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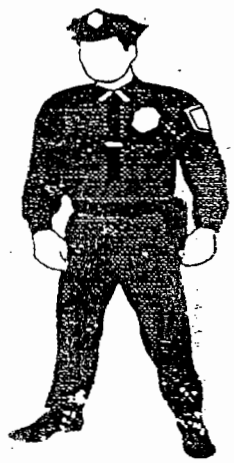

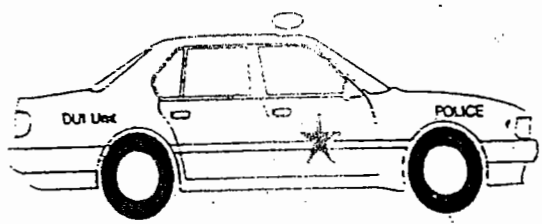

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TRAINING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Ultimate Goal

   To increase deterrence of DWI violations, and thereby reduce the number of accidents, deaths and injuries caused by impaired drivers.

2. Enforcement-Related Goals

   a. Understand enforcement's role in general DWI deterrence.

   b. Understand detection phases, clues and techniques.

   c. Understand requirements for organizing and presenting testimonial and documentary evidence in DWI cases.

3. Job Performance Objectives

   As a result of this training, students will become significantly better able to:

   a. Recognize and interpret evidence of DWI violations.

   b. Administer and interpret standardized field sobriety tests.

   c. Describe DWI evidence clearly and convincingly in written reports and verbal testimony.

4. Enabling Objectives

   In pursuit of the job performance objectives, students will come to:

   a. Understand the tasks and decisions of DWI detection.

   b. Recognize the magnitude and scope of DWI-related accidents, deaths, injuries, property loss and other social aspects of the DWI problem.

   c. Understand the deterrence effects of DWI enforcement.

   d. Understand the DWI enforcement legal environment.

   e. Know and recognize typical vehicle maneuvers and human indicators symptomatic of DWI that are associated with initial observation of vehicles in operation.

f. Know and recognize typical reinforcing maneuvers and indicators that come to light during the stopping sequence.

g. Know and recognize typical sensory and other clues of alcohol and/or drug influence that may be seen during face-to-face contact with DWI suspects.

h. Know and recognize typical behavioral clues of alcoholic and/or drug influence that may be seen during the suspect's exit from the vehicle.

i. Understand the role and relevance of psychophysical testing in pre-arrest screening of DWI suspects.

j. Understand the role and relevance of preliminary breath testing in pre-arrest screening of DWI suspects.

k. Know and carry out appropriate administrative procedures for validated divided attention psychophysical tests.

l. Know and carry out appropriate administrative procedures for the horizontal gaze nystagmus psychophysical test.

m. Know and recognize typical clues of alcohol and/or drug influence that may be seen during administration of psychophysical field sobriety tests.

n. Understand the factors that may affect the accuracy of preliminary breath testing devices.

o. Understand the elements of DWI prosecution and their relevance to DWI arrest reporting.

p. Choose appropriate descriptive terms to convey relevant observations of DWI evidence.

q. Write clear, descriptive narrative DWI arrest reports.

GLOSSARY

ALVEOLAR BREATH - Breath from the deepest part of the lung.

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (BAC) - The percentage of alcohol in a person's blood.

DIVIDED ATTENTION TEST - A test which requires the subject to concentrate on both mental and physical tasks at the same time.

DWI - Driving While Intoxicated. (Also Driving While Impaired.) Driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

DWI DETECTION PROCESS - The entire process of identifying and gathering evidence to determine whether or not a suspect should be arrested for a DWI violation. The DWI detection process has three phases:

Phase One - Vehicle In Motion
Phase Two - Personal Contact
Phase Three - Pre-arrest Screening

EVIDENCE - Any means by which some alleged fact that has been submitted to investigation may either be established or disproved. Evidence of a DWI violation may be of various types:

a. Physical (or real) evidence: something tangible, visible, or audible.
b. Well established facts (judicial notice).
c. Demonstrative evidence: demonstrations performed in the courtroom.
d. Written matter or documentation.
e. Testimony.

FIELD SOBRIETY TEST - Any one of several roadside tests that can be used to determine whether a suspect is impaired.

HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS (HGN) - A field sobriety test based on the jerking of the eyes as they gaze toward the side.

ILLEGAL PER SE - Unlawful in and of itself. Used to describe a law which makes it illegal to drive while having a statutorily prohibited Blood Alcohol Concentration.

NYSTAGMUS - An involuntary jerking of the eyes.

ONE-LEG STAND (OLS) - A divided attention field sobriety test.

PERSONAL CONTACT - The second phase in the DWI detection process. In this phase the officer observes and interviews the driver face to face; determines whether to ask the driver to step from the vehicle; and observes the driver's exit and walk from the vehicle.

PRE-ARREST SCREENING - The third phase in the DWI detection process. In this phase the officer administers field sobriety tests to determine whether there is probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI, and administers or arranges for a preliminary breath test.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) - A pre-arrest breath test administered during investigation of a possible DWI violator to obtain an indication of the person's blood alcohol concentration.

PSYCHOPHYSICAL - "Mind body." Used to describe field sobriety tests that measure a person's ability to perform both mental and physical tasks.

STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TEST BATTERY - A battery of three tests, Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, Walk and Turn, and One-Leg Stand, administered and evaluated in a standardized manner to obtain validated indicators of impairment based on NHTSA research.

TIDAL BREATH - Breath from the upper part of the lungs and mouth.

VEHICLE IN MOTION - The first phase in the DWI detection process. In this phase the officer observes the vehicle in operation, determines whether to stop the vehicle, and observes the stopping sequence.

WALK AND TURN (WAT) - A divided attention field sobriety test.

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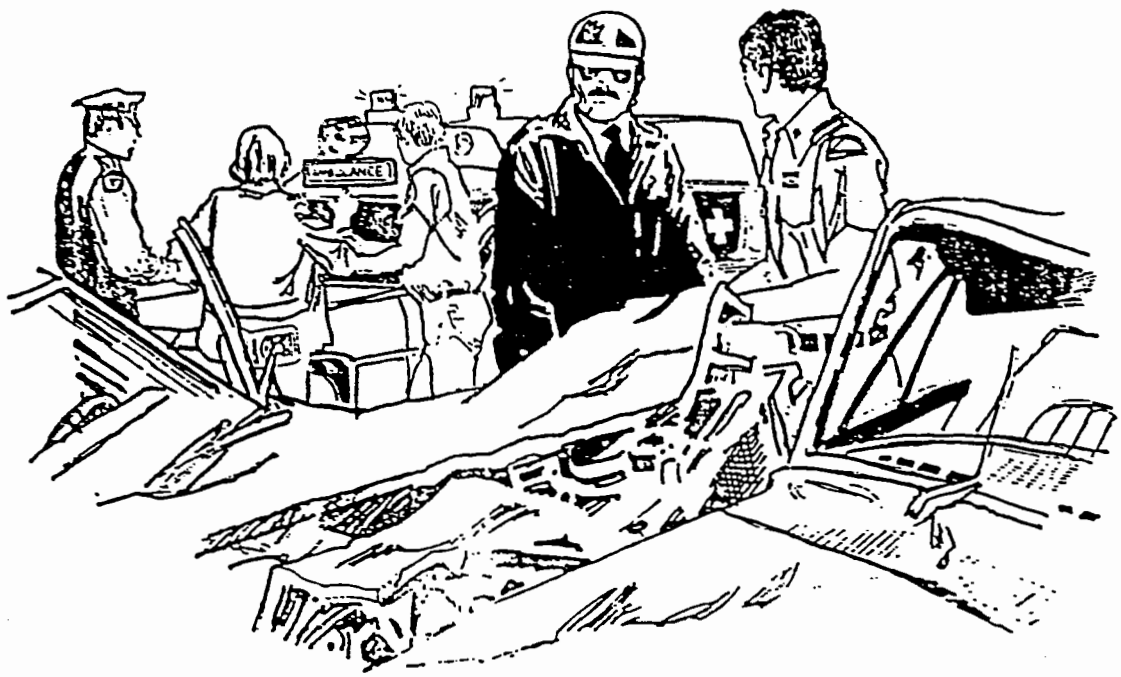

SESSION I

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Upon successfully completing this session, the students will be able to:

- o State the goals and objectives of the course.
- o Describe the course schedule and activities.
- o Demonstrate their pre-training knowledge of course topics.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Welcoming Remarks and Objectives	o	Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	Administrative Details	o	Written Examination
C.	Pre-Test		

DETECTION and GENERAL DETERRENCE

SESSION II

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Upon successfully completing this session, the students will be able to:

- Describe the frequency of DWI violations and crashes.
- Define General Deterrence.
- Describe the Relationship between Detection and General Deterrence.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A.	The DWI Problem	o Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	The Concept of General Deterrence	o Reading Assignments
C.	Relating Detection to Deterrence Potential	
D.	Evidence of Effective Detection and Effective Deterrence	

DWI DETERRENCE: AN OVERVIEW

Each year, tens of thousands of people die in traffic accidents. Throughout the nation, alcohol is the major contributor to traffic fatalities:

- o approximately half the drivers who die in crashes have been drinking.
- o most drivers in fatal crashes were legally "under the influence."

Alcohol related crashes are about nine times more likely to result in death than are similar crashes that do not involve alcohol. Drinking drivers are more likely than other drivers to take excessive risks such as speeding or turning abruptly. Drinking drivers also are more likely than other drivers to have slowed reaction times. They may not be able to react quickly enough to slow down before crashing. While on the average two percent of drivers on the road at any given time are DWI. DWI violations and accidents are not simply the work of a relatively few "problem drinkers" or "problem drug users." Many people commit DWI, at least occasionally.

- o In a 1981 opinion survey conducted by Psychology Today, 41 percent of respondents reported they occasionally drove while drunk.
- o In a random survey of drivers stopped at all hours during one week, 12 percent had been drinking; two percent had a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.10 or more.
- o In numerous random surveys of drivers stopped during late evening-early morning weekend hours, approximately 10 percent had a BAC of 0.10 or more. (See Exhibit 2-1.)
- o In a special study of drivers leaving bars between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, one in seven had a BAC of 0.10 or more.

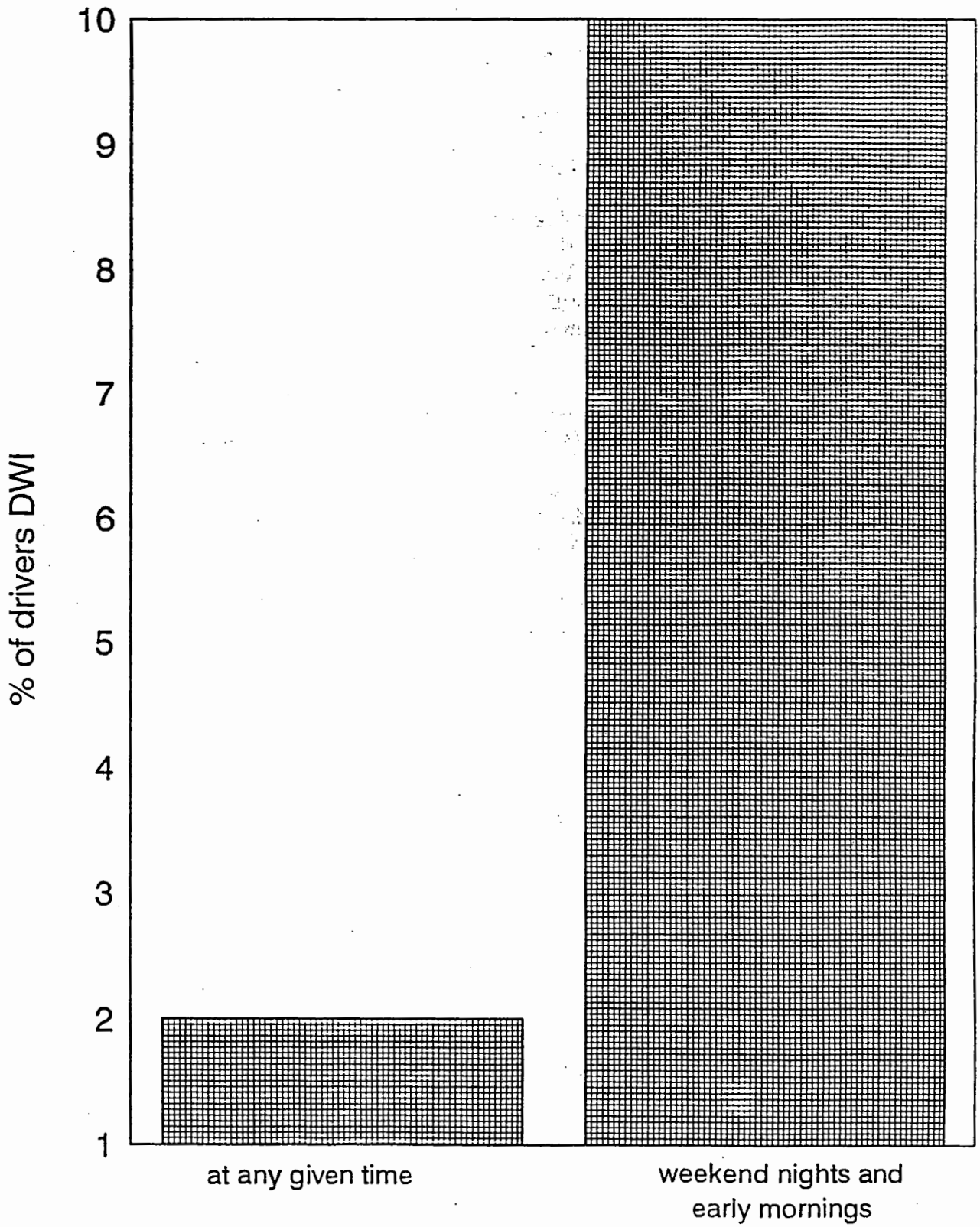
It is conservatively estimated that the typical DWI violator commits that offense about 80 times per year. In other words, the average DWI violator drives while under the influence once every four or five nights. (See Exhibit 2-2.)

GENERAL DETERRENCE

One approach to reducing the number of drinking drivers is general deterrence of DWI. General deterrence of DWI is based in the driving public's fear of being arrested. If enough violators come to believe that there is a good chance that they will get caught, at least some of them will stop committing DWI at least some of the time. However, unless there is a real risk of arrest, there will not be much fear of arrest.

Law enforcement officers must arrest enough violators enough of the time to convince the general public that they will get caught, sooner or later, if they continue to drive while impaired.

EXHIBIT 2-1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% of drivers DWI
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The average DWI violator commits the offense 80 times per year.

How many DWI violators must be arrested in order to convince the public that there is a real risk of arrest for DWI? Several programs have demonstrated that significant deterrence can be achieved by arresting one DWI violator for every 400 DWI violations committed. Currently, however, for every DWI violator arrested, there are between 500 and 2,000 DWI violations committed. (See Exhibit 2-3.) When the chances of being arrested are one in two thousand, the average DWI violator really has little to fear.

Why is the DWI arrest to violations ration (1:2000) so low? There are three noteworthy reasons.

- o DWI violators vastly outnumber police officers. It is not possible to arrest every drinking driver each time they commit DWI.
- o Some officers are not highly skilled at DWI detection. They fail to recognize and arrest many DWI violators.
- o Some officers are not motivated to detect and arrest DWI violators.

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

In a study conducted in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, only 22 percent of traffic violators who were stopped with BACs between 0.10 and 0.20 were arrested for DWI. The remainder were cited for other violations, even though they were legally "under the influence." In this study breath tests were administered to the viola-tors by researchers after the police officers had completed their investigations. The officers failed to detect 78 percent of the DWI violators they investigated.

The implication of this study, and of other similar studies, is that for every DWI violator actually arrested for DWI, three others are contacted by police officers, but are not arrested for DWI. (See Exhibit 2-4.) It is clear that significant improvement in the arrest rate could be achieved if officers were more skilled at DWI detection.

Several enforcement programs have succeeded in achieving significant DWI deterrence. Consider, for example, the three year intensive weekend DWI enforcement program in Stockton, California. Under that program:

- o arrests increased 500 percent;
- o weekend nighttime accidents decreased 34 percent;
- o the proportion of nighttime weekend drivers legally under the influence dropped from nine percent to six percent.

Improved DWI detection can be achieved in virtually every jurisdiction in the country. The keys to success are police officers who are:

- o skilled at DWI detection;
- o willing to arrest every DWI violator who is detected;
- o supported by their agencies in all aspects of this program, from policy through practical application.

EXHIBIT
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Chances of a DWI violator being arrested are as low as one in 2000.

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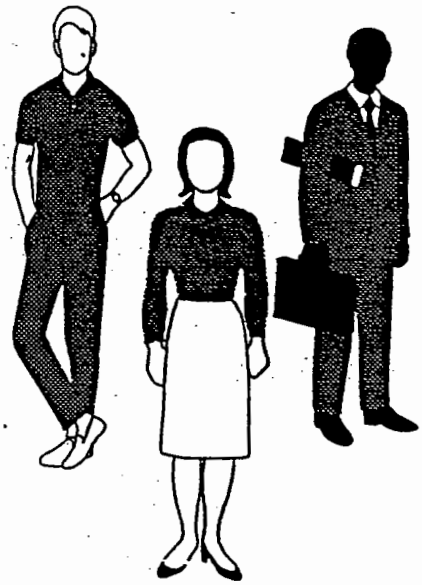

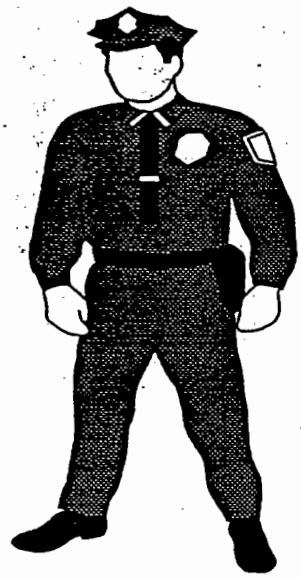

For every DWI violator arrested, 3 others are contacted face to face by police, but are not arrested.

THE PROBLEM OF DWI

HOW WIDESPREAD IS DWI?"

While not all of those who drive after drinking have a BAC of 0.10 or more, the presumptive or illegal per se limit for DWI in most states, many drivers do have BACs in excess of .10.

A frequently quoted, and often misinterpreted, statistic places the average inci-dence of DWI at one driver in fifty. Averaged across all hours of the day and all days of the week, two percent of the drivers on the road are DWI.[1] That one in fifty figure is offered as evidence that a relatively small segment of America's drivers -- the so-called "problem" group -- account for the majority of traffic deaths. There's nothing wrong with that figure as a statistical average, but police officers know that at certain times and places many more than two percent of drivers are under the influence of alcohol. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research suggests that during the late night, weekend hours, as many as ten percent of drivers on the roads may be DWI.[2] On certain holiday weekends, and at other especially critical times, the figure may go even higher.

HOW MANY? HOW OFTEN?

The issue of how many DWIs are on the road at any given time is an important factor in measuring the magnitude of the problem. However, from an overall traffic safety perspective, the more important issue may be the number of drivers who ever commit DWI. Just how widespread is this violation? In enforcement terms, how many people do we need to deter?

Clearly, it is more than one in fifty. Although it may be true that, on the aver-age, two percent of drivers are DWI at any given time, it certainly is not the same two percent every time. It is even more than one in ten. Surely not everyone who commits DWI is out on the road, under the influence, every Friday and Saturday night. Some of them, at least, must skip an occasional weekend. Thus, the ten percent who show up, weekend after weekend, in the Friday and Saturday statistics must come from a larger pool of violators, each of whom "contributes" to the statistics on some nights, but not necessarily on all nights. The ten percent are the tip of a larger -- possibly much larger iceberg.

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1 Borkenstein, R.F., et al, Role of Drinking Driver in Traffic Accidents. Bloomington IN: Department of Police Administration, Indiana University, March 1964.

2 Alcohol Highway Safety Workshop, Participant's Workbook Problem Status. NHTSA, 1980.

An analysis of BAC roadside survey data suggests that the average DWI violator commits the violation approximately 80 times each year.[3] Undoubtedly, there are some who drive under the influence virtually everyday; others commit the violation less often. It is likely that at least one quarter of all American motorists drive while under the influence at least once in their lives. That figure falls approximately midway between the 55 percent of drivers who at least occasionally drive after drinking and the ten percent of weekend, nighttime drivers who have BACs above the so-called legal limit.

Our estimated one in four drivers includes everyone who drives drunk everyday, as well as everyone who commits the violation just once and never offends again; and it includes everyone in between. In short, it includes everyone who ever runs the risk of being involved in an accident while under the influence of alcohol.

SOCIETY'S PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION

It really doesn't matter whether this one in four estimate is reasonably accurate (in fact, it is probably low). The fact is that far more than two percent of American drivers actively contribute to the DWI problem. DWI is a crime committed by a substantial segment of Americans. It has been and remains a popular crime; one that many people from all walks and stations of life commit. DWI is a crime that can be fought successfully only through a societal approach of comprehensive community based programs.

THE SOLUTIONS

THE ULTIMATE GOAL: CHANGING BEHAVIOR

What must comprehensive community based DWI programs seek to accomplish? Ultimately, nothing less than fundamental behavioral change, on a widespread basis. The goal is to encourage more Americans to:

- o avoid committing DWI, either by avoiding or controlling drinking prior to driving or by selecting alternative transportation.
- o intervene actively to prevent others from committing DWI (for example, putting into practice the theme "friends don't let friends drive drunk");
- o avoid riding with drivers who are under the influence of alcohol.

The final test of the value of DWI countermeasures on the national, state and local levels is whether they succeed in getting significantly more people to modify their behavior. The programs also pursue other more immediate objectives that support or reinforce the ultimate goal. However, the ultimate goal is to change the driving while intoxicated behavior.

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[3] DWI Law Enforcement Training: Instructor's Manual. NHTSA. August 1974. P.139.

We approve the court of appeals' opinion, as modified, vacate the trial court's dismissal of the Blake prosecution for violation of A.R.S.28-792(B), and remand for proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

A detailed analysis of the facts reviewed by the Supreme Court is contained in the opinion.
PEOPLE vs. LOOMIS (California, 1984)
156 Cal. App. 3d 1, 203 Cal. Rptr. 767 (Cal. Super. 1984)

The arresting officer attempted to testify to his opinion concerning the suspect's BAC, in quantitative terms, based solely on the angle of onset of HGN. The suspect had refused to submit to a chemical test. The court held that the officer was not entitled to testify as either a lay or expert witness about HGN, or to give his opinion about the defendant's BAC. The court held that HGN is a new form of scientific evidence, that will be allowed only when there is a preliminary showing of its general acceptance in the scientific community. Moreover, it was clear from the officer's testimony that he had not been formally or properly trained in HGN, and didn't really understand how the test is to be given.

STATE vs. DAVIDSON (Maryland, 1985)
Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Criminal No. 36521, April 25, 1985.

The court held that it is permissible to use HGN as a field test solely to establish probably cause for arrest. However, the court concluded that HGN does not possess the degree of reliability or acceptance in the scientific community to permit its use as substantive evidence of guilt. The court also held that HGN cannot be used, over the defense's objection, as evidence of the defendant's BAC.

STATE vs. BLAKE (Arizona, 1986)
718 P.2d 171 (Arizona, 1986); see also State vs. Superior Court of County of Cochise, 149 Ariz 269, 718 P.2d 171, 60 ALR 4th, 1103.

This is the landmark ruling on HGN because it was the first case decided at a State Supreme Court. The Arizona Supreme Court found that HGN satisfies the Frye standards for evidence to corroborate, or attack, the issue of a suspect's impairment. The Frye standards are those set by the U.S. Supreme Court to govern the admissibility of "new" scientific evidence. In effect, the Arizona Supreme Court took judicial notice of HGN, so that it is no longer necessary, in Arizona, to introduce expert scientific testimony to secure the admissibility of HGN. However, the court did set standards governing the training of officers who would be qualified to testify about HGN, and the court explicitly ruled that HGN cannot be used to establish BAC quantitatively in the absence of a chemical test.

As a point of interest, the arresting officer in the Blake case was Bob Hohn of the Arizona Highway Patrol. He is a certified DRE instructor.

PEOPLE vs. GUILMOT (Colorado, 1986)
County Court, County of Boulder, Case No. 85T10439

The court denied a defense motion to suppress HGN evidence, and ruled that the officer could testify to the results of all field sobriety tests, including HGN. In this case, the officer made no attempt to relate HGN to a quantitative estimate of BAC.

STATE vs. REED (Oregon, 1986)
732 P.2d 66 (Or. App. 1987)

The prosecution sought to have the appellate court take judicial notice of HGN, but the court refused. The court held that the prosecution did not offer sufficient expert testimony and evidence to establish the scientific reliability of HGN.

STATE vs. RICHARDS (New Hampshire, 1987)
Merimack, SS, Superior Court 85-5-391, September 16, 1987

The Superior Court held that HGN meets the Frye standards for admissibility of scientific evidence. However, the court found that HGN is not admissible as a quantitative indicator of BAC.

