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Dear Law Enforcement Agency Executive,

During calendar year 2023, the Division of State Police, Alcohol Drug Testing Unit, will offer the following impaired driving enforcement related training courses:

1. Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Operator Re-Certification Course.

The half day *Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Operator Re-Certification Course* is for valid Alcotest operators who were last re-certified in 2021. Your agency will automatically be scheduled for this course. The re-certification dates can be found on the New Jersey State Police, Alcohol Drug Testing Unit website (see last page of this letter for access instructions).

2. Driving While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course.

The Five Day *Driving While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course* (SFST) is recommended for officers that have demonstrated an interest in DWI enforcement. The officer(s) will be instructed on the magnitude and scope of DWI related crashes, injuries, and deaths as well as other social impacts of the national DWI problems. The officer(s) will also be instructed on how to properly administer and interpret the battery of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Lastly, the officer(s) will be instructed on the effects of alcohol on the human body, recognizing typical cues and clues of alcohol and drug impairment and how to describe that evidence clearly in written reports and verbal testimony. This course includes training in the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test (HGN). Upon successful completion of this course, officers will receive a certificate of training. This class is a prerequisite to take for attending the *Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course* and the *Drug Recognition Expert Course*.

3. Drug Recognition Expert Course (DRE).

The *Drug Recognition Expert Course* is requested by submitting a separate application from this mailing. The application can be found at <u>Microsoft Word-sp-041 DRE Application.docx (njsp.org)</u>. The *Drug Recognition Expert Course* trains law enforcement officers to determine whether a subject is under the





influence of drugs and to identify the category of drug that is causing the observable impairment. This course is conducted in three phases. Phases one and two are classroom based and cover nine days of material. Phase three requires students to demonstrate their skills by conducting evaluations of test subjects. The student(s) must pass a comprehensive examination before receiving their certification. The entire course may take upwards of two months to complete.

4. Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course (ARIDE).

The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course is a two-day class. In order to be eligible to attend the training, the officer(s) MUST have attended the NJSP Driving While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course. ARIDE is intended to bridge the gap between the SFST and DRE programs, by providing officers with general knowledge related to drug impairment and by promoting the use of DRE's in States that have the DRE program. The ARIDE program stresses the importance of the signs and symptoms of the seven drug categories. This course will train law enforcement officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents, as well as crashes, which result in serious injuries and fatalities.

5. Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Initial Operator Course.

The *Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Initial Operator Course* is a four-day class for officers who have a minimum of one year sworn full time law enforcement experience (academy time not counting). In this course, officers will be instructed in the nomenclature and operation of the Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C. Additionally, the training will include simulator solution changes, the metric system as it relates to chemical breath testing, standardized field sobriety testing, New Jersey Title 39, DWI case law and the physiological processes of alcohol in the human body. Upon successful completion of this course, officers will receive a certificate of training and an Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C operator's card.

6. Driving While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Refresher Course.

The primary purpose of this half-day course is to improve the overall consistency of the administration of the SFST test battery by individual police officers. Officers can refresh their skills of recognizing and interpreting evidence of DWI, administering and interpreting the scientifically validated sobriety tests and describing the DWI evidence clearly and convincingly. In order to be eligible to attend the training, the officer(s) MUST have attended the NJSP *Driving While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course*.

7. <u>Drug Impaired Driving Course (DID).</u>

The Drug Impaired Driving Course is a one-day course recommended for the Officers that are having the majority of interactions with motorists and for Officers that have not previously attended the DWI/SFST, ARIDE, and DRE courses. This training will improve a law enforcement officer's ability to identify

drug impaired drivers by familiarizing them with an overview of signs and symptoms of drug impairment. This course also serves as an introduction to the standardized field sobriety tests. Officers must be a full-time law enforcement officer.

The 2023 training application must be received no later than October 1, 2022. Applications received after October 1st will be relegated to "waiting list status" with no guarantee of course placement. You may forward the training application via e-mail to <u>ADTU@NJSP.ORG</u>.

Course lists, training locations, dates and agency allotments will be posted on the New Jersey State Police website (https://www.njsp.org/division/investigations/alcohol-drug-testing.shtml) on or about November 30, 2022. Instructions for viewing schedule information: Listed under "Training" you will find "2023 North & South Training Schedule." After clicking on this link, you will see "North" and "South" sections. In each section, there is a breakdown of all classes scheduled for 2023. Clicking on each class will open an Adobe PDF multi-page document listing the 2023 courses along with agency name, number of officers assigned, dates, times, and locations. "North" includes the following counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren. "South" includes Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem.

Any questions regarding the 2023 training should be directed to the specific training coordinator of your agency's region.

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Respectfully,

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