

General Course Details	
Course Title	Roadside Interviewing and Post-Arrest Rapport
Course Duration	1
Initial Launch Date	6/5/25
Course Description	<p>This course explores effective roadside interviewing techniques and methods for establishing and re-establishing rapport during DUI investigations. Emphasizing the critical role of officer demeanor and communication, the course guides participants through best practices for gathering verbal evidence, maintaining professionalism, and improving case outcomes—even in the absence of field sobriety tests or toxicology reports. It includes practical strategies for increasing voluntary compliance, using empathy and structured questioning, and navigating post-arrest interactions to support successful prosecutions. Real-world examples and video demonstrations illustrate both effective and ineffective approaches.</p>
Learning Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify and apply techniques for conducting effective roadside interviews to elicit evidence during impaired driving stops.2. Demonstrate methods to build and re-establish rapport with suspects to facilitate cooperation and reduce resistance.3. Formulate structured and strategic questions that reveal inconsistencies and strengthen impaired driving cases.4. Apply communication strategies that reduce complaints and increase the likelihood of voluntary toxicology compliance.
Lessons	2
Quizzes	0

Format	<p>Courses on DrugImpairment.com are offered in an asynchronous e-learning format. Each course consists of individual lessons and each lesson contains video-based instruction or a written learning assignment. Lessons are equipped with timers and activity monitoring for completion integrity. Certificates are granted upon completion of all lessons in a course and achieving satisfactory performance on any associated quizzes. Course learning hours are determined by run-time, with a minimum of 50 minutes required per credit hour.</p>
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Instructor Information	
Instructor Name	Dave Kopenhaver
Instructor Biography	<p>Dave Kopenhaver, native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania has served communities for the past thirty-one years retiring in May of 2022. He began his law enforcement career in 1991 serving six years in the United States Marine Corps as a military police officer. After being honorably discharged, he started his civilian law enforcement career in South Carolina.</p> <p>Over the past twenty five years he has held several leadership positions such as the Coordinator of the 14th Circuit Law Enforcement Network and South Carolina Impaired Driving Coordinator (DRE Coordinator). Dave has served as an instructor at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in the Traffic Safety Unit having trained 200 DRE's and over 3,000 officers in field sobriety and DUI enforcement. In addition to South Carolina, he has presented across the country at industry conferences and law enforcement training courses. With his education and expertise in standardize field sobriety testing Dave has been qualified as an expert witness in municipal magistrate, state courts and has been disposed as an expert witness in federal courts.</p> <p>Dave has volunteered on his off hours as an impaired driving education expert speaker and has participated in a number of community impact panels. He has been fortunate enough to be recognized by several organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, SC Office of Highway Safety, American Legion, SC National Safety Council and the National Criminal Enforcement Association.</p>

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POST Instructor	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
DRE	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
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