STATE vs. BARKER (West Virginia, 1988)
366 S.E.2d 642 (W.Va. 1988)

The prosecution attempted to introduce HGN as evidence of a specific BAC. The court ruled that it was not admissible. The court did not explicitly rule on the basic admissibility of HGN as evidence of impairment; however, the court stated that, if evidence of HGN's scientific reliability were introduced, the test probably would be admitted as evidence that the defendant was under the influence.

STATE vs. CLARK (Montana, 1988)
762 P.2d 853 (Montana, 1988)

The court ruled that HGN results may be admitted at trial. This ruling was not based on the Frye standards, but on more "liberal" rules of evidence: the court held that all scientific evidence should be admitted unless it is "exaggerated popular opinion". In this case, no attempt was made to infer a quantitative estimate of BAC from the angle of onset.

STATE vs. MIDDLETON (Arkansas, 1989)

The court ruled that the results of an HGN test could not be admitted into evidence at a DWI trial to prove a specific BAC level. The court also held that the police officer's testimony was insufficient to establish that HGN testing is reliable and generally accepted in the scientific community.

U.S. vs. VAN GRIFFEN (United States, 1989)

The court ruled that HGN test results could be admitted into evidence at a DWI trial as part of the results of a series of tests performed on a driver to determine if driver wa sunder influence of alcohol. In this case, the driver was charged with violating federal regulations that prohibit a person from operating a motor vehicle on Federal Park Lands while under the influence of alcohol.

STATE vs. BRESSON (Ohio, 1990)

The state's highest court held that HGN results could be used (1) to establish P.C. of a DWI arrest and (2) as evidence at a DWI trial to prove that a person was driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Results of HGN test could not be used to prove a specific BAC level.

STATE vs. MURPHY (Iowa, 1990)

The court held that the results of a HGN test could be admitted into evidence at a DWI trial to prove the intoxication of the driver. (Not to be used to determine specific BAC level.) The court considered HGN to be one of the SFST's officers administer and in this case the officer was properly trained to administer the test. The court felt that the officer did not have to qualify as an expert witness because the observations were objective in nature and the officer needed no special qualifications to be able to interpret the results.

STATE vs. GRIER (Alaska, 1990)

The court held that the results of a HGN test could be used alone to determine PC to make a DWI arrest where there was other evidence of intoxication (e.g., bloodshot eyes) even if the defendant passed other FSTs. The court ruled that HGN test results were not to be admitted into evidence at a DWI trial to "corroborate" a chemical test for intoxication.

TO SUMMARIZE:

The prevailing trend in court is to accept HGN as evidence of impairment, provided the proper scientific foundation is laid. However, courts consistently reject any attempt to derive a quantitative estimate of BAC from nystagmus. Keep in mind that neither nystagmus nor any other elements of the drug recognition examination are intended to substitute for chemical testing. It is true that there is an approximate, statistical relationship between BAC and angle of onset, but this approximate relationship is not sufficiently reliable to permit BAC "prediction" in any individual case.

Attachment

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH
REPORTS ADDRESSING NYSTAGMUS

1. Anderson, Schweitz & Snyder, Field Evaluation of Behavioral Test Battery for DWI, U.S. Dept. of Transportation Rep. No. DOT-HS-806-475 (1983) (field evaluation of the field sobriety test battery (HGN, one-leg stand, and walk and turn) conducted by police officers from four jurisdictions indicated that the battery was approximately 80% effective in determining BAC above and below .10 percent).

2. Aschan, Different Types of Alcohol Nystagmus, 140 ACTA OTOLARYNGOL SUPP. 69 (Sweden 1958) ("From a medico-legal viewpoint, simultaneous recording of AGN (Alcohol Gaze Nystagmus) and PAN (positional alcoholic nystagmus) should be of value, since it will show in which phase the patient's blood alcohol curve is...").

3. Aschan & Bergstedt, Positional Alcoholic Nystagmus in Man Following Repeated Alcohol Doses, 80 ACTA OTOLARYNGOL SUPP. 330 (Sweden 1975) (abstract available on DIALOG, file 173: Embase 1975-79) (degree of intoxication influences both PAN I and PAN II).

4. Aschan, Bergstedt, Goldberg & Laurell, Positional Nystagmus in Man During and After Alcohol Intoxication, 17 Q.J. OF STUD. ON ALCOHOL, Sept. 1956, at 381. Study distinguishing two types of alcohol-induced nystagmus, PAN (positional alcoholic nystagmus) I and PAN II, found intensity of PAN I, with onset about one-half hour after alcohol ingestion, was proportional to amount of alcohol taken.

5. Baloh, Sharma, Moskowitz & Griffith, Effect of Alcohol and Marijuana on Eye Movements, 50 AVIAT. SPACE ENVIRON. MED., Jan 1979, at 18 (abstract available on DIALOG, file 153: Medline 1979-79) (smooth pursuit eye movement effects of alcohol overshadowed those of marijuana).

6. Barnes, The Effects of Ethyl Alcohol on Visual Pursuit and Suppression of the Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex, 406 ACTA OTOLARYNGOL SUPP. 161 (Sweden 1984) (ethyl alcohol disrupted visual pursuit eye movement by increasing number of nystagmic "catch-up saccades").

7. Burnes & Moskowitz, Psychophysical Tests for DWI Arrest, U.S. Dept. of Transportation Rep. No. DOT-HS-802-424 (1977) (recommended the three-test battery developed by SCRI (one-leg stand, walk and turn, and HGN) to aid officers in discriminating BAC level).

8. Church & Williams, Dose- and Time-Dependent Effects of Ethanol, 54 ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY & CLIN. NEUROPHYSIOL., Aug. 1982, at 161 (abstract available on DIALOG, file 11: Psychinfo 1967-85 or file 72: Embase 1982-85) (positional alcohol nystagmus increased with dose levels of ethanol).

9. Compton, Use of the Gaze Nystagmus Test to Screen Drivers at DWI Sobriety Checkpoints, U.S. Dept. of Transportation (1984) (field evaluation of HGN test administered to drivers through car window in approximately 40 seconds: "the nystagmus test scored identified 95% of the impaired drivers" at 2; 15% false positive for sober drivers, id.).

10. Fregly, Bergstedt & Graybiel, Relationships Between Blood Alcohol, Positional Alcohol Nystagmus and Postural Equilibrium, 28 Q.J. OF STUD. ON ALCOHOL, March 1967, at 11, 17 (declines from baseline performance levels correlated with peak PAN I responses and peak blood alcohol levels).

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA.
En Banc

THE STATE OF ARIZONA, Petitioner, v. THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA, in and for the COUNTY OF COCHISE, and the HON. JAMES L. RILEY, DIVISION III, Respondent, and FREDERICK ANDREW BLAKE, Real Party in Interest.	No. 18343-PR Court of Appeals No. 2 CA-SA 0254 Cochise County No. 11684

Appeal from Special Action
Court of Appeals, Division Two

REMANDED

Opinion of the Court of Appeals, Division Two,
___ Ariz. ____, ___ P.2d ____ (1985)
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Frederick Andrew Blake, real party in interest, sought review of an opinion of the court of appeals that vacated the trial court's dismissal of his prosecution. State v. Superior Court (2 CA-SA 0254, filed July 25, 1985). We granted review because this is a case of first impression which presents significant issues of statewide importance to law enforcement. Rule 23, Ariz.R.Civ.App.P. 17A A.R.S. We have jurisdiction under Ariz. Const. art. 6, § 5(3) and A.R.S. § 12-120.24. The issues raised are

1. whether the horizontal gaze nystagmus test is sufficiently reliable to establish probable cause for arrest for DUI, and

2. whether horizontal gaze nystagmus test results are sufficiently reliable to be introduced in evidence at trial.

FACTS

In the early morning hours of March 18, 1985, Frederick Blake was driving a car on State Route 92, south of Sierra Vista. He was stopped by Officer Hohn who had observed the vehicle meandering within its lane, and who therefore suspected Blake of driving under the influence of alcohol. Noting, also, that Blake's appearance and breath indicated intoxication, the officer had Blake perform a battery of six field sobriety tests, including the horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) test. Nystagmus is an involuntary jerking of the eyeball. The jerking may be aggravated by central nervous system depressants such as alcohol

or barbiturates. See THE MERCK MANUAL OF DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY 1980 (14th ed. 1982). Horizontal gaze nystagmus is the inability of the eyes to maintain visual fixation as they are turned to the side.

In the HGN test the driver is asked to cover one eye and focus the other on an object (usually a pen) held by the officer at the driver's eye level. As the officer moves the object gradually out of the driver's field of vision toward his ear, he watches the driver's eyeball to detect involuntary jerking. The test is repeated with the other eye. By observing (1) the inability of each eye to track movement smoothly, (2) pronounced nystagmus at maximum deviation and (3) onset of the nystagmus at an angle less than 45 degrees in relation to the center point, the officer can estimate whether the driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) exceeds the legal limit of .10 percent. Officer Hohn had been trained in the use of the HGN test and certified to administer it by the Arizona Law Enforcement Officer Advisory Council (ALEOC) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1822(4).

Blake's performance of the first three standard field sobriety tests was "fair" and did not amount to probable cause to arrest Blake for DUI. As a result of the HGN test, however, the officer estimated that Blake had a BAC in excess of .10 percent. Blake's performance on the last two tests strengthened his conclusion. Having also smelled a strong odor of alcohol on Blake's breath and noticed Blake's slurred speech and bloodshot, watery and dilated eyes, Officer Hohn then arrested Blake on a

charge of felony DUI in violation of A.R.S. § 28-692. Hohn then transported Blake to the police station where he administered an intoxilyzer test which showed that Blake had a BAC of .163 percent.

Blake made two motions to the trial court: to dismiss the prosecution for lack of probable cause to arrest and to preclude the admission of testimony of the HGN test and its results at trial. At the evidentiary hearing on these two motions the state presented evidence regarding the principles and use of HGN testing from Dr. Marcelline Burns, a research psychologist who studies the effect of alcohol on behavior, Sgt. Richard Studdard of the Los Angeles Police Department, and Sgt. Jeffrey Raynor and Officer Robert Hohn of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Dr. Burns, Director the Southern California Research Institute (SCRI or Institute) testified that the Institute had received research contracts from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to develop the best possible field sobriety tests. The result of this research was a three-test battery, which included the walk and turn, the one-leg stand, and the HGN. This battery could be administered without special equipment, required no more than five minutes in most cases, and resulted in 83 percent accuracy in determining BAC above and below .10 percent. Dr. Burns testified that all field sobriety tests help the police officers to estimate BAC. The HGN test is based on the known principle that certain toxic substances, including alcohol, cause nystagmus. The SCRI study found HGN to

be the best single index of intoxication, because it is an involuntary response. BAC can even be estimated from the angle of onset of the involuntary jerking: 50 degrees minus the angle of the gaze at the onset of eye oscillation equals the BAC.[1] Dr. Burns testified that the HGN test had been accepted as valid by the highway safety field, including the NHTSA, Finnish researchers, state agencies such as the California Highway Patrol, Arizona Highway Patrol, Washington State Police, and numerous city agencies. Finally, the state offered in evidence an HGN training manual developed by the NHTSA for its nationwide program to train law enforcement officers. Both the manual and training program were based on the Institute's studies.

Sgt. Studdard is currently a supervisor in charge of DUI enforcement for the City of Los Angeles and a consultant to NHTSA on field sobriety testing. Based on his field work administering the HGN test and his participation in double blind studies at the Institute, he testified that the accuracy rate of the HGN test in estimating whether the level of BAC exceeds .10 percent is

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[1] Thus, nystagmus at 45° corresponds to a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.05%; nystagmus at 40° to a BAC of 0.10%; nystagmus at 35° to a BAC of 0.15%; and nystagmus at 30° to a BAC of 0.20%. See 1 R. ERWIN, DEFENSE OF DRUNK DRIVING CASES (3d ed. 1985) § 8.15A[1]. At BACs above 0.20%, a person's eyes may not be able to follow a moving object. Tharp, Gaze Nystagmus As A Roadside Sobriety Test 6 (unpublished paper available through SCRI). It should be noted however that when officers administer the test they do not necessarily measure the angle of onset; instead they look for three characteristics of high BAC: inability of smooth pursuit, distinct jerkiness at maximum deviation and onset of jerkiness prior to 45°. We do not address the admissibility of quantified BAC estimates based on angle of onset of nystagmus.

between 80 and 90 percent. According to Studdard the margin of inaccuracy is caused by the fact that certain drugs, such as barbiturates, cause the same effects as alcohol. We take notice, however, that nystagmus may also indicate a number of neurological conditions, and the presence of any of these would also affect the accuracy of the HGN-based estimate of blood alcohol content. See infra at 14. Both Sgt. Studdard and Sgt. Raynor, who currently administers the HGN training program for the State of Arizona, testified that the HGN test is especially useful in detecting violations where a driver with BAC over .10 percent is able to pull himself together sufficiently to pass the traditional field sobriety tests and thus avoid arrest and subsequent chemical testing.

Sgt. Raynor testified that the traditional field sobriety tests are not sensitive enough to detect dangerously impaired drivers with BAC between .10 percent and .14 percent and that the police officers thus must permit them to drive on.[2] Sgt. Raynor also testified as to the rigor and requirements of the Arizona training and certification program.

At the close of the evidentiary hearing, the trial court concluded that HGN represented a new scientific principle and was therefore subject to the Frye standard of admissibility. Frye v.

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[2] It is claimed that three times as many drivers on the road have BACs in the .10% to .14% range than in the .15% to .19% range, but those arrested are in the latter group, 2 to 1. Anderson, Schweitz & Snyder, Field Evaluation of a Behavioral Test Battery for DWI, U.S. Department of Transportation Rep. No. DOT HS-806-475 (1983) (included in state's evidence).

United States, 293 F. 1013 (D.C. Cir. 1923). The court ruled the HGN test did not satisfy Frye, was therefore unreliable, and could not form the basis of probable cause. The court granted Blake's motion to dismiss.

The state filed a petition for special action[3] in the court of appeals, which accepted jurisdiction and granted relief. The court of appeals noted that the Frye standard applies only to the admissibility of evidence at trial, not to probable cause for arrest. It stated that probable cause requires only reasonably trustworthy information sufficient to lead a reasonable person to believe that an offense has been committed and that the person to be arrested committed the offense. Slip op. at 4. The court of appeals found HGN sufficiently reliable to provide probable cause. Id. at 10. The court of appeals held that the HGN test satisfied Frye and would be admissible, except that there was insufficient foundation as to the arresting officer's proficiency in administering the test. Id. The court vacated the trial court's order and remanded for further proceedings.

DISCUSSION

1. Was Blake's Arrest Legal?

Blake contends that the trial court correctly dismissed the prosecution after ruling that the HGN test did not meet the Frye

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[3] In Arizona, relief formerly obtained by writs of mandamus or prohibition is now obtained by "Special Action". See Rule 1, Arizona Rules of Procedure for Special Actions, 17A A.R.S.

standard. Because probable cause was established by "an unreliable test, the HGN, which has not had its trustworthiness corroborated," the arrest was illegal, and later discovered evidence, such as the intoxilyzer results, cannot be used in evidence.

The Pima County Public Defender, appearing amicus, argues that any roadside sobriety test is a full search and must, therefore, be founded on probable cause. Because the arresting officer testified that he did not have probable cause to arrest even after the performance of the traditional field tests, amicus argues that he did not have the requisite probable cause to administer the HGN test. For this contention amicus relies on People v. Carlson, 677 P.2d 310, 317 (Colo. 1984), in which the Colorado Supreme Court held that "roadside sobriety testing constitutes a full 'search' in the constitutional sense of that term and therefore must be supported by probable cause."

For the reasons set forth below we agree with both of the state's arguments. First, administration of roadside, performance-based sobriety tests does not require probable cause. Second, neither evidence that forms the basis for probable cause nor that required to raise a reasonable suspicion need be tested under the Frye rule.

Did the Stop Followed by Field Sobriety Tests Violate the Fourth Amendment?

The fourth amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to be secure against unreasonable search and

seizure. This guarantee requires arrests to be based on probable cause and permits limited investigatory stops based only on an articulable reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1, 88 S. Ct. 1868 (1968). Such stops are permitted although they constitute seizures under the fourth amendment. See State v. Graciano, 134 Ariz. 35, 37, 653 P.2d 683, 685 (1982). Officer Hohn testified that he stopped Blake because Blake's car had been weaving in its lane, and he suspected the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. We find that Blake's weaving was a specific and articulable fact which justified an investigative stop. The next question is whether this reasonable suspicion also justified compelling Blake to perform roadside sobriety tests.

An investigatory stop may include a safety frisk for weapons as well as questions to dispel the officer's reasonable suspicions. Terry, 392 U.S. at 22, 88 S. Ct. at 1880. While all this may be done without the probable cause required for arrest, an arrest may occur before the moment the police officer either accuses the suspect of a specific offense or formally takes him into custody. It may be deemed to have occurred substantially before that time, perhaps during questioning. See State v. Winegar (S. Ct. No. 6131, slip op. at 17, filed December 4, 1985).

In this case we confront the difficult area between the physical stop of defendant and the articulation of the charge. We must draw the line, however fine, between investigatory questioning that is permissible before the arrest and acts

than to a formal arrest. See Berkemer v. McCarty, ___ U.S. ___, 104 S. Ct. 3138, 3150 (1984). We refuse to adopt the rule of People v. Carlson, supra.

We hold, therefore, that roadside sobriety tests that do not involve long delay or unreasonable intrusion, although searches under the fourth amendment, may be justified by an officer's reasonable suspicion (based on specific, articulable facts) that the driver is intoxicated. We further find that Blake's erratic driving, appearance and smell of alcohol were specific, articulable facts which gave the officer sufficient grounds to administer roadside sobriety tests, including HGN.

Is the HGN Test Sufficiently Reliable to Establish Probable Cause for Arrest?

Observing Blake's performance of the tests, the officer put him under arrest and took him to the station for chemical testing for BAC. Blake argues the arrest was invalid for lack of probable cause and that the information obtained by later chemical testing is therefore inadmissible.

Probable cause may not rest on mere suspicion but neither must it rest on evidence sufficient to convict.

> In dealing with probable cause ... we deal with probabilities. These are not technical; they are the factual and practical considerations of everyday life on which reasonable [people], not legal technicians, act.

Brinegar v. United States, 338 U.S. 160, 175, 69 S. Ct. 1302, 1310 (1949). Information sufficient to raise a suspicion of criminal behavior by definition need not pass tests of

admissibility under our rules of evidence. It has long been the rule that an arresting officer has probable cause if he has reasonably trustworthy information sufficient to lead a responsible person to believe an offense has been committed and that the person to be arrested committed it. See id. at 175-76, 69 S. Ct. at 1310-11; State v. Nelson, 129 Ariz. 582, 586, 633 P.2d 391, 395 (1981). We now must determine whether the HGN test provides reasonably trustworthy information, sufficient to lead a reasonable person to believe a driver is intoxicated.

Nystagmus is a well known physiological phenomenon, defined and described in such tomes as WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY (1980), DORLAND'S ILLUSTRATED MEDICAL DICTIONARY (25th ed. 1974), 7 ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, MICROPAEDIA (15th ed. 1974) and STEDMAN'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY (5th Lawyer's ed. 1982). That it can be caused by ingestion of alcohol is also accepted in medical literature.

> Jerk nystagmus ... is characterized by a slow drift, usually away from the direction of gaze, followed by a quick jerk of recovery in the direction of gaze. A motor disorder, it may be congenital or due to a variety of conditions affecting the brain, including ingestion of drugs such as alcohol and barbiturates, palsy of lateral or vertical gaze, disorders of the vestibular apparatus and brainstem and cerebellar dysfunction.

THE MERCK MANUAL OF DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY 1980 (14th ed. 1982) (emphasis added). Even before the Institute's federal grant, the relationship between BAC and nystagmus was recognized by some highway safety agencies as a tool to detect those illegally driving under the influence of alcohol. Burns & Moskowitz,

Psychophysical Tests for DWI Arrest, U.S. Department of Transportation Rep. No. DOT-HS-802-424 (1977), at 80. In its federally funded study, the Institute discovered that of the six most sensitive field sobriety tests being used by the police around the country, the HGN was the most reliable and precise indicator of the proscribed level of BAC. Id. at 39.

Judicial assessment of whether the arresting officer had probable cause need not rest, however, on whether the information relied on is universally known. The arresting officer is entitled to draw specific reasonable inferences from the facts in light of his own experience, as well as the transmitted experience of other police officers. See Terry v. Ohio, supra; State v. Ochoa, 112 Ariz. 582, 585-86, 544 P.2d 1097, 1100-01 (1976). In this case Officer Hohn's experience included training in DUI detection and field administrations of the HGN test. His administration of the test did not cause him to arrest everyone he tested. He testified that although he had logged over 150 field administrations of the test battery, he had made only six DUI arrests. On the evening of Blake's arrest Officer Hohn had made between eight and twelve DUI stops, had given the battery to all, but found probable cause to arrest only Blake.

Testimony also showed that Officer Hohn's personal experience is the result of the transmitted experience of countless other trained highway safety officers. Dr. Burns testified that in a survey of the first 800 officers trained, over 80 percent rated HGN as the most sensitive roadside sobriety test and found the test battery to have increased their accuracy in recognizing the

impaired driver. Sgt. Studdard, who estimated he had administered the HGN test on the street to several thousand individuals, had seen only one or two people in whom the nystagmus did not correlate to the BAC. He testified that he had trained numerous agencies in Arizona, Michigan, New York, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina and Maryland in the use of HGN. He found that the officers' accuracy rate in determining BAC was between 80 and 90 percent.

We conclude that the testimony presented at the evidentiary hearing regarding the reliability of the HGN test establishes that in the hands of a trained officer the test is reasonably trustworthy and may be used to help establish probable cause to arrest. We further find that Blake's driving, his "fair performance" on the traditional sobriety tests, the smell of alcohol on his breath, his appearance and his score on the HGN test could lead a reasonable person to believe Blake was driving with a BAC in excess of .10 percent in violation of A.R.S. § 28-962. Taken together there was more than sufficient evidence to establish probable cause. People v. Milham, 159 Cal. App. 3d 487, 495, 205 Cal. Rptr. 688, 693 (1984); People v. Trevisanut, 160 Cal. App. 3d Supp. 12, ___, 207 Cal. Rptr. 921, 924 (Cal. Super. 1984). Because the trial court ruled that admissibility under Frye was a prerequisite for evidence used to establish probable cause, we vacate the trial court's order of dismissal of the case and remand the matter for trial.

2. Are HGN Test Results Admissible Evidence?

Our holding that when administered by properly trained and certified police officers the HGN test is sufficiently reliable to be used to establish probable cause does not mean the test results may be admitted in evidence on the question of guilt or innocence. In Fuenning v. Superior Court, supra, we held that if a defendant challenges the intoxilyzer test results, the conduct that provided probable cause becomes relevant to the question of the accuracy of the chemical analysis which allegedly showed that the driver's BAC exceeded .10 percent, and thus may be admissible. We stated such admissible testimony might include "the manner in which he was driving [and] the manner in which he performed the field sobriety tests...." 139 Ariz. at 599, 680 P.2d at 130.

Unless the results of the HGN test are also admissible under our rules of evidence, when a driver challenges the chemical test results, the state may find itself in the position of being able to support the arrest with the results of the traditional field sobriety tests, but not the more probative HGN test results. This result is not unique.

> Much evidence of real and substantial probative value goes out on considerations irrelevant to its probative weight but relevant to possible misunderstanding or misuse by the jury.

Brineger v. United States, 338 U.S. at 173, 69 S. Ct. at 1309.

The "Frye Rule"

The HGN test is a different type of test from balancing on one leg or walking a straight line because it rests almost entirely upon an assertion of scientific legitimacy rather than a basis of common knowledge. Different rules therefore apply to determine its admissibility. See State ex rel. Collins v. Superior Court, 132 Ariz. 180, 195, 644 P.2d 1266, 1281 (1982); cf. State v. Roscoe, 145 Ariz. 212, 700 P.2d 1312 (1984). It is to this question of HGN's admissibility that we now address ourselves.

Rules of evidence are aimed at preventing jury confusion, prejudice and undue consumption of time and trial resources. State v. Hurd, 86 N.J. 525, 432 A.2d 86 (1981); Rule 403, Ariz.R.Evid., 17A A.R.S. Scientific evidence is a source of particular judicial caution. Because "science" is often accepted in our society as synonymous with truth, there is a substantial risk that the jury may give undue weight to such evidence. M. UDALL & J. LIVERMORE, LAW OF EVIDENCE § 102 (2d ed. 1982). If a technique has an "enormous effect in resolving completely a matter in controversy," it must be demonstrably reliable before it is admissible. Id.

Before expert opinion evidence based on a novel scientific principle can be admitted, the rule of Frye v. United States, supra, requires that the theory relied on be in conformity with a generally accepted explanatory theory. See Collins, 132 Ariz. at 195, 644 P.2d at 1281. The purpose of this requirement is to assure the reliability of the testimony. Because HGN is a new

technique based upon scientific principles, its reliability is to be measured against the Frye standard. Id. Frye screens out unreliable scientific evidence because under its standard

> it is not enough that a qualified expert, or even several experts, testify that a particular scientific technique is valid; Frye imposes a special burden -- the technique must be generally accepted by the relevant scientific community.

