

Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement (CJ/LE)

(CJ-01) Namaste for the Roadway - Informed Measure to Reduce Conflict on the Streets

Houston PD's Safe Streets in Space City is a comprehensive program designed to equip participants with effective tools to tackle the persistent challenges of road rage and aggressive driving. This initiative encompasses both proactive and reactive roles of law enforcement, using a multifaceted approach to deter road rage through education and enforcement. This program aims to empower all drivers with insights into the root causes of aggressive driving, fostering a deeper understanding of how to prevent the escalation of situations into full-fledged road rage incidents. Learn how to create a safer and more harmonious driving environment for everyone on the road by combining education on responsible driving behavior with robust enforcement strategies.

(CJ-02) Ensuring Safety For Those Who Protect & Serve

Witness the latest analysis of law enforcement traffic-related fatalities and strategies to enhance officer safety through prevention and mitigation efforts highlighting research on tire deflation devices and their associated fatalities, seat belt usage trends in law enforcement, crash patterns analysis, and reducing struck-by incidents. Additionally, learn about the latest information on cutting-edge safety innovations and technological advancements to enhance roadside safety.

(CJ-03) The Changing Landscape of Impaired Driving

Recently, impaired driving has become even more prominent as a highway safety concern. A quarter of fatal crash-involved drivers now test positive for multiple impairing substances, up from 18% before the pandemic. Learn about research-based insights into changing DWI demographics and effective strategies to combat impaired driving, including supervision best practices, alcohol countermeasures, polysubstance abuse complexities, advanced testing methods, and the benefits of using Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) to identify substance use disorders. By critically evaluating evidence and addressing implementation challenges, we empower criminal justice and treatment professionals to actively reduce community risk and make our roads safer.

(CJ-04) Enhancing Traffic Safety Through Enforcement & Technology

Modern technology has created numerous opportunities to enhance traffic safety. Explore two innovative technologies: automated enforcement (AE) and electronic search warrants (SWs), each designed to tackle distinct aspects of traffic safety. These digital alternatives are especially crucial, since evidence can dissipate rapidly, unlike the more time-consuming traditional methods. Learn how to navigate these technological advancements through practical checklists and guidelines, and tailored programs that suit the unique needs and nuances of different jurisdictions, ultimately leading to more effective and safer traffic management.

(CJ-05) Town & Country - A Tale of Two Crashes

When it comes to the prosecution of at-fault drivers in a crash, the quest for the truth begins with a thorough crash investigation. Fast response, meticulous inquiry, and effective communication are essential components in all crash cases. Delve into key elements and best practices in crash investigation, including awareness of distinctions between rural and urban jurisdictions and their unique challenges, commonalities and differences in crash investigations, and the complexities involved.

(CJ-07) A Mile High & Selling 'Shrooms - Preparing for the Sale of Hallucinogens

In Colorado, voters approved Proposition 122, which decriminalized certain psychedelic plants and fungi for personal use by individuals aged 21 and older and established the Regulated Natural Medicine Access Program for licensed healing centers to provide natural medicine services. Since its approval, Colorado has been dealing with the consequences of this measure, including the establishment of a regulated therapeutic system and the decriminalization of specific psychedelics. Drawing from the experience of marijuana legalization in the state, prosecutors and LEOs anticipate potential unintended consequences, such as a rise in illegal markets, impaired driving, and community impacts. Learn about Proposition 122, legislative responses, immediate effects, and the potential outcomes of Colorado's latest drug legalization encounters, offering insights for other states considering similar measures.

(CJ-08) High in Plain Sight - Drug-Impaired Driving Trends, Products, Concealment & Identifiers

What does impairment look like? Learn to recognize impaired drivers and stay up-to-date on emerging impaired driving trends and popular drug products, including how to spot various legal and readily available items that individuals often combine with drugs to enhance their intoxication or impairment. Topics covered include over-the-counter medications, the interaction of street drugs with substances like alcohol, opioids, xylazine, amphetamines, legal drugs, new psychedelics, hallucinogens, and more. Additionally, participants will gain insight into recently surfaced drugs in their communities and where these items are commonly sold.

(CJ-09) Overcoming Courtroom SFST Challenges & Improving Officer Testimony

The courtroom credibility of a law enforcement officer depends on a variety of factors, including a mastery of the testimony subject matter but also the pivotal aspects of training, experience, and the level of confidence they exhibit on the witness stand. This practical workshop will review common defense challenges to the SFSTs, as well as the related ever-evolving trends. Participants will gain insights and practical tips on how to enhance their ability to testify persuasively in impaired driving cases through discussion and sharing illustrative examples. Law enforcement officers will obtain a deeper understanding of SFSTs, and develop a greater sense of comfort and confidence when testifying in court to contribute to a higher rate of successful prosecutions.

(CJ-10) COPS for Cops, LEO Training Through the DOJ COPS Portal

Ensuring law enforcement professionals stay up-to-date with the latest training and current research is an ongoing challenge. Many officers on the ground and agency leaders are often unaware of the wide array of training opportunities and policy guidance resources offered by the U.S. Department of Justice's COPS office. Learn about the COPS Portal and its rich repository of resources will be discussed, highlighting the latest updates within the portal, featuring guidance for handling vehicular pursuits and addressing effective interactions with community members who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of the COPS Portal, its resources, and recent releases, empowering them to better equip their agencies with the latest knowledge and best practices in law enforcement.