

OVI-2 Standardized Field Sobriety Testing “Advanced SFST”



COURSE OVERVIEW

This 40-hour course includes classroom instruction and controlled exercises structured to give law enforcement officers practical experience in the evaluation of the adverse effects of alcohol/drugs on driving ability. In these exercises, the student is required to observe persons who have consumed controlled quantities of alcohol. Each exercise allows the student to use the most current sobriety testing procedures to evaluate the condition of the drinker.

Classroom subjects include a detailed study of the elements of Ohio (and Columbus) OVI law, the impaired driver problem, enforcement decisions, chemical testing rules and regulations, and arrest procedures. Students will be trained and certified in both the theory and practice of the 2023, v2025 Standardized Field Sobriety Testing procedures consisting of the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, walk-and-turn test, and one-leg stand test, as developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Law enforcement officers involved in the detection, processing, and/or arrest of impaired drivers and Prosecutors are welcome. **Primary consideration will be given to Field Training Officers**, who are strongly encouraged to attend because all probationary officers receive the 40-hour NHTSA, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing course during recruit training.



LOCATION

James G. Jackson
Columbus Police Academy
1000 North Hague Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43204

COST

There is no registration cost
for this training.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND SIZE

April 27 – May 1, 2026 or
September 21 – September 25,
2026

(40 hours)

Class hours:

7:00 PM - 3:00 AM
(1900 hrs. - 0300 hrs.)

Duty hours for the last night:

9:00 PM - 5:00 AM
(2100 hrs. - 0500 hrs.)

Class size is limited to 24 officers

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This class is a prerequisite to enroll in

OVI-4, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and

OVI-5, Driving Impaired Criminal Enforcement (DICE)

For division personnel, this is elective training.

No overtime or deviation pay will be authorized.

On the final training day, all students will participate in a practical exercise working in marked cruisers. OVI enforcement will be conducted, so the uniform of the day will be worn on this date.