Symposium on Science and Rules of Evidence, 99 F.R.D. 188, 189 (1984) (emphasis in original). Recognizing that judges and juries are not always in a position to assess the validity of the claims made by an expert witness before making findings of fact, Frye guarantees that reliability will be assessed by those in the best position to do so: members of the relevant scientific field who can dispassionately study and test the new theory.

If the scientific principle has gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs, evidence resulting from its application is admissible, "subject to a foundational showing that the expert was qualified, the technique was properly used, and the results were accurately recorded." Collins, 132 Ariz. at 196, 644 P.2d at 1282. To determine whether the HGN test satisfies the test of general acceptance we must (1) identify the appropriate scientific community whose acceptance of the nystagmus principles and validity of the HGN test is required, and (2) determine whether there is general acceptance of both the scientific principle and the technique applying the theory. See Symposium, 99 F.R.D. at 193; M. UDALL & J. LIVERMORE, supra. The admissibility of HGN test results under the Frye standard is an

issue of first impression. Our search has not brought to light any reported American case law ruling on the issue.[4]

The state argues that the relevant scientific community is that of law enforcement and highway safety agencies and behavioral psychologists. Public defender amicus contends that we should disregard these sources and argues that the HGN phenomenon requires assessment by scientists in the fields of neurology, ophthalmology, pharmacology and criminalistics. It claims that narrowing the field deprives the general scientific community of the time needed to evaluate the procedure before it is examined by the legal community. We agree that validation studies must be performed by scientists other than those who have professional and personal interest in the outcome of the evalulation. Collins, 132 Ariz. at 199, 644 P.2d at 1285.

We believe, however, that the relevant scientific community that must be shown to have accepted a new scientific procedure is

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[4] We have discovered two cases that discuss the admissibility of nystagmus on the question of BAC. People v. Loomis, 156 Cal. App. 3d Supp. 16, 203 Cal. Rptr. 767 (Cal. Super. 1984); State v. Nagel, Ohio Ct. App. No. 2100, filed Feb. 5, 1986. In Loomis the superior court held the municipal court had erred in allowing the officer to testify as to his opinion based on training, experience and the number of times he had given the test. The court in dictum then stated that it would also have been error to admit the officer's testimony as an expert opinion because the state had failed to demonstrate that the nystagmus test was reliable by showing it had gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs, as required by Frye. In Nagel, the court of appeals affirmed the trial court's admission of testimony on HGN. Rejecting appellant's argument that it was inadmissible because the testifying officer was not an expert and there was no scientific basis for the HGN test, the court held nystagmus is objectively observable and requires no expert interpretation.

permissible only after the charges have been made. See People v. Milham, 159 Cal. App. 3d 487, 500, 205 Cal. Rptr. 688, 697 (1984) (at scene of fatal car accident, field sobriety tests were investigatory). In a sense this is a question of first impression. Our cases in the past have presumed that roadside sobriety tests are incident to the stop, and that chemical tests, such as the intoxilyzer, are incident to the arrest. See Fuenning v. Superior Court, 139 Ariz. 590, 680 P.2d 121 (1983).

Any examination of a person with a view to discovering evidence of guilt to be used in a prosecution of a criminal action is a search. The fourth amendment does not prohibit all warrantless searches, only those that are unreasonable. State v. Hutton, 110 Ariz. 339, 341, 519 P.2d 38, 40 (1974); State v. Grijalva, 111 Ariz. 476, 478, 533 P.2d 533, 535, cert. denied, 423 U.S. 873, 96 S. Ct. 141 (1975). Whether the fourth amendment permits a warrantless search supported only by reasonable suspicion depends on the nature of both the governmental interest and the intrusion into a citizen's personal security. State v. Grijalva, supra. Thus, the necessity of the search is balanced against the invasion of the privacy of the citizen that the search entails. Id.

We have held that the state has a compelling interest in removing drunk drivers from the highways. Fuenning v. Superior Court, 139 Ariz. at 595, 680 P.2d at 126. The legislature has recognized the threat of drunk drivers and enacted A.R.S. § 28-692(B), which makes it per se illegal to drive with a BAC of

.10 percent or more, a level at which virtually everyone's driving ability is impaired. Id. Against this compelling state interest we are to weigh the substantiality of the intrusion or inconvenience of roadside sobriety tests that measure physical performance of the suspected drunk driver.

In Terry the Supreme Court stated:

> We merely hold today that where a police officer observes unusual conduct which leads him reasonably to conclude in light of his experience that criminal activity may be afoot and that persons with whom he is dealing may be armed and presently dangerous, where in the course of investigating this behavior he identifies himself as a policeman and makes reasonable inquiries, and nothing in the initial stages of the encounter serves to dispel his reasonable fear for his own or others' safety, he is entitled for the protection of himself and others in the area to conduct a carefully limited search of the outer clothing of such persons in an attempt to discover weapons which might be used to assault him.

392 U.S. at 30, 88 S. Ct. at 1884.

We think Terry is on point: the threat to public safety posed by a person driving under the influence of alcohol is as great as the threat posed by a person illegally concealing a gun. If nothing in the initial stages of the stop serves to dispel the highway patrol officer's reasonable suspicion, fear for the safety of others on the highway entitles him to conduct a "carefully limited search" by observing the driver's conduct and performance of standard, reasonable tests to discover whether the driver is drunk. The battery of roadside sobriety tests is such a limited search. The duration and atmosphere of the usual traffic stop make it more analogous to a so-called Terry stop

often self-selecting. Scientists who have no interest in a new scientific principle are unlikely to evaluate it, even if a court determines they are part of a relevant scientific community. The HGN test measures a behavioral phenomenon: specifically the effects of alcohol on one aspect of human behavior, the movement of the eye. Thus, it stands to reason that experimental psychologists in the area of behavioral psychology would be interested in verifying the validity of the HGN test and should be included in the relevant scientific community. Similarly, the problem of alcohol's effect on driving ability is a major concern to scientists in the area of highway safety and they, too, should be included.

We disagree with the defendant's implication that those in the field of highway safety or law enforcement are necessarily biased. We believe the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's interest in funding research to identify the drunk driver is not subject to question in this instance. The NHTSA was addressing a complex problem: every state has either a presumptive or "per se illegal" law that makes reference to BAC (typically .10 percent). Officers whose task it is to remove violators of these laws from the roads may, upon initial suspicion, administer behavioral tests, but until recently the relationship of the tests to specific BAC levels was not well documented. The purpose of NHTSA's program was to develop a test battery to assist officers in discriminating between those drivers who are in violation of these laws and those who are not. Furthermore, it is not to the advantage of law enforcement in the

highway safety field to have an unreliable field sobriety test. It is inefficient to arrest and transport a driver for chemical testing, only to find that he is not in violation of the law. We believe that the work of highway safety professionals and behavioral psychologists who study effects of alcohol on behavior is directly affected by the claims and application of the HGN test, so that both these groups must be included in the relevant scientific community.

We are not forced to come to the same conclusion with respect to neurologists, pharmacologists, ophthalmologists and criminalists. Although it is true that the form of nystagmus that concerns us is the result of a neurological malfunction, we agree with Dr. Burns who testified that "the field of neurology does not concern itself specifically with alcohol effects on performance and even more specifically with field sobriety." She did state, however, that a "very small segment of the neurology community" concerns itself with the effects and has produced some literature. No argument has been made why the fields of pharmacology, ophthalmology and criminalistics (beyond those concerned with detecting violators of DUI laws) should be included in the relevant scientific community and no convincing reason occurs to us. We conclude, therefore, that to determine whether the HGN test satisfies the Frye requirement of general acceptance the appropriate disciplines include behavioral psychology, highway safety and, to a lesser extent, neurology and criminalistics.

We now turn to the question of whether there has been general acceptance of both the HGN test and its underlying principle. The burden of proving general acceptance is on the proponent of the new technique; it may be proved by expert testimony and scientific and legal literature. We have already summarized the expert testimony presented by the state, supra at 3-5. In addition, the state submitted both scientific publications and reports of research done for the United States Department of Transportation. These are listed in Appendix A.

At the evidentiary hearing Blake presented no evidence to refute either the substance of the expert opinion testimony or the contention that it had general acceptance. Blake and public defender amicus instead argued that there is a paucity of literature and that the appropriate scientific disciplines have not yet had the opportunity to duplicate and evaluate Dr. Burns' work.

Our own research is listed in Appendix B. The literature demonstrates to our satisfaction that those professionals who have investigated the subject do not dispute the strong correlation between BAC and the different types of nystagmus. Cf. State v. Valdez, 91 Ariz. 274, 371 P.2d 894 (1962) (concluding that lie detector tests have not been accorded such recognition). Furthermore, those who have investigated the relation between BAC and nystagmus as the eye follows a moving object have uniformly found that the higher the BAC, the earlier the onset of involuntary jerking of the eyeball. Although the publications are not voluminous, they have been before the

relevant communities a considerable period of time for any opposing views to have surfaced. See Appendix B.

Based on all the evidence we conclude there has been sufficient scrutiny of the HGN test to permit a conclusion as to reliability. The "general acceptance" requirement does not necessitate a showing of universal acceptance of the reliability of the scientific principle and procedure. United States v. Brown, 557 F.2d 541, 556 (6th Cir. 1977) (unanimity of scientific opinion is not required); J. RICHARDSON, MODERN SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE 164 (2d ed. 1974) ("substantial majority" is sufficient to show general acceptance). Neither must the principle and procedure be absolutely accurate or certain. State v. Valdez, 91 Ariz. at 280, 371 P.2d at 898.

We believe that the HGN test satisfies the Frye standard. The evidence demonstates that the following propositions have gained general acceptance in the relevant scientific community: (1) HGN occurs in conjunction with alcohol consumption; (2) its onset and distinctness are correlated to BAC; (3) BAC in excess of .10 percent can be estimated with reasonable accuracy from the combination of the eyes' tracking ability, the angle of onset of nystagmus and the degree of nystagmus at maximum deviation; and (4) officers can be trained to observe these phenomena sufficiently to estimate accurately whether BAC is above or below .10 percent. We therefore hold that, with proper foundation as to the techniques used and the officer's ability to use it (see Collins, 132 Ariz. at 196, 644 P.2d at 1282), testimony of defendant's nystagmus is admissible on the issue of a defendant's

blood alcohol level as would be other field sobriety test results on the question of the accuracy of the chemical analysis.

Our holding does not mean that evidence of nystagmus is admissible to prove BAC of .10 percent or more in the absence of a laboratory chemical analysis of blood, breath or urine. Such a use of HGN test results would raise a number of due process problems different from those associated with the chemical testing of bodily fluids. The arresting officer's "reading" of the HGN test cannot be verified or duplicated by an independent party. See Scales v. City Court of Mesa, 122 Ariz. 231, 594 P.2d 97 (1979). The test's recognized margin of error provides problems as to criminal convictions which require proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The circumstances under which the test is administered at roadside may affect the reliability of the test results. Nystagmus may be caused by conditions other than alcohol intoxication. And finally, the far more accurate chemical testing devices are readily available.

Our limitation on the use of HGN test results is also consistent with Arizona's DUI statute. When referring to the tests to be administered to determine BAC, the statute speaks in terms of taking blood, urine and breath samples from the defendant for analysis. See A.R.S. § 28-692(H). Clearly, BAC under § 12-692 is to be determined deductively from analysis of bodily fluids, not inductively from observation of involuntary bodily movements.

We also hold, therefore, that regardless of the quality and abundance of other evidence, a person may not be convicted of a

violation of A.R.S. § 28-692(B) without chemical analysis of blood, breath or urine showing a proscribed blood alcohol content pursuant to title 28, article 5 of the Arizona revised statutes. Similarly, the presumption under A.R.S. § 28-692(E)(3) that a defendant was under the influence of intoxicating liquor in violation of subsection (A) must also rest on chemical "analysis of the defendant's blood, urine, breath or other bodily substance," A.R.S. § 28-692(E), as the statute clearly states, and not on a BAC estimate based on nystagmus. Thus, evidence of HGN test results is admissible, as is other evidence in subsection (B) cases, only to corroborate the challenged accuracy of the chemical test results. See Fuenning v. Superior Court, 139 Ariz. at 599, 680 P.2d at 130. It is admissible in subsection (A) cases for the same purpose and, also, as evidence that the driver is "under the influence." It is not admissible in any criminal case as direct independent evidence to quantify blood alcohol content.

CONCLUSION

We find that the horizontal gaze nystagmus test properly administered by a trained police officer is sufficiently reliable to be a factor in establishing probable cause to arrest a driver for violating A.R.S. § 28-692(B). We further find that the horizontal gaze nystagmus test satisfies the Frye test for reliability and may be admitted in evidence to corroborate or attack, but not to quantify, the chemical analysis of the accused's blood alcohol content. It may not be used to establish

the accused's level of blood alcohol in the absence of a chemical analysis showing the proscribed level in the accused's blood, breath or urine. In subsection (A) prosecutions it is admissible, as is other evidence of defendant's behavior, to prove that he was "under the influence."

We approve the court of appeals' opinion, as modified, vacate the trial court's dismissal of the Blake prosecution for violation of A.R.S. § 28-692(B), and remand for proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN, Justice

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APPENDIX A

1. Anderson, Schweitz & Snyder, Field Evaluation of a Behavioral Test Battery for DWI, U.S. Dept. of Transportation Rep. No. DOT-HS-806-475 (1983) (field evaluation of the field sobriety test battery (HGN, one leg stand, and walk and turn) conducted by police officers from four jurisdictions indicated that battery was approximately 80 percent effective in determining BAC above and below .10 percent).

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Psychophysical Tests for DWI Arrests, U.S. Dept. of Transportation Rep. No. DOT-HS-805-864 (1981) (standardized procedures for administering and scoring the SCRI three-test battery; participating officers able to classify 81 percent of volunteers above or below .10 percent).

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APPENDIX B

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visual pursuit eye movement by increasing number of nystagmic "catch-up saccades").

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This special action concerns the use by law enforcement personnel of a field sobriety test called horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN). Since considerable public funds are about to be spent by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation, for the training of law enforcement officers throughout the state in the use of the HGN test, special action is appropriate. We hold that the trial court erred in deciding that the HGN test could not be used to determine probable cause and in dismissing the prosecution.

In the early morning hours of March 18, 1985, the real party in interest, Fredrick Blake, was driving an automobile on State Route 92 south of Sierra Vista, Arizona. He was stopped by Officer Hohn of the Arizona Highway Patrol who suspected him of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The officer had Blake perform a series of field sobriety tests and he also had Blake perform the HGN test, which involves requesting a person at the time of the stop to concentrate on an object (usually a pen) held by the officer slightly above the driver's eye level. The

object is held initially directly ahead of the driver's eyeball while it is centered and looking straight forward in relation to the head. The object is then moved toward the outside of the driver's field of vision, toward the ear and away from the nose. The officer then observes the onset of an involuntary oscillation of the eyeball and measures the angle of the onset of this oscillation in relation to the center point. The officer then calculates the blood alcohol level based upon the angle of the onset of the oscillation.

Blake's performance of the standard field sobriety test was fair, but when the HGN test was administered, the officer had no doubt that Blake had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of more than .10 per cent. In fact, he estimated that from the result of the HGN test Blake had a BAC of .17 per cent. Blake was arrested and an intoxilyzer was subsequently administered which showed that Blake had a BAC of .163 per cent. Blake was charged, inter alia, with driving while under the influence of alcohol in violation of A.R.S. §28-692(B), which makes it unlawful to drive with .10 per cent or more of alcohol in the blood.

Blake made two motions in the trial court: to dismiss the prosecution for lack of probable cause to arrest and in limine to preclude the admission of the HGN test and its results at trial. At the hearing on the motions, Officer Hohn stated that without utilizing the results of the HGN, he did not believe that he had probable cause to arrest Blake.

The trial court concluded that the HGN test failed to meet the test of reliability under Frye v. United States, 293 F. 1013 (D.C. Cir. 1923), and thus could not be used to form probable cause. The court then dismissed the prosecution.

The trial court was incorrect in deciding that that the HGN test had to meet the Frye test before it could be used to determine probable cause to arrest. The Frye test, as adopted in Arizona, is as follows: "To be accepted by a court as fact, a scientific principle must have gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs." Scales v. City Court, 122 Ariz. 231, 594 P.2d 97 (1979). See State v. Roscoe, _ Ariz. _, _ P.2d _ (No. 5831, filed December 28, 1984). The Frye test governs the admissibility of scientific evidence at trial. However, such evidence need not meet the Frye test in order to be utilized to determine probable cause to arrest. Probable cause to arrest exists where the arresting officer has reasonably trustworthy information sufficient to lead a reasonable person to believe that an offense has been committed and that the person to be arrested committed it. State v. Nelson, 129 Ariz. 582, 633 P.2d 391 (1981). Only the probability and not a prima facie showing of criminal activity is the standard for probable cause to arrest. State v. Emery, 131 Ariz. 493, 642 P.2d 838 (1982). When assessing whether probable cause exists, police officers are entitled to rely upon information not admissible at trial. Brinegar v. United States, 338 U.S. 160, 69 S.Ct. 1302, 93 L.Ed.

1897 (1949) (in a prosecution for importing intoxicating liquor into Oklahoma from Missouri in violation of the federal statutes, testimony by an investigator of the Alcohol Tax Unit that he had arrested Brinegar several months earlier for illegal transportation of liquor and that the resulting indictment was pending in another court at the time of the trial of this case was admissible at a hearing on the motion to suppress where the issue was not guilt but probable cause). In Brinegar, the court remarked:

> "The court's rulings, one admitting, the other excluding the identical testimony, were neither inconsistent nor improper. They illustrate the difference in standards and latitude allowed in passing upon the distinct issues of probable cause and guilt. Guilt in a criminal case must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and by evidence confined to that which long experience in the common-law tradition, to some extent embodied in the Constitution, has crystallized into rules of evidence consistent with that standard. These rules are historically grounded rights of our system, developed to safeguard men from dubious and unjust convictions, with resulting forfeitures of life, liberty and property.
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> However, if those standards were to be made applicable in determining probable cause for an arrest or for search and seizure, more especially in cases such as this involving moving vehicles used in the commission of crime, few indeed would be the situations in which an officer, charged with protecting the public interest by enforcing the law, could take effective action toward that end. Those standards have seldom been so applied." 69 S.CT. at 1310.

Four witnesses testified for the state on the motion to dismiss and motion in limine. Marcelline Burns has a Ph.D. from the University of California at Irvine and is a research psychologist. She is also the director of the Southern California Research Institute. The Institute is a non-profit organization incorporated by a group of researchers from UCLA, including Dr. Burns. In 1975 the United States Department of Transportation, the National Highway Safety Administration, awarded a research contract to the Southern California Research Institute to investigate and to develop the best possible field sobriety tests. Dr. Burns was the project director and conducted the research. As a result of the research the Institute recommended a three-test battery, one of which was the HGN test. Their research found a correlation between blood alcohol content and HGN and they developed the following formula: Fifty degrees minus the angle of the gaze of the onset of eye oscillation equals the BAC. This formula was validated in the field as a result of 450 administrations of the test. They found that they were able to distinguish above and below .10 per cent blood alcohol at an accuracy level of 80 per cent. Researchers in Finland had also been studying and using the HGN test and their results were the same as these of the Institute.

Based on the research done by the Institute, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has developed a training manual and training program on the HGN test and is now

training law enforcement officers nationwide on the use of the test. Dr. Burns has conducted training sessions in Arizona and California, teaching law enforcement officers to administer the HGN test. Dr. Burns testified that the HGN test had been accepted as valid by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Finnish researchers, the researchers at her institute, numerous state agencies such as the California Highway Patrol, The Arizona Highway Patrol, the Washington State Police, and by innumerable city agencies. There was no evidence introduced to show that the HGN test is not a valid test, or that it was not or had not been accepted by the particular field in which it belongs.

Also testifying for the state was Sergeant Richard Studdard, a police officer with the City of Los Angeles who is currently a supervisor in the enforcement of DWI cases. He first became involved with HGN in 1960 at the Los Angeles Police Academy where he was taught to use it for barbiturate intoxication. In 1971 the department was having major problems convicting individuals for driving under the influence of drugs and decided that it would standardize a field sobriety test battery which was applicable to both alcohol and drugs. Their work in the field actually administering the HGN test showed a direct correlation between the percentage of alcohol and the amount of HGN, but it was not until 1977, when the Southern California Institute and Dr. Burns became involved, that their

findings were corroborated. Sergeant Studdard actually participated in quite a few studies at the institute and was involved in double blind studies in which individuals were given alcohol and/or a placebo and were then examined by using the HGN test. The results were dramatic. The results of the HGN tests were extremely close to the actual blood alcohol level.

Sergeant Studdard also participated in programs at the National Highway Safety Administration and is now its consultant on field sobriety testing and HGN. He has actually trained officers in the Washington D.C. area and has been involved in a constant study of the HGN tests. He testified that he found that the accuracy rate of the HGN test in determining blood alcohol is between 80 and 90 per cent. According to Sgt. Studdard, the 10 to 20 per cent "inaccuracy" in determining the blood alcohol content is caused by the fact that drugs such as barbiturates or valium cause the same type of result on the HGN test as does alcohol. He also testified that the HGN test was especially useful in those cases where the usual field sobriety tests, such as walking a straight line and the finger-to-nose test, did not clearly disclose that the driver was under the influence. In the past, those drivers were not arrested, although they actually may have had more than .10 per cent of alcohol in their blood. Now, with the HGN test, officers are able to detect those individuals and keep them off the highways.

Sergeant Jeffrey Raynor is a sergeant with the Arizona

Highway Patrol. He currently administers the HGN training program for the state. The Arizona Law Enforcement Officers Advisory Council (ALEOAC) is a statewide police certifying agency for police officer training. Sgt. Raynor established the training program for ALEOAC. Sgt. Raynor also testified to the benefits of administering the HGN test along with the usual field sobriety tests. His experience and the experience of other law enforcement officers has shown that an experienced drinker could have .13 or .14 BAC and still might be able to perform the traditional field tests very well, thus evading arrest.

The program in the state of Arizona for the use of HGN is included in a 20-hour course of instruction which also includes other standardized field tests. The officers are given a chance to practice the HGN test on suspects who have been dosed with various amounts of alcohol. In order to be certified by ALEOAC to administer the test, they first have to perform 35 practice applications of HGN. They then take an examination where there are live drinking suspects. They have five suspects on which they perform the test and they are required to determine correctly four out of five times, within .02 per cent, the BAC of the suspect. A police officer is also required to use the HGN test regularly and he is evaluated by a supervisor or in the field by Sgt. Raynor in his HGN training to make sure that the officer maintains his proficiency. Officer Robert Hohn had been certified as an HGN specialist. All the testimony at the hearing

made clear that the efficacy of the HGN test depended upon the expertise of the officer who administered the test and that his education and on-the-job training were extremely important.

We conclude that the record shows not only that the HGN is sufficiently reliable to provide probable cause for arrest, but that with the proper foundation as to the expertise of the officer administering it, testimony concerning the administration of the test and its results is admissible at trial. The record shows that the HGN test has gained general acceptance in the field in which it belongs.

However, we wish to make clear that, on the record before us, we are unable to rule that the results of the HGN test administered to Blake would be admissible at trial. The record shows only that Officer Hohn was certified. This means that all he had to do was to be correct four out of five times in passing the exam. Considering the necessity of expertise on the part of the officer administering the test, and the importance of his continually working with the test in the field, we are unable to say that a sufficient foundation for admissibility has been laid. We do note, however, that Officer Hohn kept a log of the times the test was administered. This log would be useful if it demonstrated that Officer Hohn was as proficient in the field as he was on the examination.

The order dismissing the case is vacated and set aside and the case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with

this opinion.

LAWRENCE HOWARD, Judge.

CONCURRING:

JOSEPH M. LIVERMORE, Judge.

LLOYD FERNANDEZ, Judge.

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HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS - TRAFFIC OFFENSES - DUI - EXPERTS - TEST

State v. Supr.Ct., Blake, Real Party in Interest, 2 CA-SA 0254, Dept. A, July 25, 1985
IMPORTANT DUI CASE; ALLOWS HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

FACTS: After the defendant was stopped for DUI, he was given field sobriety tests on which he did fair. The officer also administered a Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) test and estimated that defendant's blood alcohol content was .17%. The intoxilizer showed a .163% reading. At the motion to suppress, the state presented testimony from the UCLA project director which originally researched the HGN test. The researchers found that they could determine whether a person was above or below a .10% blood alcohol level 80% of the time. Finnish researchers had reached the same results. The project director testified that HGN had been accepted by various researchers, various police agencies and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The police officer who helped develop and standardize HGN testified about his field experience with HGN and his work in the research on HGN. The officer testified that HGN was particularly useful in detecting drivers who had over .10% alcohol in their blood who would otherwise pass the field sobriety tests. The Arizona officer who adminsters HGN training testified that experienced drinkers with .13 or .14 reading could pass the other field sobriety tests and evade arrest. He testified that to be certified for HGN the officers have to be attend and 20-hour course of instruction, have to perform 35 practice tests and then have to pass an exam where they must determine the blood alcohol level of suspects within .02% four out of five times. The training officer also testified that the officer must continue to use the test regularly in the field and should be evaluated to make sure the officer maintains his proficiency. The arresting officer testified that he was certified as an HGN specialist. The arresting officer testified without HGN results, he did not think he had probable cause to arrest the defendant. The trial court ruled that the HGN test was not reliable under Frye v. United States, 293 F.2d 1013 (D.C. Cir. 1923) and thus could not be

used as part of probable cause. Accordingly, the court dismissed the prosecution. The STATE brought this SPECIAL ACTION.

