack of odor and new concealment methods.

3. Law Enforcement Professionalism: Doing the Right Things to the Right People for the Right Reasons

Officers are routinely confronted with tough questions involving when and how to interact with citizens, during and after a traffic stop, and when and what to charge them with. Prosecutors must also use their resources as professionally and effectively as possible to those cases. This workshop will address the ethical and professional framework in which these decisions are made and offer practical guidance to enable police and prosecutors to effectively discharge their duties.

4. Oral Fluid in DUI Cases

While law enforcement agencies in several countries have implemented saliva collection and analysis, communities in the US are gradually conducting field studies in various driving populations. This workshop will provide data to support the use of oral fluid as a biological sample for detecting drugs in drivers; provide results from research projects in the US; and present guidance and protocols for the performance of field studies using oral fluids.

5. Marijuana Impaired Driving Cases - Overcoming Challenges

Marijuana impaired driving cases are extremely challenging and highly litigated. The medical marijuana movement and efforts to legalize its use have not only increased the number of cases but have impacted the public's perception of these prosecutions. Learn about the unique challenges these cases pose and why they are often treated differently by judges, jurors and even some prosecutors. Explore strategies and practical tips for successful investigation and prosecution.

6. Why You Don't See What You Thought You Saw: Limitations of Mobile Video Recording

Law enforcement agencies across the nation are using video to document key information. But does the video tape tell the whole story particularly when it comes to traffic stops involving impaired drivers? Explore why video recordings may not be the best evidence in court, ways to improve video recording of events, and how to explain "the video doesn't lie" defense argument when the recording doesn't adequately capture the actions of the defendant in impaired driving cases.

7. Marijuana: The Gateway...to Legitimacy?

Today's political environment demands law enforcement solutions that increase legitimacy with the community, stretch already-strained resources, and make roadways safer from a growing number of drug and alcohol-impaired drivers. Using marijuana legalization and impaired driving as a jumping off point, this session will examine past evidence-based success stories in traffic safety and the concepts of Procedural Justice to equip you to "sell" your traffic safety program via targeted education and traffic emphasis patrols. When we have widespread buy-in to traffic enforcement, legitimacy increases and everyone wins!

8. DUI Silver Bullets

Like Vampire hunters of legend and lore, this session will provide today's DUI hunters with the "silver bullets" to handle troublesome defense attorneys. Learn how to build a winning case through complete evidence gathering, innovative roadside interviews conducted before the driver exits the vehicle, and follow-up investigations. A study of question strings for use during roadside investigations along with a discussion of timing is included to improve evidence gathering. In addition, direct examination and courtroom techniques will be presented to greatly increase the likelihood of success at trial.

9. Enhancing Response to Traffic Incidents Through Public Safety Consolidation

One of the challenges of traffic incident management is to enhance communication and cooperation across disciplines. In recent years there has been significant progress in this area but there are gaps, particularly between law enforcement and firefighting organizations. In part because each group has a unique mission, and, on occasion, those missions conflict. This presentation examines communities that have fully integrated public safety departments in which most or all staff are cross-trained in law enforcement, firefighting, and EMS. The session will explore how this organizational model can be used to enhance traffic incident management.

10. What Role Can the Judiciary Play in Your State's Efforts to Reduce Impaired Driving?

Hear from judges who have experience in impaired driving prevention and learn the valuable role of the judiciary in programs ranging from participation on ID task forces and DWI courts, to serving as Judicial Outreach Liaisons (JOLs). Perceived barriers to judicial participation in programs and training courses as well as the Model Code of Judicial Conduct and how to create a balanced and inclusive approach will be discussed. Learn how judges are using their experience and knowledge to help communities further engage other judges in ID prevention. Position descriptions and performance measures for state JOLs, resources to help you select and deploy a JOL in your state, and available training for DWI courts will be provided.