ISSUE: Did the trial court err in excluding the HGN evidence?

RULING: Yes, "We conclude that the record shows not only that the HGN is sufficiently reliable to provide probable cause for arrest, but that with the proper foundation as to the expertise of the officer administering it, testimony concerning the administration of the test and its results is admissible at trial. The record shows that the HGN test has gained general acceptance in the field in which it belongs." The court went on to say that they were unable to rule on whether the results of this particular HGN test would be admissible because the only evidence about the officer's proficiency was his testimony that he was certified. The court of appeals noted that the officer kept a log of when he administered the test and said, "This log would be useful if it demonstrated that [the arresting officer] was as proficient in the field as he was on the examination." The order of dismissal is reversed and the case is remanded for further proceedings.

ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE - JUVENILES - EXCLUSION - WITNESSES - RULE 19 - CONFRONTATION - CROSS-EXAMINATION - ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE - WITNESSES - COMPETENCE - JUVENILES - WEIGHT - INCONSISTENCIES CONTRADICTIONS - SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE - SECOND DEGREE MURDER - ARGUMENT - EVIDENCE - A.R.S. § 13-1104 - A.R.S. § 8-241(A)(2)

In The Matter of the Appeal in Pinal County Juvenile Action Nos. J-1123 and J-1124, 2 CA-CIV 5319, Dept. B, July 24, 1985

FACTS: The juveniles were believed to have abused a 3 year old, causing her death. At the hearing the judge established that the juveniles had threatened the witness/victim's brother if he told what they had done to the victim. The court found the six-year-old witness/brother was competent to testify and was afraid to testify because the juveniles had threatened him. The juveniles were put in an adjacent room and they watched the testimony "on closed-circuit television." The juveniles were adjudicated delinquent on petitions alleging SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

ISSUE 1: Did this procedure violate Juvenile Court Rule 19? RULING: No, the juveniles were not "excluded" from the courtroom because they could see and hear what was happening on the television, counsel was given notice that counsel could confer with their clients whenever they wanted and frequent breaks were taken for this purpose.

OVERVIEW

of

DETECTION

NOTE TAKING

and TESTIMONY

SESSION IV

OVERVIEW OF DETECTION, NOTE TAKING AND TESTIMONY

Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- o Describe the three phases of detection.
- o Describe the tasks and key decision of each phase.
- o Discuss the uses of a standard note taking guide.
- o Discuss guidelines for effective testimony.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Three Phases of Detection	o	Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	DWI Investigation Field Notes	o	Reading Assignments
C.	Courtroom Testimony		

SESSION IV

OVERVIEW OF DETECTION
NOTE TAKING AND TESTIMONY

DWI DETECTION

Detection is both the most difficult task in the DWI enforcement effort, and the most important. If officers fail to detect DWI violators, the DWI countermeasures program ultimately will fail. If officers do not detect and arrest DWI violators, the prosecutors can not prosecute them, the courts and driver licensing officials can not impose sanctions on them, and treatment and rehabilitation programs will go unused.

The term DWI detection has been used in many different ways. Consequently it does not mean the same thing to all police officers. For the purposes of this training, DWI detection is defined as:

> THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING AND GATHERING EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A SUSPECT SHOULD BE ARRESTED FOR A DWI VIOLATION.

The detection process begins when the police officer first suspects that a DWI violation may be occurring and ends when the officer decides that there is or there is not sufficient probable cause to arrest the suspect for DWI.

Your attention may be called to a particular vehicle or individual for a variety of reasons. The precipitating event may be a loud noise; a cloud of dust; an obvious moving violation; behavior that is unusual, but not necessarily illegal; an equipment defect; or almost anything else. The initial "spark" of detection may carry with it an immediate, strong suspicion that the driver is under the influence; or only a slight, ill-formed suspicion; or even no suspicion at all at that time. In any case, it sets in motion a process wherein you focus on a particular individual and have the opportunity to observe that individual and to accumulate additional evidence.

The detection process ends when you decide either to arrest or not to arrest the individual for DWI. That decision, ideally, is based on all of the evidence that has come to light since your attention first was drawn to the suspect. Effective DWI enforcers do not simply leap immediately to the arrest/no arrest decision. Rather, they proceed carefully through a series of intermediate steps, each of which helps to identify the collect evidence.

DETECTION PHASES

The typical DWI contact involves three separate and distinct phases:

Phase One:	Vehicle in motion
Phase Two:	Personal contact
Phase Three:	Pre-arrest screening

(See Exhibit 4-1.)

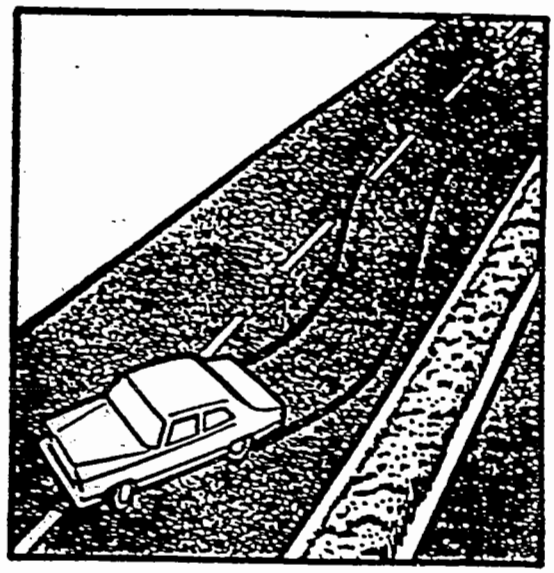
In Phase One, you usually observe the driver operating the vehicle. In Phase Two, after you have stopped the vehicle, there usually is an opportunity to observe and speak with the driver face-to-face. In Phase Three, you usually have an opportunity to administer some formal structured field sobriety tests to the driver to evaluate the degree of impairment. You may administer a preliminary breath test in addition to field sobriety tests to verify that alcohol is the cause of the impairment.

The DWI detection process does not always include all three phases. Sometimes there are DWI detection contacts in which Phase One is absent; that is, cases in which you have no opportunity to observe the vehicle in motion. This may occur at the scene of an accident to which you have been called, at a roadblock, or when you have responded to a request for motorist assistance. Sometimes there are DWI contacts in which Phase Three never occurs; that is cases in which you administer no formal tests to the driver. This may occur when the driver is grossly intoxicated or badly injured, or refuses to submit to tests.

EXHIBIT 4-1

DWI DETECTION PHASES

1. Vehicle in Motion



2. Personal Contact

3. Pre-Arrest Screening

MAJOR TASKS AND DECISIONS

Each detection phase usually involves two major tasks and one major decision (See Exhibit 4-2.)

In Phase One: Your first task is to observe the vehicle in operation. Based on this observation, you must decide whether there is sufficient cause to command the driver to stop. Your second task is to observe the stopping sequence.

In Phase Two: Your first task is to observe and interview the driver face-to-face. Based on this observation, you must decide whether there is sufficient cause to instruct the driver to step from the vehicle for further investigation. Your second task is to observe the driver's exit and walk from the vehicle.

In Phase Three: Your first task is to administer structured, formal psychophysical tests. Based on these tests, you must decide whether there is sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI. Your second task is then to arrange for (or administer) a Preliminary Breath Test.

Each of the major decisions can have any one of three different outcomes:

1. Yes - Do it Now
2. Wait - Look for Additional Evidence
3. No - Don't Do It

- o make the correct observations; and
- o are motivated and apply their knowledge and skill whenever they contact someone who may be under the influence.

Officers like these are likely to make more arrests and to document the clear, convincing evidence needed to secure convictions.

EXHIBIT 4-3

DWI DETECTION

Answers to questions like these can aid you in DWI detection.

Phase One:

- o What is the driver doing?
- o Do I have grounds to stop the driver?
- o How does the driver respond to my signal to stop?
- o How does the driver handle the vehicle during the stopping sequence?

Phase Two:

- o When I approach the vehicle, what do I see?
- o When I talk with the driver, what do I hear, see and smell?
- o How does the driver respond to my questions?
- o Should I instruct the driver to exit the vehicle?
- o How does the driver exit?
- o When the driver walks toward the side of the road, what do I see?

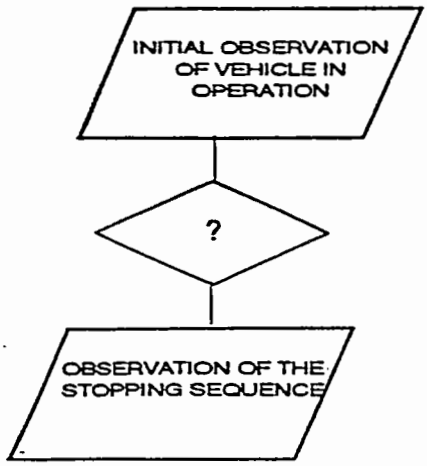
Phase Three:

- o Should I administer field sobriety tests to the driver?
- o How does the driver perform those tests?
- o What exactly does the driver do wrong when performing the tests?
- o Do I have probable cause to arrest for DWI?
- o Should I administer a preliminary breath test?
- o What are the results of the preliminary breath test?
- o Is the impairment caused by alcohol, drugs, illness, or a combination.

EXHIBIT 4-2

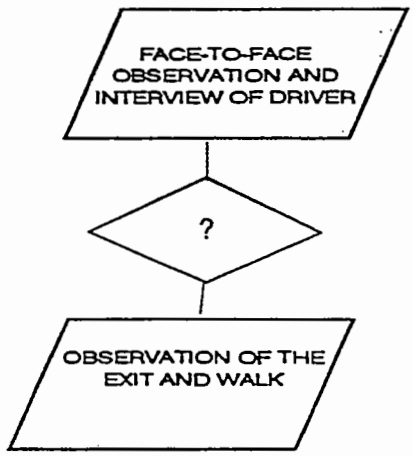
DWI DETECTION PHASES

PHASE ONE:
Vehicle In Motion



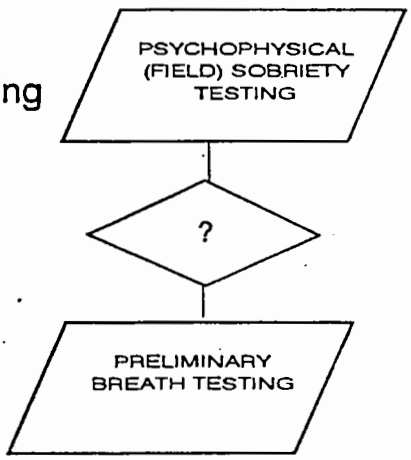
SHOULD I
STOP THE DRIVER?

PHASE TWO:
Personal Contact



SHOULD THE
DRIVER EXIT?

PHASE THREE:
Prearrest Screening



IS THERE PROBABLE CAUSE TO
ARREST THE SUSPECT FOR DWI?

Consider the following examples.

1. Yes - Do It Now

   Phase One: Yes, there are reasonable grounds to stop the driver.

   Phase Two: Yes, there is enough reason to suspect alcohol/drug impairment to justify getting the driver out of the vehicle for further investigation.

   Phase Three: Yes, there is probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI right now.

2. Wait - Look for Additional Evidence

   Phase One: Don't stop the driver yet; keep following and observing the driver a bit longer.

   Phase Two: Don't get the driver out of the car yet; keep talking to and observing the driver a bit longer. (This option may be limited if the officer's personal safety is at risk.)

   Phase Three: Don't arrest the driver yet; administer another field sobriety test before deciding.

3. Don't Do It:

   Phase One: No, there are no grounds for stopping that driver.

   Phase Two: No, there isn't enough evidence of DWI to justify administering field sobriety tests.

   Phase Three: No, there is not sufficient probable cause to believe this driver has committed DWI.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

In each phase of detection, you must determine whether there is sufficient evidence to establish "reasonable suspicion" necessary to proceed to the next step in the detection process. It is always your duty to carry out whatever tasks are appropriate, to make sure that all relevant evidence of DWI is brought to light. (See Exhibit 4-3).

The most successful DWI detectors are those officers who:

- know what to look and listen for;
- have the skills to ask the right kinds of questions;
- choose and use the right kinds of tests;

NOTE TAKING AND TESTIMONY

INTRODUCTION

A basic skill needed for DWI enforcement is the ability to graphically describe your observations. Just as detection is the process of collecting evidence, description largely is the process of conveying evidence. Successful description demands the ability to convey evidence clearly and convincingly. Your challenge is to communicate evidence to people who weren't there to see, hear and smell the evidence themselves. Your tools are the words that make up your written report and verbal testimony. You must communicate with the supervisor, the prosecutor, the judge, the jury and even with the defense attorney. You are trying to "paint a word picture" for those people, to develop a sharp mental image that allows them to "see" what you saw; "hear" what you heard; and "smell" what you smelled.

Officers with the knowledge, skills and motivation to select the most appropriate words for both written reports and courtroom testimony will communicate clearly and convincingly, making them most successful in DWI prosecution. (See Exhibit 4-4.)

DWI INVESTIGATION FIELD NOTES

One of the most critical tasks in the DWI enforcement process is the recognition and retention of facts and cues that establish probable cause to stop, investigate and subsequently arrest persons suspected of driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or both. The evidence gathered during the detection process must establish the elements of the violation, and must be documented to support successful prosecution of the violator. This evidence is largely sensory (sight, smell, hearing) in nature, and therefore is extremely short-lived.

EXHIBIT 4-4

USING CLEAR AND CONVINCING LANGUAGE

Field notes are only as good as the information they contain. Reports must be clearly written and events accurately described if the reports are to have evidentiary value. One persistent problem with DWI incident reports is the use of vague language to describe conditions, events and statements. When vague language is used, reports provide a confused picture of what happened. When clear language is used, reports provide an accurate picture of what happened. Clear and convincing field notes provide strong evidence in court.

Consider the following examples.

Vague Language	Clear Language
o Made an illegal left turn on Jefferson	o From Main, turned left (north-bound) on Jefferson, which is one way southbound.
o Drove erratically	o Weaving from side to side. Crossed center line twice and drove on shoulder three times.
o Driver appeared drunk	o Driver's eyes bloodshot; gaze fixed; hands shaking. Strong odor of alcoholic beverage on driver's breath.
o Vehicle stopped in unusual fashion	o Vehicle struck, climbed curb; stopped on sidewalk.
o Vehicle crossed the center line	o Vehicle drifted completely into the opposing traffic lane.

You must be able to recognize and act on the facts and circumstances with which you are confronted. But you also must be able to recall those observations, and describe them clearly and convincingly to secure a conviction. You may be inundated with evidence of DWI, i.e., sights, sounds, smells. You recognize this evidence, sometimes subconsciously, and on this evidence based your decisions to stop, to investigate and ultimately to arrest.

Since evidence of a DWI violation is short-lived, you need a system and tools for recording field notes at scenes of DWI investigations. Most officers make handwritten field notes. Technological advances have made it possible to use audio tape recorders and video tape recorders in the field, and they provide an excellent means of documenting this short-lived evidence. However, recorders are not always available. The vast majority of officers must rely on field notes they take themselves, by hand.

One way to improve the effectiveness of your handwritten field notes is to use a structures note taking guide. The guide makes it easy to record brief "notes" on each step on the detection process and ensures that vital evidence is documented. The field notes provide the information necessary for completion of required DWI report forms and assist you in preparing a written account of the incident. The field notes will also be useful if you are required to provide oral testimony, since they can be used to refresh your memory.

A model note taking guide is provided for your use. A brief description follows. Details are provided in subsequent units.

NOTE TAKING GUIDE

Remember that you must document those actions which gave you reasonable suspicion or probable cause to justify further investigation of a suspected DWI incident.

Section I provides space to record basic information describing the suspect, the vehicle, the location, and the date and time the incident occurred.

Section II provides space to record brief descriptions of the vehicle in motion (Detection Phase One), including initial observation of the vehicle in operation, and observation of the stopping sequence.

Section III provides space to record brief descriptions of the personal contact with the suspect (Detection Phase Two), including observation of the driver, statements or responses made by the driver or passengers, the results of any pre-exit sobriety tests*, observation of the driver exiting the vehicle, and any odors that may be present.

Section IV provides space to record the results of all field sobriety tests that were administered, and the results of the preliminary breath test (PBT) if such a test was given.

Section V provides space to record general observations, such as the suspect's manner of speech, attitude, clothing, etc. Any physical evidence collected should also be noted in this section.

Since this is a note taking guide and space is limited, you will have to develop your own "shorthand" system. Your notes should be as descriptive as possible and should create "mental pictures" of the facts, circumstances or events being described. You will use these notes to refresh your memory to write the arrest report and testify in court.

NOTE: Field Notes may be subpoenaed as evidence in court. It is important that any "shorthand" system you use be describable, usable, complete and consistent.

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* Pre-exit sobriety tests are simple techniques that officers can use to obtain an initial assessment of a driver's impairment while the driver is still seated inside the vehicle or when standing at roadside. Pre-exit tests consist of carefully chosen questions, alphabet and number recitations, and simple dexterity tests involving the fingers and hands. These tests are covered in detail in Unit 7.

DWI INVESTIGATION FIELD NOTES

NAME _____ SEX _____ RACE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ OP. LIC. NO. _____

D.O.B. ___/___/___ SOC. SEC. #: _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ YEAR _____ LIC. _____ STATE _____

DISPOSITION _____ NO. PASSENGERS _____

INCIDENT LOCATION _____

DATE ___/___/___ TIME _____ ACCIDENT ☐ YES ☐ NO

II VEHICLE IN MOTION

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS _____

OBSERVATION OF STOP _____

III PERSONAL CONTACT

OBSERVATION OF DRIVER _____

STATEMENTS _____

PRE-EXIT SOBRIETY TESTS _____

OBSERVATION OF THE EXIT _____

ODORS _____

IV PRE - ARREST SCREENING

HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

NOTE: SUSPECT WEARING CONTACTS?

NO ☐ YES ☐ HARD ☐ ☐

		LEFT	RIGHT
✪ EYE DOES NOT PURSUE SMOOTHLY	____		
✪ DISTINCT NYSTAGMUS AT MAXIMUM DEVIATION	____		
✪ NYSTAGMUS ONSET BEFORE 45 DEGREES			

OTHER: _____

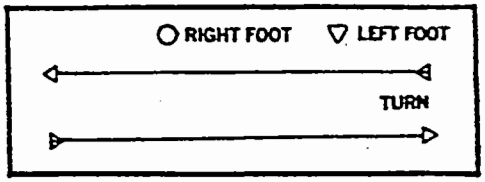
IV PRE-ARREST SCREENING (CONTINUED)

WALK__ AND__ TURN____

INSTRUCTIONS STAGE

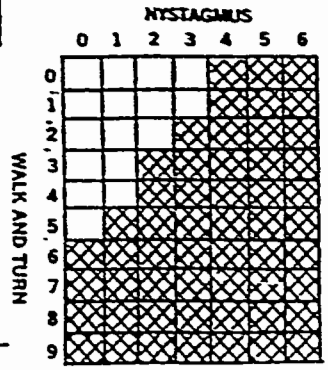
CANNOT KEEP BALANCE ☐

STARTS TOO SOON ☐



WALKING STAGE

	FIRST NINE STEPS	SECOND NINE STEPS
STOPS WALKING		
MISSES HEEL - TOE		
STEPS OFF LINE		
RAISES ARMS		
ACTUAL STEPS TAKEN		



THE TURN (DESCRIBE) _____

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

_____

OTHER: _____

ONE LEG STAND

	0 TO 10 SEC'S	11 to 20 SEC'S	21 to 30 SEC'S
SWAYS			
RAISES ARMS			
HOPS			
FOOT DOWN			

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

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_____

OTHER: _____

_____

_____

PBT ☐

OTHER FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS

NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

_____

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_____

NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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_____

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE _____

_____

_____

_____

V GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

SPEECH _____

_____

ATTITUDE _____

_____

CLOTHING _____

_____

OTHER _____

_____

COURTROOM TESTIMONY

Although only a minority of DWI cases actually come to trial, the arresting officer must be fully prepared to testify in court on any case. Testimonial evidence in DWI cases usually is the only way to establish that the accused was in fact the driver of the vehicle alleged to have been involved in the DWI incident. Testimonial evidence also may be the primary and sometimes the only means of establishing that the accused was intoxicated, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Even when scientific evidence is available, supportive testimonial evidence will be required to permit introduction of that scientific evidence in court.

PREPARATION

Testimonial evidence must be clear and convincing to be effective. The first requirement for effective testimony is preparation. Testimony preparation begins at the time of the DWI incident. From the very beginning of the DWI contact, it is your responsibility to:

- o recognize significant evidence;
- o compile complete, accurate Field Notes;
- o prepare a complete and accurate incident report.

Testimony preparation continues prior to trial. Just before the trial, you should:

- o review Field Notes;
- o review case jacket/file;
- o mentally organize elements of offense, and the evidence available to prove each element;
- o mentally organize testimony to convey observations clearly and convincingly; and
- o discuss the case with the prosecutor.

IN COURT

In court, your testimony should be organized chronologically and should cover each phase of the DWI incident:

- o initial observation of vehicle, the driver or both;
- o reinforcing cues, maneuvers or actions, observed after signaling driver to stop, but before driver's vehicle came to a complete stop;

- statements and other evidence obtained during your initial face-to-face contact with driver;
- pre-arrest screening sobriety tests administered to the driver;
- the arrest itself; including procedures used to inform suspect of arrest, admonish suspect of rights, and so on;
- suspect's actions and statements subsequent to the arrest;
- observation and interrogation of suspect subsequent to the arrest;
- the request for the chemical test; including the procedures used, admonition of rights and requirements, and so on;
- the conduct and results of the chemical test, if you were also the testing officer.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following sentences.

1. DWI detection is defined as _____

_____

_____

2. The three phases in a typical DWI contact are:

   Phase One _____

   Phase Two _____

   Phase Three _____

3. In Phase One, the officer usually has an opportunity to _____

_____

_____

4. Phase Three may not occur if _____

_____

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5. In Phase Two, the officer must decide _____

_____

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6. Each major decision can have any one of _____ different outcomes.

   These are _____

_____

_____

7. At each phase of detection, the officer must determine _____

_____

_____

8. Evidence of DWI is largely _____ in nature.

9. Police officers need a system and tools for recording field notes at scenes of DWI investigations because DWI evidence is _____.

10. Testimony preparations begins _____

_____

_____

11. List two things the officer should do to prepare testimony just before the trial.

a. _____

b. _____

12. In court, the officer's testimony should be organized _____

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13. The conditions and results of the Chemical test are included in the arresting officer's testimony if _____

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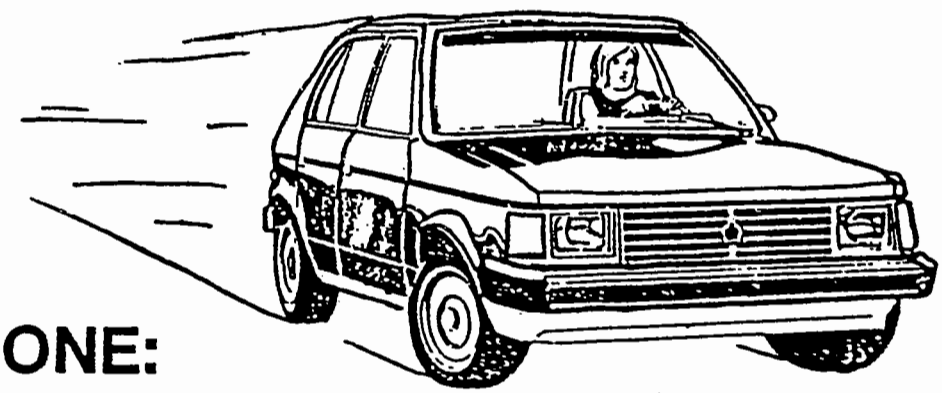
DWI DETECTION



PHASE ONE:

VEHICLE IN MOTION

SESSION V

PHASE ONE: VEHICLE IN MOTION

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PHASE ONE: VEHICLE IN MOTION

Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- o Identify typical cues of Detection Phase One.
- o Describe the observed cues clearly and convincingly.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Overview: Tasks and Decision	o	Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	Initial Observations: Visual Cues Impaired Operation	o	Video Presentation
C.	Recognition and Description of Initial Cues	o	Instructor-Led Demonstrations
D.	Typical Reinforcing Cues of the Stopping Sequence	o	Student's Presentations
E.	Recognition and Description of Initial and Reinforcing Cues		

DWI DETECTION PHASE ONE: VEHICLE IN MOTION

Your first task in Phase One: Vehicle in Motion is to observe the vehicle in operation to note any initial cues of a possible DWI violation. At this point you must decide whether there is sufficient cause to stop the vehicle, either to conduct further investigation to determine if the suspect may be impaired, or for another traffic violation. You are not committed to arresting the suspect for DWI based on this initial observation, but rather should concentrate on gathering all relevant evidence that may suggest impairment. Your second task during phase one is to observe the manner in which the suspect responds to your signal to stop, and to note any additional evidence of a DWI violation.

The first task, observing the vehicle in motion, begins when you first notice the vehicle, driver or both. Your attention may be drawn to the vehicle by such things as:

- a moving traffic violation;
- an equipment violation;
- an expired registration or inspection sticker;
- unusual driving actions, such as deviating within a lane or moving at slower than normal speed; or
- "Evidence of drinking" or drugs in vehicle.

If this initial observation discloses vehicle maneuvers or human behaviors that may be associated with the influence of alcohol, you may develop an initial suspicion of DWI.

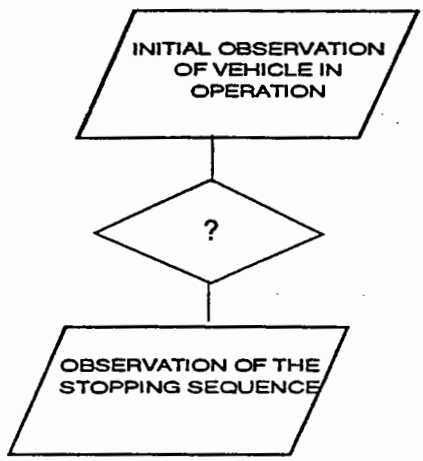
Based upon this initial observation of the vehicle in motion, you must decide whether there is probable cause to stop the vehicle. At this point you have three choices:

- stop the vehicle;
- continue to observe the vehicle; or
- disregard the vehicle.

DWI DETECTION PHASE ONE: VEHICLE IN MOTION

Phase One Tasks and Decisions

PHASE ONE:
Vehicle In Motion



SHOULD I
STOP THE DRIVER?

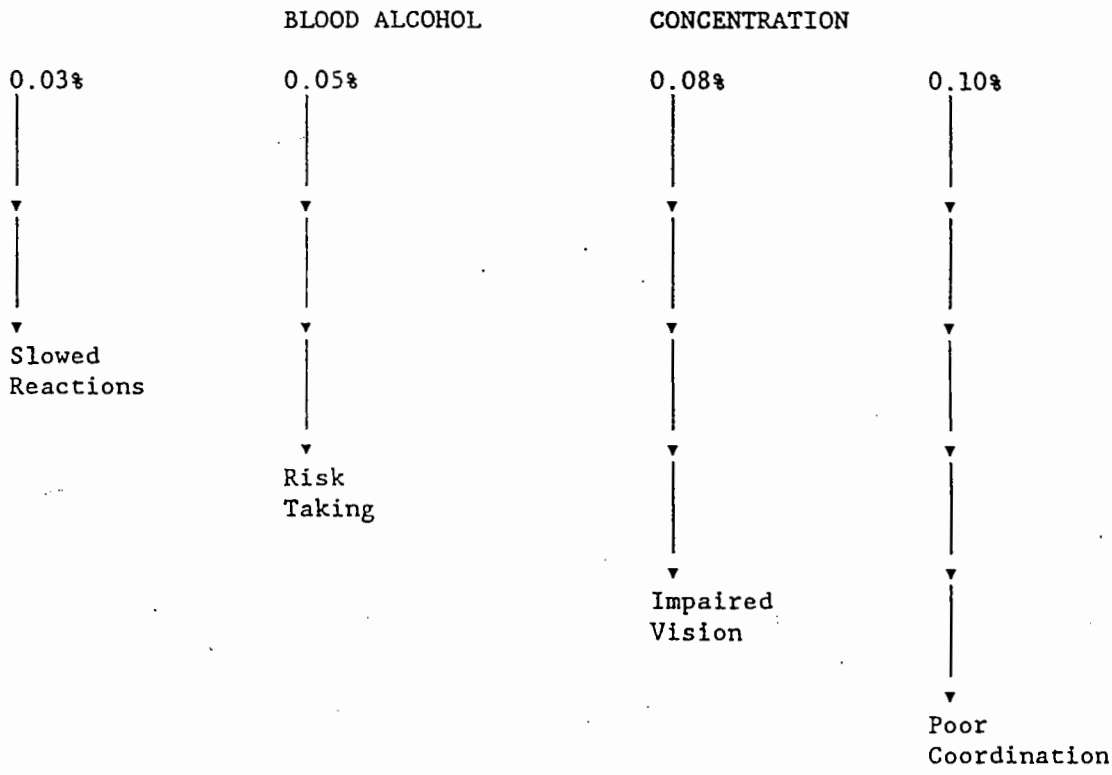
Drivers who are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or both frequently exhibit certain effects or symptoms of impairment. These include:

- o slowed reactions;
- o impaired judgment as evidenced by a willingness to take risks;
- o impaired vision; and
- o poor coordination

The next page presents common symptoms of alcohol influence. This unit focuses on alcohol impairment because research currently provides more information about the effects of alcohol on driving than it does about the effects of other drugs on driving. Remember that whether the driver is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, the law enforcement detection process is the same, and the offense is still DWI.

The common effects of alcohol on the driver's mental and physical faculties lead to predictable driving violations and vehicle operating characteristics. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) sponsored research to identify the most common and reliable initial indicators of DWI. This research identified 20 cues, each with an associated high probability that the driver exhibiting the cue is under the influence. These cues and their associated probabilities are described in the following Special Section, Initial Visual DWI Detection Cues. They also are discussed in Visual Detection of Driving While Intoxicated, a film sponsored by NHTSA to assist law enforcement officers to recognize DWI detection cues. This film is included in the training videotape.

COMMON SYMPTOMS OF ALCOHOL INFLUENCE



INITIAL VISUAL DWI DETECTION CUES

Following are 20 cues which police officers may use to detect nighttime drunk drivers. The cues were developed from interviews with a variety of law enforcement specialists in DWI detection; from a detailed analysis of more than 1,000 DWI arrest reports from different geographical regions; and from a field study in which cues observed in more than 600 patrol stops were correlated with driver BAC levels. These cues represent the most systematically developed method available for visually predicting whether a vehicle operated at night is being driven by a DWI driver or a sober driver.

PROBABILITY VALUES

The number given after each visual cue is the probability that a driver exhibiting that cue has a BAC equal to or greater than 0.10 percent. For example, the 65 for the first cue, Turning With Wide Radius, meas that chances are 65 out of 100 that a driver who turns with wide radius at night will have a BAC equal to or greater than 0.10 percent. The 50 for Drifting means that chances are 50 out of 100 (50:50) that a driver who is drifting at night will have a BAC equal to or greater than 0.10 percent.

Each value shown is based on seeing only one cue. However, multiple cues are often seen. When two or more cues are seen, add 10 to the highest value among the cues observed. For example:

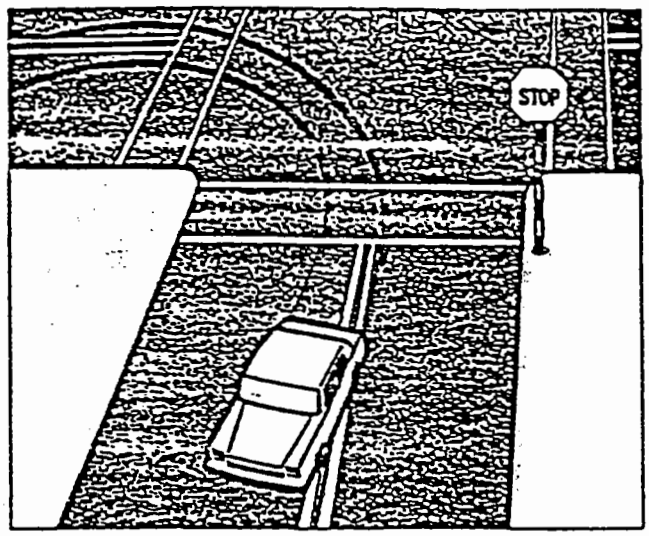
Turning with Wide Radius	65
and	
Drifting (50)	10
	75

Chances are 75 out of 100 that a driver who exhibits both these cues will have a BAC equal to or greater than 0.10 percent.

VISUAL CUE DESCRIPTIONS

65% Turning With Wide Radius

During a turn, the radius defined by the distance between the turning vehicle and the center of the turn is greater than normal.



65% Straddling Center or Lane Marker

The vehicle is moving straight ahead with the center or lane marker between the left-hand and right-hand wheels.

60% Appearing to be Drunk

This cue is actually one or more of a set of indicators related to the personal behavior or appearance of the driver. Examples of specific indicators might include:

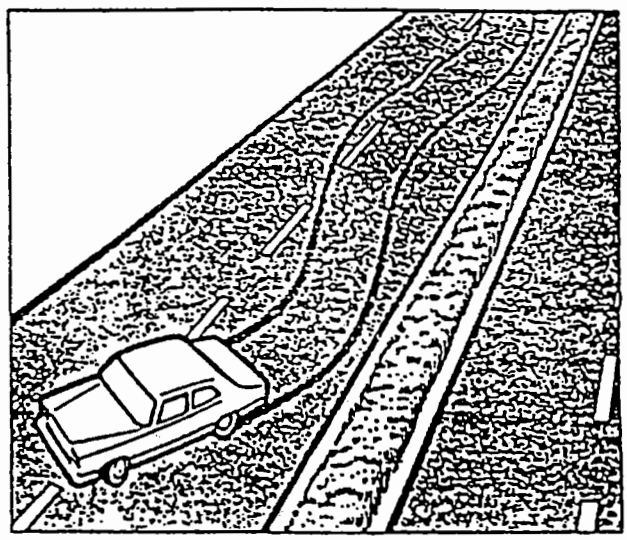
- Eye fixation
- Tightly gripping the steering wheel
- Slouching in the seat
- Gesturing erratically or obscenely
- Face close to the windshield
- Drinking in the vehicle
- Driver's head protruding from vehicle

60% Almost Striking Object or Vehicle

The observed vehicle almost strikes a stationary object or another moving vehicle. Examples include: passing abnormally close to a sign, wall, building, or other object; passing abnormally close to another moving vehicle; and causing another vehicle to maneuver to avoid collision.

60% Weaving

Weaving occurs when the vehicle alternately moves toward one side of the roadway and then the other, creating a zig-zag course. The pattern of lateral movement is relatively regular as one steering correction is closely followed by another.

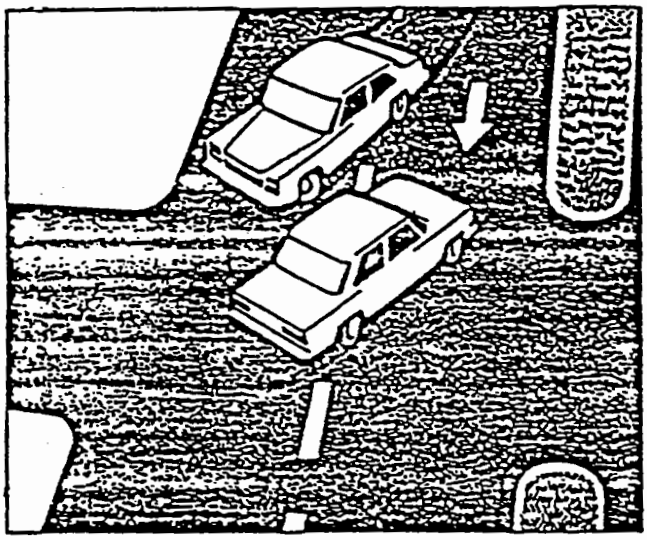


55% Driving on Other Than Designated Roadway

The vehicle is observed being driven on other than the roadway designated for traffic movement. Examples include driving: at the edge of the roadway, on the shoulder, off the roadway entirely, and straight through turn-only lanes or areas.

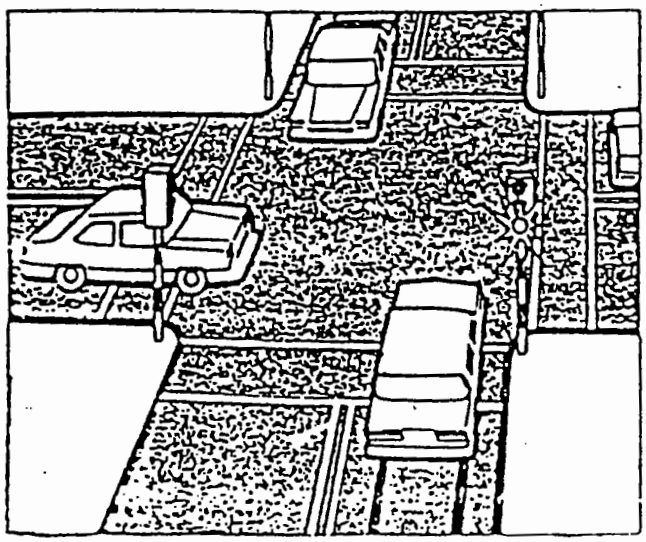
45% Driving Into Opposing or Crossing Traffic

The vehicle is observed heading into opposing or crossing traffic under one or more of the following circumstances: driving in the opposing lane; backing into traffic; failing to yield the right-of-way; driving the wrong way on a one-way street. The last circumstance is illustrated below.



35% Stopping Inappropriately (Other Than in Traffic Lane)

The observed vehicle stops at an inappropriate location or under inappropriate conditions, other than in the traffic lane. Examples include stopping: in a prohibited zone; at a crosswalk; far short of an intersection; on a walkway; across lanes; for a green traffic signal; or for a flashing yellow traffic signal.

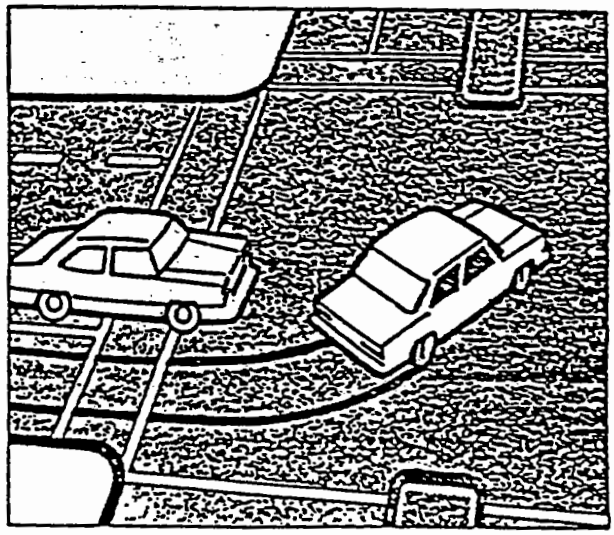


40% Slow Response to Traffic Signals

The observed vehicle exhibits a longer than normal response to a change in traffic signal. For example, the driver remains stopped at the intersection for an abnormally long period of time after the traffic signal has turned green.

35% Turning Abruptly or Illegally

The driver executes any turn that is abnormally abrupt or illegal. Specific examples include: turning with excessive speed; turning sharply from the wrong lane; making a U illegally; turning from outside a designated turn lane.



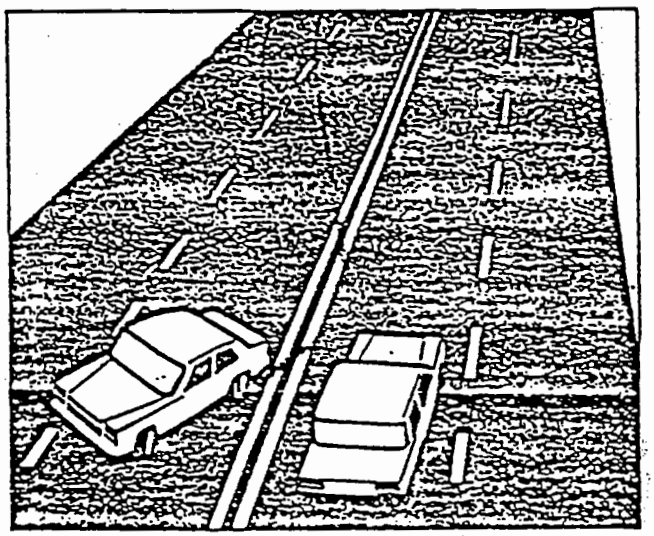
30% Accelerating or Decelerating Rapidly

This cue encompasses any acceleration or deceleration that is significantly more rapid than that required by the traffic conditions. Rapid acceleration might be accompanied by breaking traction; rapid deceleration might be accompanied by an abrupt stop. Also a vehicle might alternately accelerate and decelerate rapidly.

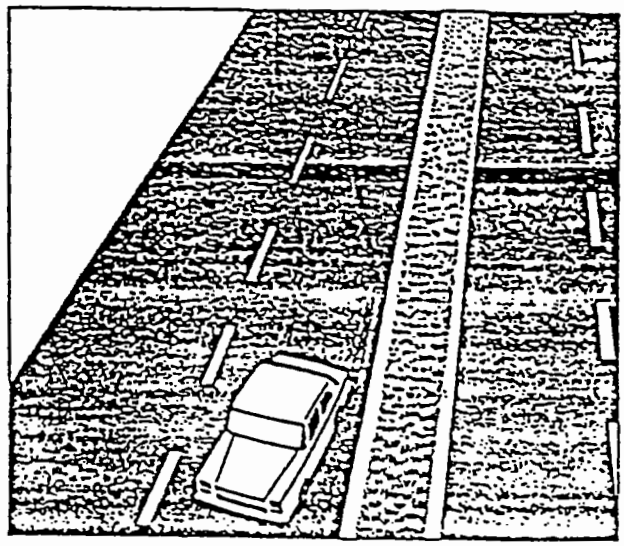
30% Headlights Off

The observed vehicle is being driven with both headlights off during a period of the day when the use of headlights is required.

55% Swerving	A swerve is an abrupt turn away from a generally straight course. Swerving might occur directly after a period of drifting when the driver discovers the approach of traffic in an oncoming lane or discovers that the vehicle is going off the road; swerving might also occur as an abrupt turn is executed to return the vehicle to the traffic lane. In the illustration below, a swerve was executed to return to a lane after a period of drifting toward opposing traffic.



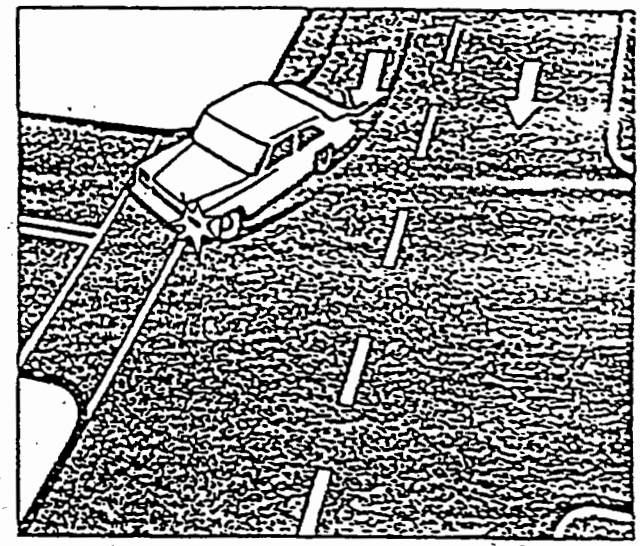
50% Speed Slower Than 10 M.P.H. Below Limit	The observed vehicle is being driven at a speed that is more than 10 MPH below the speed limit.
50% Stopping Without Cause in Traffic Lane	The critical element in this cue is that there is no observable justification for the vehicle to stop in the traffic lane; the stop is not caused by traffic conditions, traffic signals, an emergency situation, or related circumstances. Intoxicated drivers might stop in lane when their capability to interpret information and make decisions becomes severely impaired. As a consequence, stopping (without cause) in the traffic lane is likely to occur at intersections or other decision points.
50% Following Too Closely	The vehicle is observed following another vehicle while not maintaining the legal minimum separation.
50% Drifting	Drifting is a straight-line movement of the vehicle at a slight angle to the roadway. As the driver approaches a marker or boundary (lane marker, center line, edge of the roadway), the direction of drift might change. As shown in the illustration, the vehicle drifts across the lane marker into another lane, then the driver makes a correction and the vehicle drifts back across the lane marker. Drifting might be observed within a single lane, across lanes, across the center line, onto the shoulder, and from lane to lane.



45% Tires on Center or Lane Marker	The left-hand set of tires of the observed vehicle is consistently on the center line, or either set of tires is consistently on the lane marker.
45% Braking Erratically	The driver of the observed vehicle breaks unnecessarily, maintains pressure on the brake pedal ("riding the brakes"), or brakes in an uneven or jerky manner.

40% Signaling Inconsistent With Driving Actions

A number of possibilities exist for the driver's signaling to be inconsistent with the associated driving actions. This cue occurs when inconsistencies such as the following are observed: failing to signal a turn or lane change; signaling opposite to the turn or lane change executed; signaling constantly with no accompanying driving action; and driving with four-way hazard flashers on.



A pocket-sized booklet listing these cues is available free of charge from:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Administrative Operations Division
Room 4423, 400 Seventh Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20590

Ask for Guide for Detecting Drunk Drivers at Night. (DOT HS 805 711).

3. DIVIDED ATTENTION

It is important to understand the effects of alcohol are exhibited in driving so that the significance of visual cues will be recognized. Driving is a complex task involving a number of subtasks, many of which occur simultaneously. These include:

- steering;
- controlling the accelerator;
- signaling;
- controlling the brake pedal
- operating the clutch;
- operating to gearshift;
- observing other traffic;
- observing signal lights, stop signs & other traffic control devices; and
- making decisions (whether to stop, turn, speed up, slow down).

Safe driving demands the ability to divide attention among these various tasks. "Divided attention" simply means the ability to concentrate on two or more things at the same time. Under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a driver's ability to divide attention is impaired. As a result, the impaired driver tends to concentrate on only the most important or critical parts of driving and to disregard the less important parts, often creating unexpected or dangerous situations for other drivers. Two examples were particularly evident in the videotape segment Visual Detection of Driving While Intoxicated. In one instance the driver signaled for left turn, but actually turned right. In the other, the driver stopped for a green light. In each case the driver was suffering impaired ability to divide attention.

- The first driver was concentrating on steering, looking for the street where he wished to turn and slowing for the turn. The driver realized that a signal was required and actually operated the signal lever. But the driver didn't have enough attention left to move the lever in the right direction. Therefore he signaled left, but turned right.

- The second driver was concentrating on controlling the car's speed and direction. He noticed the traffic light, but he did not have enough attention left to react to the specific color of the light. Therefore he stopped for a green light.

Some of the most significant evidence from all three phases of DWI detection can be related directly to the effects of alcohol or drugs on divided attention ability. We will return to the concept of divided attention in Session VI. Personal Contact and Session VII. Pre-arrest Screening.

4. RECOGNIZING AND DESCRIBING INITIAL CUES

Observing the vehicle in operation is the first task in DWI detection. Proper performance of that task requires two distinct but related abilities:

- o the ability to recognize evidence of alcohol or drug influence; and
- o the ability to describe that evidence clearly and convincingly.

It is not enough that you observe and recognize symptoms of impaired driving. You also must be able to describe what happened so that others will have a clear mental picture of what took place. Improving your ability to recognize and clearly describe observational evidence requires practice.

5. THE STOPPING SEQUENCE

Your second task during Phase One of the detection process is to observe the manner in which the driver responds to your signal to stop, and to note any additional evidence of a DWI violation.

Cues reinforcing the suspicion of DWI may be found in the stopping sequence. After the command to stop is given, the alcohol impaired driver may exhibit additional important evidence of DWI. These cues may include:

- o an attempt to flee;
- o no response;
- o slow response;
- o an abrupt swerve;
- o sudden stop; and
- o striking the curb or another object.

Some of these cues come to light because the stop command places additional demands on the driver's ability to divide attention. The signal to stop creates a new situation with which the driver must cope. Flashing emergency lights or a siren demand and divert the driver's attention, requiring that the driver now divide attention between driving and responding to the stop command. Stopping itself requires the driver simultaneously to turn the steering wheel, put on the brakes, use a turn signal, and so on. Thus the driver's task becomes more complex when the stop command is given. A driver under the influence may not be able to handle this more complex task and additional evidence of impairment may appear.

It is your responsibility to recognize, record and convey the additional evidence of driving impairment that may come to light during the stopping sequence. This task, like Task One, observing the vehicle in operation, requires:

- o the ability to recognize evidence of alcohol or drug influence; and
- o the ability to describe that evidence clearly and convincingly.

Recognizing and describing the reinforcing cues of DWI that appear during the stopping sequence requires practice.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following sentences.

1. The Phase One tasks are _____

_____

2. Two common symptoms of impairment are:

   a. _____

   b. _____

3. When two or more visual cues to DWI are seen add _____ to the largest value observed to calculate the probability that the driver has a BAC equal to or greater than _____ percent.

4. Alcohol impairs the ability to _____ among tasks.

5. Three cues reinforcing the suspicion of DWI which may be observed during the stopping sequence are:

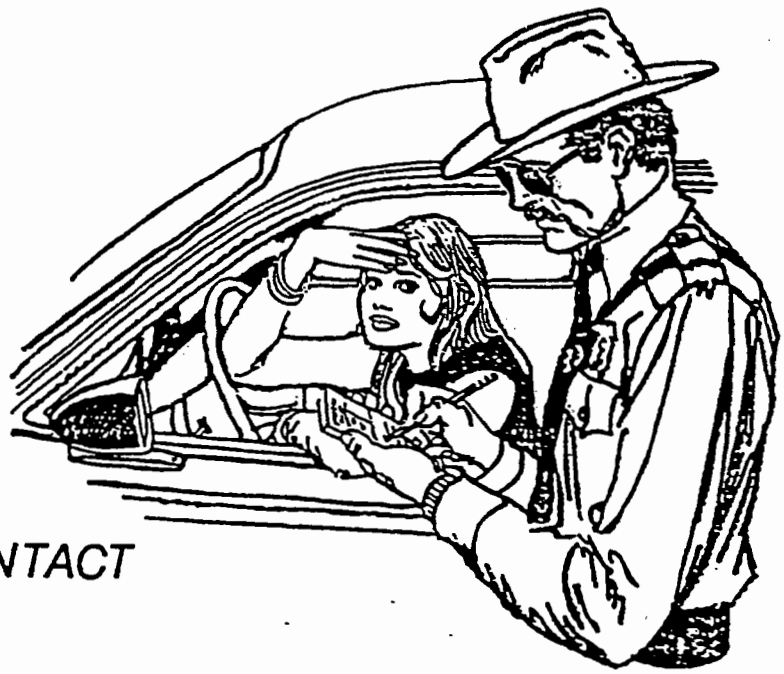
   a. _____

   b. _____

   c. _____

DWI DETECTION

PHASE TWO:



PERSONAL CONTACT

SESSION VI

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Upon successfully completing this session, the students will be able to:

- o Identify typical clues of Detection Phase Two.
- o Describe the observed clues clearly and convincingly.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A.	Overview: Tasks and Decision	o Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	Typical Investigation Clues of the Driver Interview	o Video Presentation
C.	Recognition and Description of Investigation Clues	o Instructor-Led Demonstrations
D.	Recognition and Description of Initial, Reinforcing and investigative Clues	o Student's Presentations
E.	Interview/Questions Techniques	
F.	Typical Clues of the Exit Sequence	

PERSONAL CONTACT

OVERVIEW

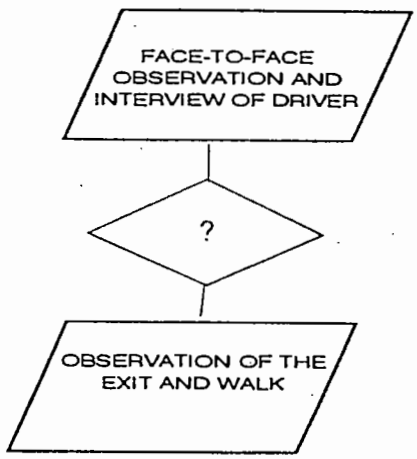
DWI Detection Phase Two: Personal Contact, like Phases One and Three, comprises two major evidence gathering tasks and one major decision. Your first task is to approach, observe and interview the driver while they are still in the vehicle to note any face-to-face evidence of impairment. During this face-to-face contact you may administer some simple pre-exit sobriety tests to gain additional information to evaluate whether or not the driver is impaired. After this evaluation, you must decide whether to request the driver to exit the vehicle for further field sobriety testing. In some jurisdictions this decision is an automatic one: departmental policy dictates that all drivers stopped on suspicion of DWI be instructed to exit. It is important to note that by instructing the driver to exit the vehicle, you still are not committed to an arrest; this is simply another step in the DWI detection process. Once you have requested the driver to exit the vehicle, your second task is to observe the manner in which the driver exits to note any additional evidence of impairment.

NOTE: You may initiate Phase Two without Phase One. This may occur, for example, at a roadblock, or when you have responded to the scene of an accident.

TASK ONE

The first task of Phase Two, observation and interview of the driver, begins as soon as the suspect vehicle and the patrol vehicle have come to complete stops. It continues through your approach to the suspect vehicle and involves all conversation between you and the driver prior to the driver's exit from the vehicle.

PHASE TWO:
Personal Contact



SHOULD THE DRIVER EXIT?

You may have developed a strong suspicion that the driver is under the influence prior to the face-to-face observation and interview. You may have developed this suspicion by observing something unusual while the vehicle was in motion, or during the stopping sequence. On the other hand, you may have developed no suspicion of DWI prior to the face-to-face contact. The vehicle operation and the stop may have been fairly normal; you may have seen no actions suggestive of DWI. For example, you may have stopped the vehicle for a simple taillight violation, or for speeding, where no erratic or unusual driving was evident. In some cases, Phase One will have been absent. For example, you may first encounter the driver and vehicle after an accident or when responding to a request for motorist assistance.

Regardless of the evidence that may have come to light during Detection Phase One, your initial face-to-face contact with the driver usually provides the first definite indications that the driver is under the influence.

DECISION

Based upon your face-to-face interview and observation of the driver, and upon your previous observations of the vehicle in motion and the stopping sequence, you must decide whether there is sufficient reason to instruct the driver to step from the vehicle.

For some law enforcement officers, this decision is automatic, and always affirmative: their agency policy dictates that the driver always be told to exit the vehicle, regardless of the cause for the stop. Most agencies, however, treat this as a discretionary decision, to be based on what the officer sees, hears and smells during observation and interview with the driver while the driver is seated in the vehicle.

If you decide to instruct the driver to exit, you must closely observe the driver's actions during the exit and walk from the vehicle and must note any evidence of alcohol or drug impairment.

TYPICAL INVESTIGATION CLUES: THE DRIVER INTERVIEW

Face-to-face observation and interview of the driver allows you to use three senses to gather evidence of alcohol or drug influence:

- the sense of sight;
- the sense of hearing; and
- the sense of smell.

SIGHT

There are a number of things you might see during the interview that would be describable clues or evidence of alcohol or drug influence. Among them are:

- bloodshot eyes;
- soiled clothing;
- fumbling fingers;

- o alcohol containers;
- o drugs or drug paraphernalia;
- o bruises, bumps or scratches;
- o unusual actions.

HEARING

Among the things you might hear during the interview that would be describable clues or evidence of alcohol or drug influence are these:

- o slurred speech;
- o admission of drinking;
- o inconsistent responses;
- o abusive language;
- o unusual statements.

SMELL

There are things you might smell during the interview that would be describable clues or evidence of alcohol or drug influence. Typically these include:

- o alcoholic beverages;
- o marijuana;
- o "cover up" odors like breath sprays;
- o unusual odors.

REQUIRED ABILITIES

Proper face-to-face observation and interview of the driver demands two distinct but related abilities:

- o the ability to recognize the sensory evidence of alcohol or drug influence; and
- o the ability to describe that evidence clearly and convincingly.

Developing these abilities requires practice.

PRE-EXIT SOBRIETY TESTS

A basic purpose of the face-to-face observation and interview of the driver is to identify and gather evidence of alcohol or drug influence. This is the purpose of each task in each phase of DWI detection.

During the face-to-face observation and interview stage, it is not necessary to gather sufficient evidence to arrest the driver immediately for DWI. It is necessary only to gather enough evidence to justify requesting the driver to step from the vehicle for further investigation.

TESTS

There are a number of simple tests of impairment you can administer to a driver while the driver is still behind the wheel. Most of these simple tests apply the concept of divided attention: they require the driver to concentrate on two or more things at the same time. The tests include both question and answer tests and psychophysical (mind-body) tests.

While these simple tests generally are not as reliable as the more structured formal roadside field sobriety tests when it comes to indicating alcohol or drug influence, they can be very helpful in determining whether there is sufficient cause to request the driver to exit the vehicle.

Question and Answer Tests

The questions you ask and the way in which you ask them can constitute simple divided attention tests. Three techniques are particularly pertinent:

- o asking for two things simultaneously;
- o asking interrupting or distracting questions; and,
- o asking unusual questions.

An example of the first technique, asking for two things simultaneously, is requesting that the driver produce both the driver's license and the vehicle registration. Possible evidence of impairment may come to light as the driver responds to this dual request. Be alert for the driver who:

- o forgets to produce both documents;
- o produces documents other than the ones requested;
- o fails to see the license, registration or both while searching through wallet or purse;
- o fumbles or drops wallet, purse, license or registration;
- o is unable to retrieve documents using fingertips.

The second technique, asking interrupting or distracting questions, forces the driver to divide attention between searching for the license or registration and answering a new question. While the driver is responding to the request for license, registration or both, you ask an unrelated question like, "Without looking at your watch, can you tell me what time it is right now?" Possible evidence of impairment may be disclosed by the interrupting or distracting question. Be alert for the driver who:

- o ignores the question and concentrates only on the license or registration search;
- o forgets to resume the search after answering the question;
- o supplies a grossly incorrect answer to the question.

The third technique, asking unusual questions, is employed after you have obtained the driver's license and registration. Using this technique, you seek verifying information through unusual questions. For example, while holding the driver's license, you might ask the driver, "What is your middle name?"

There are many such questions which the driver normally would be able to answer easily, but which might prove difficult if the driver is impaired, simply because they are unusual questions. Unusual questions require the driver to process information; this can be especially difficult when the driver does not expect to have to process information. For example, a driver may respond to the question about the middle name by giving her first name. Similarly, drivers may respond to the question about the fifth birthday year by giving their birth year. In each case the driver ignores the unusual question and responds instead to a usual -- but unasked -- question.

BEHIND THE WHEEL PSYCHOPHYSICAL TESTS

Pre-exit sobriety tests also include psychophysical tests. Psychophysical tests are divided attention tests. They measure a subject's ability to handle both physical and mental tasks simultaneously.

Behind the wheel psychophysical tests may include the Alphabet, Count Down and Finger Count tests. These field tests of a driver's mental and physical impairment are often administered outside the vehicle. However, they also can be given while the driver is still inside the vehicle. Whenever these tests are given, you should provide clear instructions and, if possible demonstrate what the driver should do. You must verify that the driver has the mental capacity and education to perform the tests. This can be done by asking the driver to repeat the instructions and whether the subject understands what is required.

ALPHABET TEST

The Alphabet Test requires the subject to recite a part of the alphabet. You instruct the subject to recite the alphabet beginning with a letter other than A and stopping at a letter other than Z. For example, you might say to a driver, "Recite the alphabet, beginning with the letter E as in Edward and stopping with the letter P as in Paul." This divides the driver's attention because the driver must concentrate to begin at an unusual starting point and recall where to stop.

COUNT DOWN TEST

The Count Down Test requires the subject to count out loud 15 or more numbers in reverse sequence. For example, you might request a driver to, "Count out loud backwards, starting with the number 68 and ending with the number 53." This, too, divides attention because the driver must continuously concentrate to count backwards while trying to recall where to stop. NOTE: This test should never be given using starting and stopping points that end in 0 or 5 because these numbers are too easy to recall. For example, do not request that the driver count backwards from 65 to 50. Instead, ask the driver to count backwards from 64 to 49.

FINGER COUNT TEST

In this test, the subject is asked to touch the tip of the right thumb in turn to the tip of each finger on the right hand while simultaneously counting up one, two, three, four; then to reverse direction on the fingers while simultaneously counting down four, three, two, one.

In each instance, note whether and how well the subject is able to perform the divided attention task.

THE EXIT SEQUENCE

Your decision to instruct the driver to step from the vehicle usually is made only after you have developed a definite suspicion that the driver is under the influence.* Even though that suspicion may be very strong, usually the suspect is not yet under arrest when you give the instruction.

How the driver steps and walks from the vehicle and actions or behavior during the exit sequence may provide important evidence of alcohol or drug influence. Be alert to the driver who:

- shows angry or unusual reactions;
- cannot follow instructions;
- cannot open the door;
- leaves the vehicle in gear;
- "climbs" out of vehicle;
- leans against vehicle;
- keeps hands on vehicle for balance.

Proper face-to-face observation and interview of a driver requires the ability to recognize the sensory evidence of alcohol or drug influence and the ability to describe that evidence clearly and convincingly. Developing these abilities takes practice.

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*Except, however, that you may instruct a suspect to exit the vehicle as a means of ensuring your own safety. Safety considerations take precedence over all other considerations.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following sentences.

1. The two major evidence gathering tasks of Phase Two are _____

   _____

   _____

2. The major decision of Phase Two is _____

   _____

   _____

3. Among the describable clues an officer might <u>see</u> during the Phase Two interview are these three:

   a.

   b.

   c.

4. Among the describable clues an officer might <u>hear</u> during the interview are these three:

   a.

   b.

   c.

5. Among the describable clues an officer might smell during the interview are these two:

   a.

   b.

6. Three techniques an officer might use in asking questions constitute simple divided attention tests. These techniques are:

   a.

   b.

   c.

7. The Count Down Test requires the subject to _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

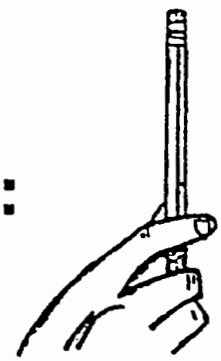
8. Leaning against the vehicle is a cue to DWI which may be observed during _____

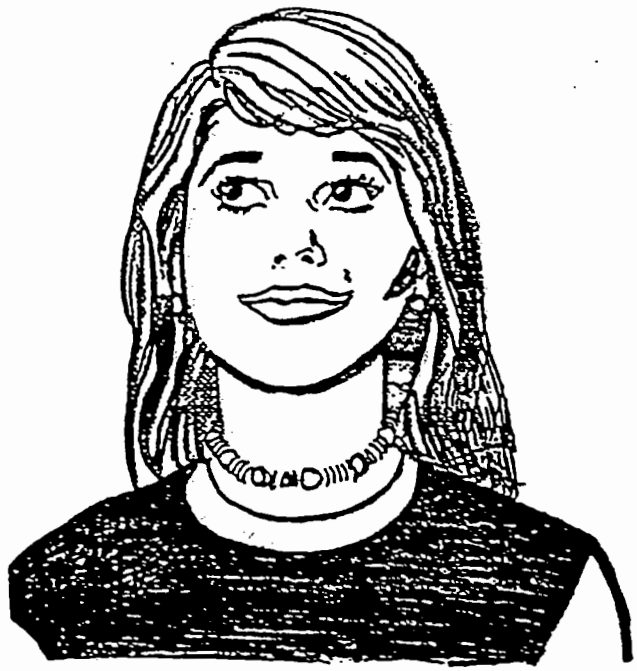
   _____

   _____

DWI DETECTION

PHASE THREE:





PRE-ARREST SCREENING

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PHASE THREE: PRE-ARREST SCREENING

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Upon successfully completing this session, the participants will be able to:

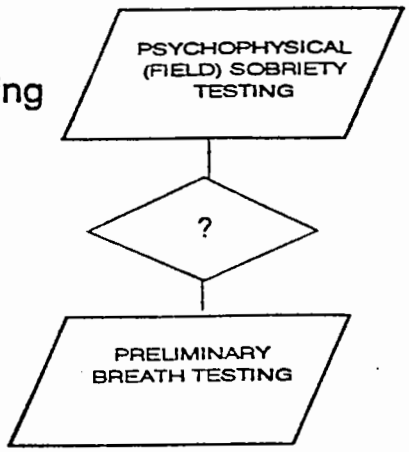
- o Describe the role of psychophysical and preliminary breath tests.
- o Define and describe the concepts of divided attention and nystagmus.
- o Discuss the advantages and limitations of preliminary breath testing.
- o Discuss the arrest decision process.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A.	Overview: Tasks and Decision	o Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	Divided Attention Tests: Concepts, Examples, Demonstrations	o Instructor-Led Presentations
C.	Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus - Concepts, Demonstration	
D.	Vertical Nystagmus	
E.	Advantages and Limitations of Preliminary Breath Testing	
F.	The Arrest Decision	

PHASE THREE TASKS AND DECISION

Like Phases One and Two, DWI Detection Phase Three, Pre-arrest Screening has two major evidence gathering tasks and one major decision.

PHASE THREE:
Prearrest Screening



IS THERE PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST THE SUSPECT FOR DWI?

Your first task in Phase Three is to administer structured formal psychophysical (field) sobriety tests. Based on these tests and on all other evidence from Phase One and Two, you must decide whether there is sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI. Your second task may then be to administer (or arrange for) a preliminary breath test (PBT) to confirm the chemical basis of the driver's impairment, if your agency uses PBTs. The entire detection process culminates in the arrest/no arrest decision.

PSYCHOPHYSICAL TESTS

Psychophysical tests are methods of assessing a suspect's mental and physical impairment. These tests focus precisely on the abilities needed for safe driving: balance, coordination, information processing and so on.

Psychophysical testing actually begins as soon as you come into face-to-face contact with the suspect and begin the interview. Psychophysical testing continues as the suspect steps from the vehicle and you observe the manner of the exit and walk from the vehicle. The most significant psychophysical tests usually are formal, structured tests that you administer at roadside. The entire process may be described as a three level testing process comprising:

> Level One Testing - Simple, Pre-exit Tests including the Alphabet and Finger Count Tests.
>
> Level Two Testing - Observing the Exit, noting the suspect's balance, coordination, reactions and ability to follow instructions.

Level Three Testing - Formal Field Sobriety Tests, administering formal, structured roadside tests.

PRELIMINARY BREATH-TEST

The preliminary breath test (PBT) can help to corroborate all other evidence and to confirm your judgment as to whether the suspect is under the influence. Usually PBT results cannot be introduced as evidence against he driver in court. However, state laws vary in this regard.

THE ARREST DECISION

The DWI detection process concludes with the arrest decision. This decision is based on all of the evidence you have obtained during all three detection phases: on observation of the vehicle in motion and during the stopping sequence; on face to face observation and interview of the driver; and on the results of informal sobriety tests.

DIVIDED ATTENTION TESTS

INTRODUCTION

Many of the most reliable and useful psychophysical tests employ the concept of divided attention: they require the subject to concentrate on two things at once. Driving is a complex divided attention task. In order to operate a vehicle safely, drivers must simultaneously control steering, acceleration and braking; react appropriately to a constantly changing environment; and perform many other tasks. Alcohol and many other drugs substantially reduce a person's ability to divide attention among tasks like these. Under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, drivers often must ignore the less critical tasks of driving in order to focus their impaired attention on the more critical tasks. For example, a driver may ignore a traffic signal and focus instead on speed control.
Even when they are under the influence, many people can handle a single, focused attention task fairly well. For example, a driver may be able to keep the vehicle well within the proper traffic lane, as long as the road remains fairly straight. However, most people when under the influence cannot satisfactorily divide their attention to handle multiple tasks at once.

The concept of divided attention has been applied to psychophysical testing. Field sobriety tests that simulate the divided attention characteristics of driving have been developed and are being used by police departments nationwide. The best of these tests exercise the same mental and physical capabilities that a person needs to drive safely:

- information processing;
- short-term memory;
- judgment and decision making;
- balance;
- steady, sure reactions;
- clear vision;
- small muscle control;
- coordination of limbs.

Any test that requires a person to demonstrate two or more of these capabilities simultaneously is potentially a good psychophysical test.

Simplicity is the key to divided attention field sobriety testing. It is not enough to select a test that just divides the subject's attention. The test also must be one that is reasonably simple for the average person to perform when sober. Tests that are difficult for a sober subject to perform have little or no evidentiary value.

Two divided attention field sobriety tests that have proven accurate and effective in DWI detection are the Walk and Turn and the One-Leg Stand. These tests are described briefly below.

WALK AND TURN

Walk and Turn is a test that has been validated through extensive research sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It is a divided attention test consisting of two stages:

- Instructions Stage; and,
- Walking Stage.

In the Instructions Stage the subject must stand on a line with feet in heel-to-toe position, keep arms at sides, and listen to instructions. The Instructions Stage divides the subject's attention between a balancing task (standing on the line while maintaining the heel-to-toe position) and an information processing task (listening to and remembering instructions).

In the Walking Stage the subject must take nine heel-to-toe steps down the line, turn in a prescribed way, and take nine heel-to-toe steps up the line, while counting the steps out loud. During the turn, the subject must keep one foot on the line, pivot on that foot, and use the other to take several small steps to complete the turn. The Walking Stage divides the subject's attention among a balancing task (walking heel-to-toe and turning on the line); a small muscle control task (counting out loud); and a short-term memory task (recalling the number of steps and the turning instructions).

The Walk and Turn test is administered in a standardized fashion, i.e., the same way every time. It is also interpreted in a standardized fashion. Specifically, officers administering Walk and Turn carefully observe the suspect's performance for eight clues:

- can't balance during instructions;
- starts too soon;
- stops while walking;
- doesn't touch heel-to-toe;
- steps off line;
- uses arms to balance;
- loses balance on turn or turns incorrectly; and,
- takes the wrong number of steps.

Sometimes, suspects cannot complete the test. Inability to complete the test occurs when the suspect:

- o steps off the line three or more times;
- o is in danger of falling;
- o cannot do the test.

Research shows that if a suspect exhibits two or more of the clues, or cannot complete the test, the suspect's BAC is likely to be above 0.10. This criterion has been shown to be reliable 68 percent of the time.

ONE-LEG STAND

The One-Leg Stand test also has been validated through NHTSA's research program. It is a divided attention test consisting of two stages:

- o Instructions Stage; and,
- o Balancing and Counting Stage.

In the Instruction Stage, the subject must stand with feet together, keep arms at sides, and listen to instructions. This divides the subject's attention between a balancing task (maintaining a stance) and an information processing task (listening to and remembering instructions.)

In the Balancing and Counting Stage, the subject must stand on one foot and hold the other foot straight approximately six inches off the ground, toes pointed forward and parallel to ground while staring at the upraised foot and counting aloud from "one thousand and one" to "one thousand and thirty". This divides the subject's attention between balancing (standing on one foot) and small muscle control (counting out loud).

The count to "one thousand and thirty" is an important part of the One-Leg Stand test. Research has shown that many impaired subjects are able to maintain one leg balance for up to 25 seconds, but that relatively few can do so for 30 seconds.

One-Leg Stand is also administered and interpreted in a standardized fashion. Officers carefully observe suspects' performance and look for four specific clues:

- o sways while balancing;
- o uses arms to balance;
- o hops;
- o puts foot down.

Sometimes suspects cannot complete the test. Inability to complete One-Leg Stand occurs when the suspect.

- o puts the foot down three or more times, during the 30 second count;
- o cannot do the test.

Research shows that, when the suspect produces two or more clues or is unable to complete the test, it is likely that the BAC is above 0.10. This criterion has been shown to be reliable 65 percent of the time.

HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS TEST

"Nystagmus" means an involuntary jerking of the eyes. Horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) refers to an involuntary jerking that occurs as the eyes gaze toward the side. In addition to being involuntary, the jerking is also unconscious. The person experiencing the nystagmus ordinarily is unaware that the jerking is happening, and is powerless to stop or control it.

Under the influence of alcohol or certain other drugs, the involuntary jerking of the eyes becomes much more distinct, and readily noticeable. And, as a person's blood alcohol concentration increases, the eyes will begin to jerk sooner as they move to the side.

Horizontal gaze nystagmus is a very reliable field sobriety test. Especially when used in combination with the divided attention tests, it will help police officers correctly distinguish suspects who are under the influence of alcohol from those who are not.

Prior to administration of HGN, the eyes are checked for equal tracking ability (can they follow an object together) and equal pupil size. If the eyes do not track together, or if the pupils are noticeably unequal in size, the chance of medical disorders or injuries causing the nystagmus is present.

When the HGN test is administered, each eye is checked separately, always beginning with subject's left eye. Each eye is examined for three specific clues.

- As the eye moves from side to side, does it move smoothly or does it jerk noticeably? (As people become under the influence of alcohol, their eyes exhibit a lack of smooth pursuit as they move from side to side.)

- When the eye is moves as far to the side as possible and is kept at that position for several seconds, does it jerk distinctly? (Distinct nystagmus at maximum deviation of the eye is another clue of alcohol influence.)

- As the eye moves toward the side, does it start to jerk before it has moved through a 45-degree angle? (On-set of nystagmus prior to 45-degrees is another clue of alcohol influence.)

As a person's blood alcohol concentration increases, the more likely it is that these clues will appear.

The maximum number of clues that may appear in one eye is three. The maximum total number for any suspect is six. Research shows that if four or more clues are evident, it is likely that the suspect's blood alcohol concentration is above 0.10. The reliability of this four-or-more clues criterion is 77%.

VERTICAL NYSTAGMUS

Vertical nystagmus refers to an involuntary jerking that occurs as the eyes gaze upward to their maximum point. Although this type of nystagmus was not examined in the research that led to the validation of the Standardized Field Sobriety Test battery, field experience has indicated that a check for vertical nystagmus has provided a reliable indicator of high doses of CNS depressants (including alcohol), or inhalants for that individual, or PCP.

NOTE: The check for vertical nystagmus was not included in the SFST battery during the original research, however, it has been a reliable indicator of high alcohol or PCP impairment.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TESTING

The basic purpose of preliminary breath testing (PBT) is to demonstrate the association of alcohol with the observable evidence of the suspect's impairment. The suspect's impairment is established through sensory evidence: what the officer sees, hears and smells. The PBT provides the evidence that alcohol is the chemical basis of that impairment by yielding an on-the-spot indication of the suspect's blood alcohol concentration (BAC). The PBT provides direct indication of the BAC level. It does not indicate the level of the suspect's impairment. Impairment varies widely among individuals with the same BAC level.

Preliminary breath testing, like psychophysical testing, is a stage in the pre-arrest screening of a DWI suspect. Usually the suspect is not yet under arrest when requested to submit to the preliminary breath test. The DWI incident remains at the investigative stage; the accusatory stage has not yet begun. The PBT result is only one of many factors the officer considers in determining whether the suspect should be arrested for DWI. It should never be the sole basis for a DWI arrest. Nevertheless the PBT result is an important factor because it provides direct indication of alcohol influence. All other evidence, from initial observation of the vehicle in operation through formal psychophysical testing, indicates alcohol influence indirectly, based on impairment of the suspect's mental and physical faculties.

ADVANTAGES OF PBT

A PBT offers several important advantages for DWI detection. It may:

- corroborate other evidence by demonstrating that the suspicion of alcohol influence is consistent with the officer's observations of the suspect's mental and physical impairment.
- confirm the officer's own judgment and help gain confidence in evaluating alcohol impairment accurately, based on observations and psychophysical tests. (Many officers experienced in DWI enforcement find that they rely less and less on the PBT as their confidence in their own powers of detection increases.)

- o disclose the possibility of medical complications or impairment due to drugs other than alcohol. (The PBT can confirm or deny that alcohol is the cause of the observed impairment. For example, observed psychophysical impairment coupled with a PBT result showing a very low BAC indicates an immediate need to investigate the possibility that the suspect has ingested a drug other than alcohol or suffers from a medical problem.)

- o help to establish probable cause for a DWI arrest. (The role of the PBT in establishing probable cause may be affected by the evidentiary value of PBT results in your state. Refer to Unit 4, Part 4 for more information. Consult your specific PBT law, your supervisor, or the local prosecutor for clarification, if necessary.)

LIMITATIONS OF PBT

Preliminary breath testing may have both evidentiary limitations and accuracy limitations. Evidentiary limitations vary with specific laws. In some states PBT results are admissible as evidence; in other states they are not admissible. Where the results are admissible, there may be differences in the weight or value they are given. Consult your state PBT law, your supervisor or your local prosecutor, as necessary, for clarification.

PBT instruments have accuracy limitations. Although all PBT instruments currently used by law enforcement are reasonably accurate, they are subject to the possibility of error, especially if they are not used properly. There are factors that can affect the accuracy of preliminary breath testing devices. Some of these factors tend to produce "high" test results; others tend to produce "low" results.

There are two common factors that tend to produce high results on a PBT.

- o Residual mouth alcohol. After a person takes a drink, some of the alcohol will remain in the mouth tissues. If the person exhales soon after drinking, the breath sample will pick up some of this left-over mouth alcohol. In this case, the breath sample will contain an additional amount of alcohol and the test result will be higher than the true BAC.

  It takes approximately 15 minutes for the residual alcohol to evaporate from the mouth. Evaporation cannot be speeded up significantly by having the suspect gargle with water or in any other way.

  The only sure way to eliminate this factor is to make sure the suspect does not take any alcohol for at least 15 to 20 minutes before conducting a breath test. Remember, too, that most mouthwashes, breath sprays, cough syrups, etc., contain alcohol and will produce residual mouth alcohol. Therefore, it is always best not to permit the suspect to put anything in their mouth for at least 15 to 20 minutes prior to testing.

- o Breath Contaminants. Some types of preliminary breath tests might react to certain substances other than alcohol. For example, substances such as ether, chloroform, acetone, acetaldehyde and cigarette smoke conceivably could produce a positive reaction on certain devices. If so, the test would be contaminated and its result would be higher than the true BAC. Normal characteristics of breath samples, such as halitosis, food odors, etc., do not affect accuracy.

There are two common factors that tend to produce low PBT results.

- o Cooling of the breath sample. If the captured breath sample is allowed to cool before it is analyzed, some of the alcohol vapor in the breath may turn to liquid and precipitate out of the sample. If that happens, the subsequent analysis of the breath sample will produce a low BAC result.

- o The composition of the breath sample. Breath composition means the mixture of the tidal breath and alveolar breath. Tidal breath is breath from the upper part of the lungs and the mouth. Alveolar breath is deep lung breath. Breath testing should be conducted on a sample of alveolar breath, obtained by having the subject blow into the PBT instrument until all air is expelled from the lungs.

THE ARREST DECISION

Your arrest/no arrest decision is the culmination of the DWI detection process. Your decision is based on all the evidence you have accumulated during each detection phase.

PHASE ONE:

- o Initial observation of vehicle in motion;
- o Observation of the stop.

PHASE TWO:

- o Face-to-face observation and interview;
- o Observation of the exit.

PHASE THREE:

- o Psychophysical tests;
- o Preliminary breath tests.

Your decision involves a careful review of each of the observations you have made. Conduct a "mental summary" of the evidence collected during vehicle in motion, personal contact and pre-arrest screening. If all of the evidence; taken together, establishes probable cause to believe that DWI has been committed, you should effect physical arrest of the suspect for DWI.

Under no circumstances should you charge the suspect with a lesser offense instead of DWI if there is probable cause to believe that DWI has been committed. Any reduction of DWI to a lesser charge is the responsibility of the prosecutor or judge.

In the absence of probable cause, the proper decision is to release the suspect or, if the suspect has committed another violation, such as speeding or failing to obey a traffic signal, to cite for that violation.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following sentences.

1. The two major evidence gathering tasks of Phase Three are _____

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2. The major decision in Phase Three is _____

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3. The entire DWI detection process culminates in _____

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4. Divided attention tests require the subject to _____

_____

_____

_____

5. Among the mental and physical capabilities a person needs to drive safely are these four:

   a.

   b.

   c.

   d.

6. The two stages of the Walk and Turn are:

   a.

   b.

7. The two stages of the One-Leg Stand are:

   a.

   b.

8. The purpose of PBT is _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

9. Two factors that produce high results on a PBT are:

   a.

   b.

10. Two factors that produce low results on a PBT are:

    a.

    b.

CONCEPTS *and* PRINCIPLES

of the

STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS

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Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Discuss the development and validity of the standardized field sobriety tests.
- Discuss the different types of nystagmus and their effects on the horizontal gaze nystagmus test.
- Discuss and properly administer the three standardized field sobriety tests.
- Discuss and recognize the clues of the three standardized field sobriety tests.
- Describe in a clear and convincing fashion and properly record the results of the three standardized field sobriety tests on a standard note taking guide.
- Discuss the limiting factors of the three standardized field sobriety tests.

CONTENTS SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A.	Overview: Development and Validity	o Instructor-Led Presentation
B.	Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus	o Instructor-Led Demonstration
C.	Walk and Turn	o Student Practice Session & Demonstration
D.	Combining the Clues of the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus and Walk and Turn	
E.	One-Leg Stand	
F.	Limitations of the Three Tests	
G.	Taking Field Notes on the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests	

OVERVIEW OF SFST
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. First Phase: The Developmental Research

   A. The research objectives

   - To evaluate currently used physical coordination tests to determine their relationship to intoxication and driving impairment.
   - To develop more sensitive tests that would provide more reliable evidence of impairment.
   - To standardize the tests and observations.

   B. Who conducted the research?

   Southern California Research Institute (SCRI)

   The final report:

   Burns, Marcelline and Moskowitz, Herbert
   Psychophysical Tests for DWI; June, 1977
   NHTSA Report Number DOT HS-802 424
   (available from National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161)

   C. Who were the test subjects?

   They were 238 volunteers, participating in one testing session.

   The volunteers were interviewed by SCRI staff, and on the basis of the interview they were classified as either light, moderate or heavy drinkers. They were randomly assigned to "target BAC" levels appropriate to their classifications. The following shows the distribution of BACs achieved by volunteers:

	Light Drinkers	Moderate Drinkers	Heavy Drinkers	Totals
No Alcohol (0.00)	26	27	26	79
Approximately 0.05	36	16	3	55
Approximately 0.075	--	6	7	13
Approximately 0.10	--	37	13	50
Approximately 0.15	--	--	41	41

D. Who tested the subjects?

Ten police officers, representing four agencies in the vicinity of Los Angeles, did all of the testing. Each officer examined an average of 23-24 volunteers. While the officer was conducting the examinations, a member of the SCRI staff observed the examinations.

NOTE: Neither the volunteer nor the officer nor the observer knew the volunteer's BAC. Separate members of the SCRI staff handled the dosing and breath testing of volunteers.

E. What tests were administered?

Each volunteer was subjected to six tests:

- o One-Leg Stand
- o Finger-To-Nose
- o Finger Count
- o Walk-and-Turn
- o Tracing (a paper-and-pencil exercise)
- o Nystagmus (called "alcohol gaze nystagmus" in the final report)

Each officer was given one day's training in the administration and scoring of these tests prior to conducting the experiment. NOTE: Only two of the ten officers had any prior experience with nystagmus.

F. What did the researchers learn?

The researchers analyzed their data and found that, using the scores from all six tests, they could correctly classify a volunteer's BAC as being either above or below 0.10 about 83 percent of the time.

Further, the researchers found that this same level of reliability could be achieved just by considering the scores on nystagmus, walk and turn, and one-leg stand. In other words, those three tests constituted an 83% reliability battery for distinguishing BACs of 0.10 or more from BACs below 0.10.

What about the 17% of volunteers whose BACs were misclassified? How did the researchers account for them?

First, half of the volunteers who were misclassified had BACs between 0.08 and 0.12, a "borderline" range in which it can be difficult to distinguish slight differences in impairment. Secondly, almost all of the remaining misclassified volunteers were either light drinkers with BACs of at least 0.05 (who may well have appeared and been very impaired at that level), or heavy drinkers with BACs below 0.15 (whose experience with alcohol may have helped them mask the signs of impairment).

G. What was the overall conclusion?

The three-test battery made up of nystagmus, walk and turn, and one-leg stand clearly appeared to offer a very reliable field sobriety testing procedure. But these tests were not yet standardized in their final form. Standardization was achieved in the next phase of research.

H. What were the research objectives?

- To complete the development and validation of the sobriety test battery.
- To assess in the field the battery's feasibility, and its effectiveness for estimating BAC and facilitating identification of persons with BACs above 0.10.

Note: Southern California Research Institute (SCRI) conducted the test validation research.

The final report:
Tharp, V., Burns, M. and Moskowitz, H.
Development and Field Test of Psychophysical Tests for DWI Arrest, March, 1981, NHTSA Report Number DOT HS-805 864 (available from NTIS, Springfield, Virginia 22161)

I. Who were the test subjects?

During the first (laboratory) portion of this research effort, the test subjects were 296 volunteers. The 296 laboratory subjects each participated in at least one testing session. And, 145 of them returned for a second session, for a total of 441 subject-days of testing. The following table shows the distribution of these subjects by drinker classification and "target BAC"; the numbers in parenthesis refer to the subjects who returned for a second session.

	Light Drinkers	Moderate Drinkers	Heavy Drinkers	Totals
No Alcohol (0.00)	30 (18)	32 (16)	35 (16)	97 (50)
Approximately (0.05)	33 (15)	33 (16)	36 (17)	102 (48)
Approximately (0.11)	--	30 (15)	34 (14)	64 (29)
Approximately (0.15)	--	--	33 (18)	33 (18)

J. Who tested the subjects?

For the laboratory portion of the study, ten police officers from three agencies in the metropolitan Los Angeles area did the testing. Each officer examined an average of 44 subjects (including returnees). While the officer conducted the examinations, a member of the SCRI staff observed. Neither the volunteer, nor the officer nor the observer knew the volunteer's BAC.

For the field portion of the study, participating officers were drawn from four stations of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. They included a group called the "experimentals" (who received training in the SFSTs), and a group of "controls" (who were not trained until the final stage of the study). Both groups were instructed to complete data forms for all of their traffic stops during the study period. In addition, SCRI researchers periodically rode with every officer to monitor their performance.

K. What tests were administered?

In both the laboratory and field portion of the study, participating officers (except the "controls") administered Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, Walk and Turn, and One-Leg Stand. Some of the officers had some prior experience with these tests, but all received one-half day's training in test administration and scoring.

In both the laboratory and field portions of this study, officers were instructed to record the following nystagmus data, for each eye:

- Whether onset occurred within 45 degrees, with at least 10% of the white of the eye showing;
- The estimated angle of onset;
- Whether the eye was unable to follow smoothly;
- Whether the nystagmus at maximum deviation was absent, minimal, moderate or heavy.

One "point" was "scored" for each eye if onset occurred within 45 degrees; if the eye was unable to follow smoothly; and, if the nystagmus at maximum deviation was moderate or heavy.

L. What did the researchers learn?

(1) The Laboratory Phase

Results of the laboratory study demonstrated that the battery of three tests could be used reliably to distinguish subjects with BACs of 0.10 or more from those with lower BACs. Collectively, the ten officers and two observers were correct in classifying subjects' BACs (above or below 0.10) about 82% of the time. Subsequent to publication of the SCRI report, NHTSA re-analyzed the laboratory test data and found that the nystagmus test, by itself, could have produced 77% accurate classifications. Similarly, Walk and Turn was capable of 68% unaided accuracy, and One-Leg Stand of 65%. NHTSA also found that it would be possible to combine the results of nystagmus and Walk and Turn in a "decision matrix", and achieve 80% accuracy.

(2) The Field Phase

SCRI reported a number of problems that plagued the field study, chief among which was a lack of consistency by participating officers in submitting data forms. SCRI concluded that the field test data would not support in-depth statistical analysis, but nevertheless disclosed some favorable trends:

- o after training on the test battery, officers tended to make more DWI arrests; and,
- o trained officers were more accurate in identifying suspects whose BACs are above 0.10.

The overall conclusion of this study was that the test battery works well. But it remained necessary to conduct a rigorous field test.

M. The Field Validation and Standardization of the Tests

(1) What were the research objectives?

- o To develop standardized, practical and effective procedures for police officers to use in reaching arrest/no arrest decisions;
- o To test the feasibility of the procedures in operational conditions; and,
- o To secure data to determine if the tests will discriminate as well in the field as in the laboratory.

In support of the first of the objectives, the NHTSA research staff began by re-analyzing the SCRI data with a view toward systematizing the administrative and "scoring" procedures for the three tests. The intent was to ensure that the tests would be quick and easy to use; that they could each be used independently of one another, i.e., if the officer elected to use only one or two of the tests; and, that they would maximize the detection of drivers with BACs above 0.10 while minimizing the continued investigation of persons below that level.

Essentially, the current administrative and "scoring" procedures, and "scoring" criteria, for the three tests emerged from this re-analysis.

(2) Who conducted the research?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

The final report:

Anderson, T., Schweitz, R., and Snyder, M.
Field Evaluation of a Behavioral Test Battery for DWI
September, 1983, NHTSA Report Number DOT HS-806 475
(available from NTIS, Springfield, Virginia 22161)

(3) Who were the test subjects?

They were 1,506 drivers stopped for suspicion of DWI during a three-month period during late 1982/early 1983. Of these, approximately 80% were examined using all three tests.

(4) Who tested the subjects?

Police officers representing four large agencies in the eastern portion of the country did the testing. All participating officers completed a one day training session prior to the beginning of the study. The training included practice in administering the tests to volunteer drinkers.

(5) What tests were administered?

The officers used the three tests that make up the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing battery. As previously noted, not all subjects were exposed to all three tests, primarily because circumstances of the stop location and/or the subject sometimes precluded use of one or two of the tests. But 89% of subjects were examined using the nystagmus test, 84% on Walk and Turn and 82% on One-Leg Stand.

(6) What were the test administrative and "scoring" procedures?

The procedures followed in using and interpreting the tests were essentially those spelled out in the current NHTSA training program DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (1987 Update). The tests are "standardized" in the sense that:

- o they are always administered in the same way;
- o the officer administering the tests always looks for a specific set of clues on each test; and,

- o the officer always assesses a subject's performance relative to a specific criterion for each test.

N. The "standardized" elements of the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test

(1) Standardized Administrative Procedures

- o Hold the stimulus 12-15 inches in front of the subject's face.
- o Keep the tip of the stimulus slightly above the subject's eyes.
- o Always move the stimulus smoothly.
- o Always check for all three clues in both eyes.
- o Check the clues in this sequence: lack of smooth pursuit; distinct nystagmus at maximum deviation; onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees.
- o Always check for each clue at least twice in each eye.

(2) Standardized Clues

- o Lack of smooth pursuit.
- o Distinct nystagmus at maximum deviation.
- o Onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees.

No other "clues" are recognized by NHTSA as valid indicators of horizontal gaze nystagmus. In particular, NHTSA does not support the allegation that onset angle can reliably be used to estimate BAC, and considers any such estimation to be misuse of the horizontal gaze nystagmus test.

(3) Standardized Criterion

The maximum number of clues of horizontal gaze nystagmus that a subject can exhibit is six. That would occur when all three clues are observed in both eyes. If a subject exhibits four or more clues, it should be considered evidence that they are under the influence.

O. The "standardized" elements of Walk and Turn

(1) Standardized Administrative Procedures

- o Always begin by having the subject assume the heel-toe stance.
- o Verify that the subject understands that the stance is to be maintained while the instructions are given.
- o If the subject breaks away from the stance as the instructions are given, cease giving instructions until the stance is resumed.

- o Tell the subject that they will be required to take 9 heel-to-toe steps down the line, to turn, and to take 9 heel-to-toe steps up the line.
- o Demonstrate several heel-toe steps.
- o Demonstrate the turn.
- o Tell the subject to keep the arms at the sides, to watch the feet, to count the steps aloud, and not to stop walking until the test is completed.
- o Ask the subject whether they understand; if not, re-explain whatever is not understood.
- o Tell the subject to begin.
- o If the subject staggers or stops, allow them to resume from the point of interruption; do not require the subject to start over from the beginning.

(2) Standardized Clues

- o Loses balance during the instructions (i.e., breaks away from the heel-toe stance).
- o Starts walking too soon.
- o Stops while walking.
- o Misses heel-to-toe while walking (i.e., misses by at least one-half inch).
- o Raises arms from side while walking (by six inches or more).
- o Steps off the line.
- o Turns improperly.
- o Takes the wrong number of steps.

These eight are the only validated clues of Walk and Turn. However, officers may see or hear other noteworthy evidence while the subject is performing this test, and officers should include any such observations in their reports.

Officers should note in their reports how many times each of the eight clues appears. However, for purposes of applying the standardized criterion (discussed below), a clue should be "counted" only once, even if it appears more than once.

If the subject cannot perform or complete the test, it should be considered that they have exhibited nine clues. One situation that would warrant this is if the subject steps off the line three or more times.

(3) Standardized Criterion

If a subject exhibits at least two clues on Walk and Turn, it should be considered evidence that they are under the influence.

P. The "standardized" elements of One-Leg Stand

(1) Standardized Administration Procedures

- o Tell the subject to stand with feet together, and arms at sides.
- o Tell the subject not to start the test until you say to do so.
- o Ask the subject if they understand.
- o Tell the subject to stand on one foot, with the other foot held straight about six inches off the ground, toes pointed forward and parallel to the ground.
- o Demonstrate the stance.
- o Tell the subject to count from 1 to 30, by thousands.
- o Demonstrate the count, for several seconds.
- o Ask the subject whether they understand; if not, re-explain whatever is not understood.
- o Tell the subject to begin.
- o If the subject stops or puts the foot down, allow them to resume at the point of interruption; do not require the count to begin again at "one thousand and one".

(2) Standardized Clues

- o Sways
- o Puts foot down
- o Hops
- o Raises arms from side (six inches or more)

These are the only four validated clues of One-Leg Stand. However, officers may see or hear other noteworthy evidence while this test is being performed, and should include any such evidence in their reports.

If the subject cannot perform or complete the test, it should be considered that they have exhibited five clues. One event that would warrant this is if the subject puts the foot down three or more times.

(3) Standardized Criterion

If the subject exhibits two or more clues on One-Leg Stand, it should be considered evidence that they are under the influence. As with Walk and Turn, clues should be counted only once in applying this criterion.

Q. What did the researchers learn?

The three standardized tests were found to be highly reliable in identifying subjects whose BACs were 0.10 or more. Considered independently, the nystagmus test was the most accurate of the three among subjects who exhibited four or more clues 82% had BACs of 0.10 or higher. However, the other two tests were nearly as accurate (80% for Walk and Turn, 78% for One-Leg Stand). When the nystagmus and Walk and Turn results were jointly interpreted using the decision table, 83% of the subjects were classified correctly.

The importance of this large scale field validation study deserves to be emphasized. It was the first significant assessment of the "workability" of the standardized tests under actual enforcement conditions, and it was the first time that completely objective clues and scoring criteria had been defined for the tests. The results of the study unmistakably validated the SFSTs.

But it is also necessary to emphasize one final and major point. This validation applies only when the tests are administered in the prescribed, standardized manner; and only when the standardized clues are used to assess the subject's performance; and, only when the standardized criteria are employed to interpret that performance. If any one of the standardized test elements is changed, the validity is compromised.

OVERVIEW OF HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

Definition

Nystagmus is the involuntary jerking of the eyes, occurring as the eyes gaze toward the side. Also, nystagmus is a natural, normal phenomenon. Alcohol doesn't cause this phenomenon, it merely exaggerates or magnifies it.

Categories of Nystagmus

Nystagmus of several different origins may be seen. There are three general categories of nystagmus:

1. Vestibular Nystagmus is caused by movement or action to the vestibular system.

   A. Types of vestibular nystagmus:

      - Rotational Nystagmus occurs when the person is spun around or rotated rapidly, causing the fluid in the inner ear to be disturbed. If it were possible to observe the eyes of a rotating person, they would be seen to jerk noticeably.

      - Post Rotational Nystagmus is closely related to rotational nystagmus: when the person stops spinning, the fluid in the inner ear remains disturbed for a period of time, and the eyes continue to jerk.

      - Caloric Nystagmus occurs when fluid motion in the canals of the vestibular system is stimulated by temperature as by putting warm water in one ear and cold in the other.

      - Positional Alcohol Nystagmus (PAN) occurs when a foreign fluid, such as alcohol, that alters the specific gravity of the blood is in unequal concentrations in the blood and the vestibular system. This causes the vestibular system to respond to gravity in certain positions, resulting in nystagmus.

        PAN I occurs when the alcohol concentration in the blood is greater than the inner ear fluid. PAN I occurs while BAC is increasing.

        PAN II occurs when the alcohol concentration in the inner ear fluid is greater than in the blood stream. This occurs while BAC is decreasing.

2. Nystagmus can also result directly from neural activity:

   - Optokinetic Nystagmus occurs when the eyes fixate on an object that suddenly moves out of sight, or when the eyes watch sharply contrasting moving images.

Examples of optokinetic nystagmus include watching scenery while looking out the window of a moving train or watching a rapidly spinning wheel that has alternating white and black spokes. The horizontal gaze nystagmus test will not be influenced by optokinetic nystagmus if administered properly.

- o Physiological Nystagmus is a natural nystagmus that keeps the sensory cells of the eye from tiring. It is the most common type of involuntary jerking of the eye. It happens to all of us, all the time. This type of nystagmus produces extremely minor tremors or jerks of the eyes. These tremors are generally too small to be seen with the naked eye. Physiological nystagmus will have no impact on our field sobriety tests, because its tremors are generally invisible.

- o Gaze Nystagmus occurs as the eyes move from the center position. Gaze nystagmus is separated into three types:

  (1) Horizontal Nystagmus occurs as the eyes gaze to the side. It is the examination of the eyes for horizontal gaze nystagmus that provides the first and most valid test in the standardized field sobriety testing battery. Although this type of nystagmus is most accurate for determining alcohol influence, its presence may also indicate use of PCP, certain inhalants and central nervous system depressants.

  (2) Vertical Gaze Nystagmus occurs as the eyes gaze up. The presence of this type of nystagmus is associated PCP use or high doses of CNS depressants, (including alcohol) or inhalants. The drugs that produce vertical nystagmus are the same ones that produce horizontal gaze nystagmus.

  Note: All drugs that induce horizontal gaze nystagmus will also induce vertical nystagmus, if enough of the drug is taken.

  (3) Resting Nystagmus is referred to as jerking as the eyes look straight ahead. This condition is not frequently seen. Its presence usually indicates high doses of PCP.

3. Nystagmus may also be caused by certain pathological disorders. They include brain tumors and other brain damage or some diseases of the inner ear. These pathological disorders occur in very few people and in even fewer drivers.

4. Medical Impairment.

   A. The examinations that you can conduct to assess possible medical impairment include:

   - o Tracking ability
   - o Pupil size

   Note: If suspect has an obvious abnormal eye disorder or an artificial eye, it is recommended that HGN not be administered.

Procedures of Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Testing: The Three Clues

As explained earlier, nystagmus means a jerking of the eyes. There are a number of different kinds of nystagmus, all of them influenced by alcohol. The test you will use at roadside is a test of "horizontal gaze nystagmus" -- the nystagmus that occurs when the eyes gaze to the side. Many people will show some jerking if the eyes move far enough to the side. Under the influence of alcohol, three signs often will be observed:

1. The suspect cannot follow a slowly moving stimulus smoothly with the eyes; instead, the eyes can be observed to jerk or "bounce" as they move left and right in pursuit of a smoothly moving object, such as a pencil or penlight.

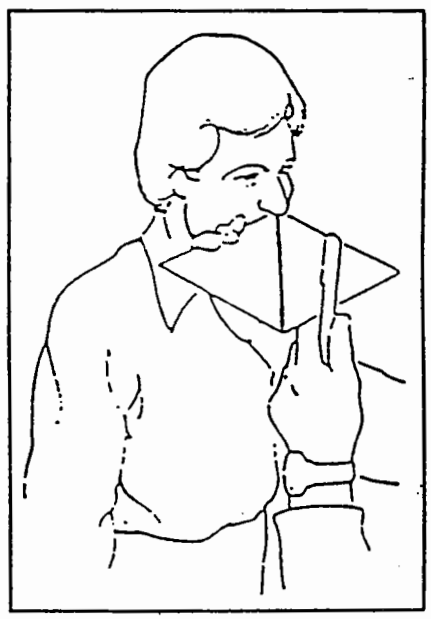
2. When you have the suspect move their eyes as far to the side as possible, distinct nystagmus will be evident when the eye is held at maximum deviation; some people exhibit slight jerking of the eye at maximum deviation, even when sober; but when under the influence of alcohol, the jerking is likely to be very pronounced, and easily observable.

3. The more intoxicated a person becomes, the less the eyes have to move toward the side before jerking begins. Usually when a person's BAC is above 0.10, the jerking will begin before the eye has moved 45 degrees to the side.

Estimating a 45-Degree Angle of Gaze

Because the 45-degree angle is a key factor in assessing a suspect's degree of alcohol influence, it is important to know how to estimate that angle.

For practice, a 45-degree template can be prepared by making a 15"-square cardboard and connecting its opposite corners with a diagonal line.



To use this device, hold it up so that the person's nose is above the diagonal line. Be certain that one edge of the template is centered on the nose and perpendicular to (or, at right angles to) the face. Have the person you are examining follow a penlight or some other object until subject is looking down the 45-degree diagonal. Note the position of the eye. With practice, you should be able to recognize this angle without using the template.

Specific Procedures

Begin by asking "are you wearing contact lenses". There is only a very slight chance that contact lenses might interfere with the HGN test. But, it is wise to make a note of the fact that the suspect wears contacts before starting the test.

If the suspect is wearing eyeglasses, have them removed.

Give the suspect the following instructions from a position of interrogation (that is, with your weapon away from the suspect):

- o "I am going to check your eyes."
- o "Keep your head still and follow this stimulus with your eyes only."
- o "Keep focusing on this stimulus until I tell you to stop."

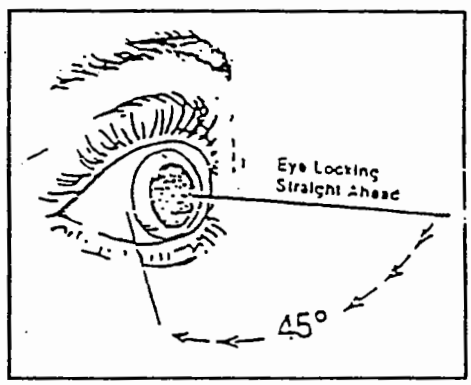
Check the suspect's eyes for the ability to track together. Move the stimulus smoothly across the subject's entire field of vision. Check to see if the eyes track the stimulus together or one lags behind the other. If the eyes don't track together it is possibly caused by a medical disorder or injury, or blindness.

Next, check to see that both pupils are equal in size. If they are not, this may indicate a head injury.

Check the suspect's left eye by moving the stimulus to your right. Move the stimulus smoothly, at a speed that requires about two seconds to bring the suspect's eye as far to the side as it can go. While moving the stimulus, look at the suspect's eye and determine whether it is <u>able to pursue smoothly</u>. Now, move the stimulus all the way to the right, back across face of subject all the way to the left, checking if the right eye pursues smoothly. Movement of stimulus should take approximately two seconds out and two seconds back for each eye.

After you have checked both eyes for lack of smooth pursuit, check the eyes for <u>distinct nystagmus at maximum deviation</u> beginning with the left. Simply move the object to the side until the eye has gone as far to the side as possible. At maximum deviation, usually, white will not be showing in the corner of the eye. Hold the eye at that position for approximately four seconds, and observe the eye for distinct nystagmus.

After checking the eyes at maximum deviation, check the <u>angle of onset</u> prior to 45 degrees for both eyes, beginning with the left.



Move the stimulus a second time to the 45-degree angle, taking about 4 seconds. As the eye follows the object, watch for it to start jerking. If you see nystagmus, immediately stop moving the stimulus and hold it steady at that position to see if the nystagmus continues. If it does; this point is the angle of onset. If it does not, keep moving the object until the jerking does occur or until you reach the 45-degree point. Note whether or not the onset occurs <u>before</u> the 45-degree angle of gaze.

If the suspect's eyes start jerking before they reach 45 degrees, check to see that some white of the eye is still showing on the side closest to the ear. If no white of the eye is showing, you either have taken the eye too far to the side (that is more than 45 degrees) or the person has unusual eyes that will not deviate very far to the side.

NOTE: Nystagmus may be due to causes other than alcohol. These other causes include seizure medications, phencyclidine inhalants, barbiturates and other depressants. A large disparity between the performance of the right and left eye may indicate brain damage.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. EYEGLASSES/CONTACTS
2. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS
3. POSITION OBJECT (12-15 INCHES)
4. TRACKING
5. PUPIL SIZE
6. CHECK FOR LACK OF SMOOTH PURSUIT
7. CHECK FOR DIST. NYSTAGMUS @ MAX. DEV.
8. CHECK ONSET OF NYSTAGMUS PRIOR TO 45°
9. TOTAL THE CLUES
10. CHECK FOR VERTICAL NYSTAGMUS

Test Interpretation

You should look for three clues of intoxication in each eye.

1. The eye cannot follow a moving object smoothly.
2. Nystagmus is distinct when the eye is at maximum deviation.
3. The angle of onset of nystagmus is prior to 45 degrees.

If, between the two eyes, four or more clues appear, it is likely that the suspect's BAC is above 0.10. Using this criterion you will be able to classify correctly about 77% of your suspects with respect to whether they are impaired. That probability was determined during laboratory and field testing and helps you weigh the various field sobriety tests in this battery as you make your arrest decision.

Vertical Nystagmus

There is only one clue to look for, the eyes jerking as the gaze is raised vertically. The Vertical Nystagmus test is very simple to administer.

1. Position the stimulus horizontally, about 12-15 inches in front of the subject's nose.
2. Instruct the subject to hold the head still, and follow the object with the eyes only.
3. Raise the object until the subject's eyes are elevated as far as possible.
4. Watch closely for evidence of jerking.

Test Conditions

Very few test conditions will affect gaze nystagmus. Most of the test requirements given in this manual are designed to make the observation of nystagmus as easy as possible for the officer doing the testing.

Nystagmus can be observed directly and does not require special equipment. You will need something for the suspect to follow with the eyes, but this can be as simple as the tip of your index finger. Officers who use this test frequently have the suspect follow a penlight. The stimulus used should be held slightly above eye level, so that the eyes are wide open when they look directly at it. It should be held about 12-15 inches in front of the nose for ease of focus.

Procedures for Walk and Turn Testing

1. Instructions Stage: Initial Positioning and Verbal Instructions

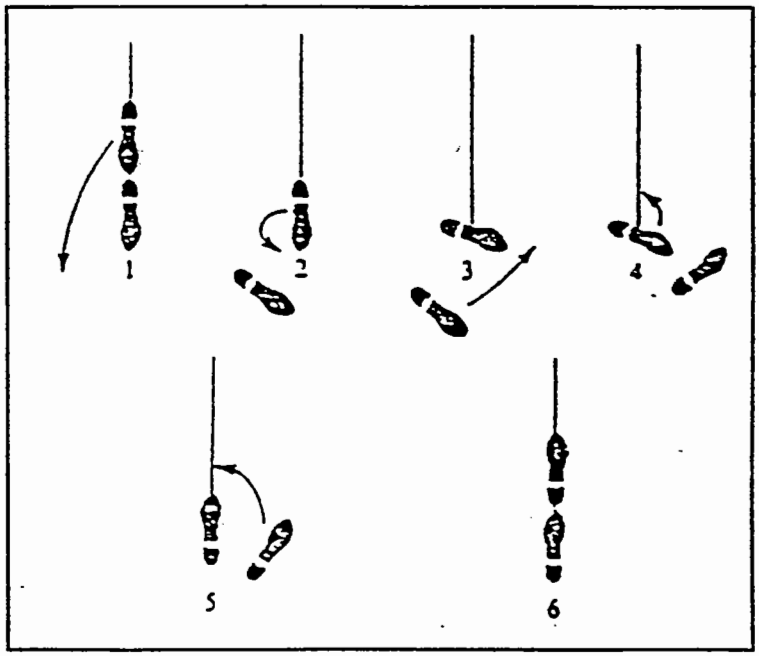
   Have the suspect assume the heel-to-toe stance by giving the following verbal instructions, accompanied by demonstrations:

   - "Place your left foot on the line." (Place your own left foot on the line to demonstrate.)
   - "Place your right foot on the line ahead of the left foot, with heel of right foot against toe of left foot." (Demonstrate).
   - "Place your arms down at your side."
   - "Keep this position until I tell you to start walking. Do not start to walk until I tell you to do so."
   - "Do you understand the instructions so far?" (Make sure suspect indicates understanding.)

2. Demonstrations and Instructions for the Walking Stage

   Explain the test requirements, using the following verbal instructions, accompanied by demonstrations:

   - "When I tell you to start, take nine heel-to-toe steps down the line, turn around, and take nine heel-to-toe steps back up the line." (Demonstrate 2 or 3 heel-to-toe steps.)
   - "When you turn, keep the front foot on the line, and turn by taking a series of small steps with the other foot, like this." (Demonstrate).
   - "While you are walking, keep your arms at your sides, watch your feet at all times, and count your steps out loud."
   - "Once you start walking, don't stop until you have completed the test."
   - "Do you understand the instructions?" (Make sure suspect understands.)
   - "Begin, and count your first step from the heel-to-toe position as 'One.'"



3. Test Interpretation

You may observe a number of different behaviors when a suspect performs this test. Research, however, has demonstrated that the behaviors listed below are the most likely to be observed in someone with a BAC above 0.10. Look for the following clues each time this test is given:

A. Cannot keep balance while listening to the instructions. Two tasks are required at the beginning of this test. The suspect must balance heel-to-toe on the line, and at the same time, listen carefully to the instructions. Typically, the person who is intoxicated can do only one of these things. The suspect may listen to the instructions, but not keep balance. Record this clue if the suspect does not maintain the heel-to-toe position throughout the instructions. Do not record this clue if the suspect sways or uses the arms to balance but maintains the heel-to-toe position.

B. Starts before the instructions are finished. The intoxicated person may also keep balance, but not listen to the instructions. Since you specifically instructed the suspect not to start walking "until I tell you to begin," record this clue if the suspect does not wait.

C. Stops while walking to steady self. The suspect pauses for several seconds after one step. Do not record this clue if the suspect is merely walking slowly.

D. Does not touch heel-to-toe. The suspect leaves a space of one-half inch or more between the heel and toe on any step. Also record this clue if the suspect does not walk straight along the line.

E. Steps off the line. The suspect steps so that one foot is entirely off the line.

F. Uses arms to balance. The suspect raises one or both arms more than 6 inches from the sides in order to maintain balance.

G. Improper turn. The suspect removes the front foot from the line while turning. Record this clue if both feet are removed from the line. Also record this clue if the suspect clearly has not followed directions in turning; for example, suspect pivots in one movement instead of the several small steps as instructed.

H. Incorrect number of steps. Record this clue if the suspect takes more or fewer than nine steps in either direction.

Note: Record failure to complete test as if the suspect failed each of the eight validated clues. Cannot do the test is not a validated clue. Consideration should be given to terminating the test if the suspect cannot safely complete it.

Should the suspect have difficulty with this test (for example, steps off the line), repeat the test from the point of difficulty, not from the beginning. This test tends to lose its sensitivity if it is repeated several times.

Observe the suspect from 3 or 4 feet away and remain motionless while suspect performs the test. Being too close or excessive motion on your part will make it more difficult for the suspect to perform, even if sober.

If the suspect exhibits two or more distinct clues on this test or fails to complete it, classify the BAC as above 0.10. Using this criterion, you will be able to classify correctly about 68% of your suspects' BAC's at above or below 0.10. Your decision point on the Walk and Turn test is two.

Note: Research has determined that there are only eight maximum clues for the walk and turn.

4. Test Conditions

Walk and Turn requires a high, dry, level, nonslipping surface with sufficient room for the suspect to complete nine heel-to-toe steps. A straight line must be clearly visible on the surface. If no line is available, it is possible to conduct the test by directing the suspect to walk in a straight line parallel with a curb, guardrail, etc. Suspect's safety should be considered at all times.

Some people have difficulty with balance even when sober. The test criteria for Walk and Turn is not necessarily valid for suspects 60 years of age or older, or 50 pounds or more overweight. Persons with injuries to their legs, or inner ear disorders, may have difficulty with test. Individuals wearing heels more than 2 inches high should be given the opportunity to remove their shoes. Individuals who cannot see out of one eye may also have trouble with this test because of poor depth perception.

5. Combined Interpretation of Gaze Nyst

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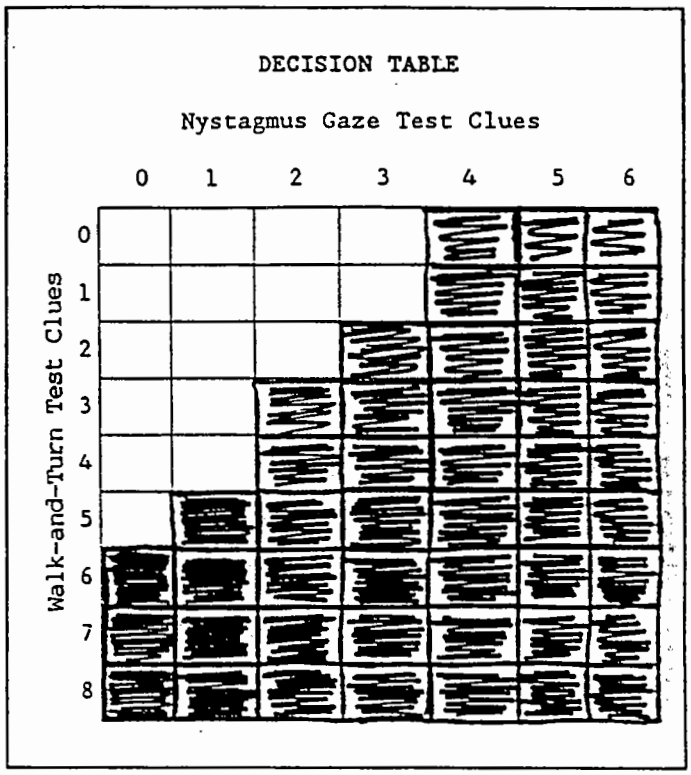

NOTE: If a suspect fails to complete the Walk and Turn Test, that can be considered as eight clues on that test.

Procedures for One-Leg Stand Testing

1. Instructions Stage: Initial Positioning and Verbal Instructions

   Initiate the test by giving the following verbal instructions, accompanied by demonstrations.

   - o "Please stand with your feet together and your arms down at the sides, like this." (Demonstrate)
   - o "Do not start to perform the test until I tell you to do so."
   - o "Do you understand the instructions so far?" (Make sure suspect indicates understanding.)

2. Demonstrations and Instructions for the Balancing and Counting Stage

   Explain the test requirements, using the following verbal instructions, accompanied by demonstrations:

   - o "When I tell you to start, you will stand on one leg, holding the other foot out in front, like this." (Demonstrate one leg stance.)
   - o "You may stand on either leg."
   - o "Keep the raised foot straight, about 6 inches off the ground, toes pointed forward so the foot is approximately parallel to ground." (Demonstrate)
   - o "While you are standing, you will count out loud for 30 seconds, like this." (Demonstrate a count, as follows: "one thousand and one, one thousand and two, and so on, all the way to one thousand and thirty".)
   - o "Keep your arms at the sides at all times and keep watching the raised foot."
   - o "Do you understand?" (Make sure suspect indicates understanding.)
   - o "Go ahead and perform the test."

3. Test Interpretation

   You may observe a number of different behaviors when a suspect performs this test. Researchers, however, have found that behaviors listed below are the most likely to be observed in someone with a BAC above 0.10. Look for the following clues each time the One-Leg Stand test is administered.

   A. The suspect sways while balancing. This refers to side-to-side or back-and-forth motion while the suspect maintains the one-leg stand position.

5. Combined Interpretation of Gaze Nystagmus Walk and Turn Tests

The Decision Table below is designed to help you classify those suspects with a potential BAC above 0.10. You will recall that the decision point on the Gaze Nystagmus Test was four clues, while on the Walk and Turn Test it was two. However, a suspect may score higher on one test and lower on the other. How do you make your decision? Find the box on the Decision Table where the two test results intersect and see if it falls in the shaded area. (For example, suppose a suspect produced only three clues on the Gaze Nystagmus but two clues on the Walk and Turn. Is he intoxicated? The Decision Table says yes. But if he scored three on the Gaze Nystagmus and only one on the Walk and Turn, the Table indicates the suspect's BAC is probably below 0.10.)

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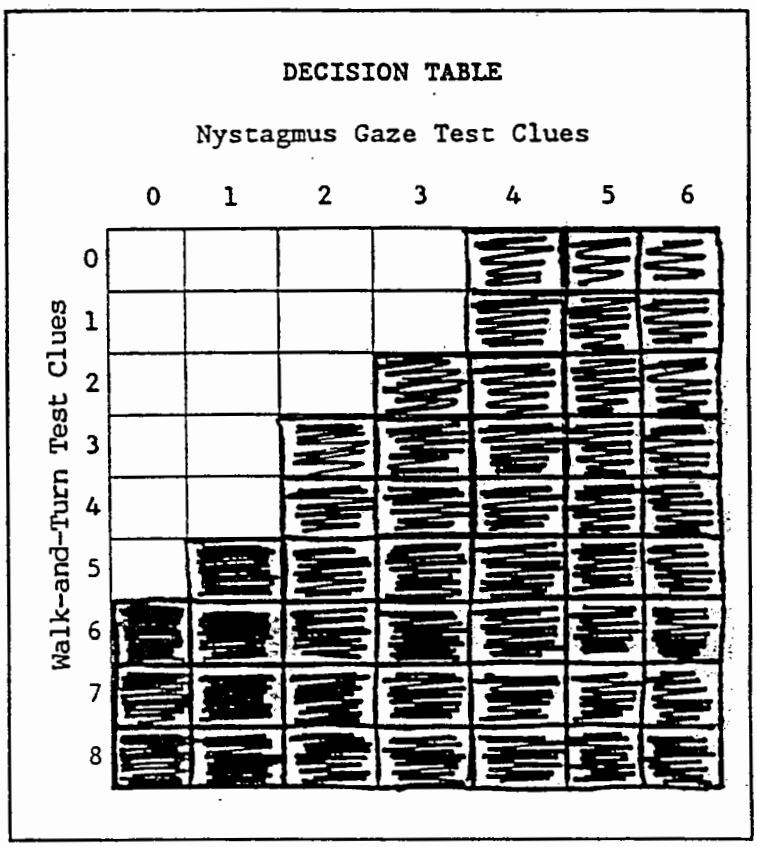

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   A. The suspect sways while balancing. This refers to side-to-side or back-and-forth motion while the suspect maintains the one-leg stand position.

B. Uses arms for balance. Suspect moves arms 6 or more inches from the side of the body in order to keep balance.

C. Hopping. Suspect is able to keep one foot off the ground, but resorts to hopping in order to maintain balance.

D. Puts foot down. The suspect is not able to maintain the one-leg stand position, putting the foot down one or more times during the 30-second count.

Note: Record failure to complete test as if the suspect failed each of the four validated clues. Cannot do the test is not a validated clue. Consideration should be given to terminating the test if the suspect cannot safely complete it.

Remember that time is critical in this test. Research has shown that a person with a BAC above 0.10 can maintain balance for up to 25 seconds, but seldom as long as 30.

If an individual shows two or more clues or fails to complete the One-Leg Stand, there is a good chance the BAC is above 0.10. Your decision point on this test is two. Using that criterion, you will correctly classify about 65% of the people you test as to whether their BAC's are above or below 0.10.

Observe the suspect from at least 3 feet away, and remain as motionless as possible during the test so as not to interfere. If the suspect puts the foot down, give instructions to pick the foot up again and continue counting from the point at which the foot touched the ground. If the suspect counts very slowly, terminate the test after 30 seconds. If the suspect is counting quickly, have the suspect continue counting until 30 seconds have elapsed.

4. Test Conditions

One-Leg Stand requires a reasonably level, and smooth surface. There should be adequate lighting for the suspect to have some visual frame of reference. Suspect's safety should be considered at all times.

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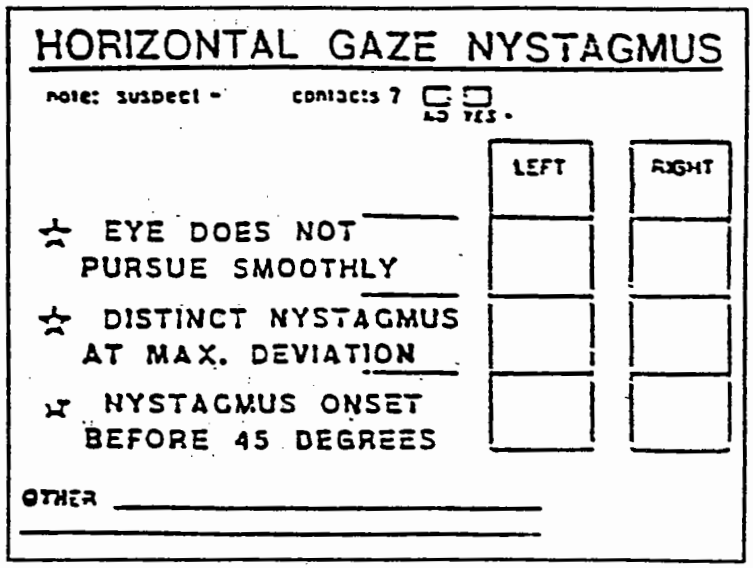
6. <u>Taking Field Notes on Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Testing</u>



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Complete the entire test for both eyes, writing or other-wise indicating "yes" or "no" for each nystagmus clue.

- o Write "yes" if the clue is present;
- o Write "no" if the clue is not present.

In the section labeled "other," record any facts, circumstances, conditions or observations that may be relevant to this test.

- o Examples of additional evidence of alcohol impairment emerging during nystagmus test:
  - suspect unable to keep head still;
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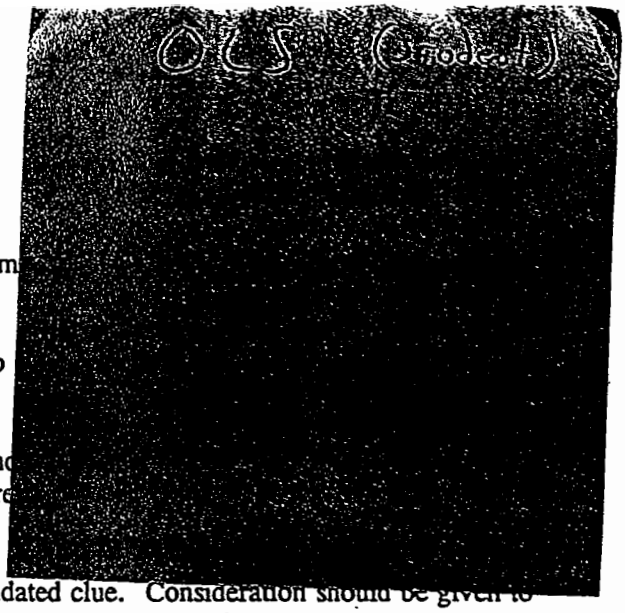

B. Uses arms for balance. Suspect m
body in order to keep balance.

C. Hopping. Suspect is able to keep
order to maintain balance.

D. Puts foot down. The suspect is n
putting the foot down one or mor

Note: Record failure to complete test
clues. Cannot do the test is not a validated clue. Consideration should be given to terminating the test if the suspect cannot safely complete it.

Remember that time is critical in this test. Research has shown that a person with a BAC above 0.10 can maintain balance for up to 25 seconds, but seldom as long as 30.

If an individual shows two or more clues or fails to complete the One-Leg Stand, there is a good chance the BAC is above 0.10. Your decision point on this test is two. Using that criterion, you will correctly classify about 65% of the people you test as to whether their BAC's are above or below 0.10.

Observe the suspect from at least 3 feet away, and remain as motionless as possible during the test so as not to interfere. If the suspect puts the foot down, give instructions to pick the foot up again and continue counting from the point at which the foot touched the ground. If the suspect counts very slowly, terminate the test after 30 seconds. If the suspect is counting quickly, have the suspect continue counting until 30 seconds have elapsed.

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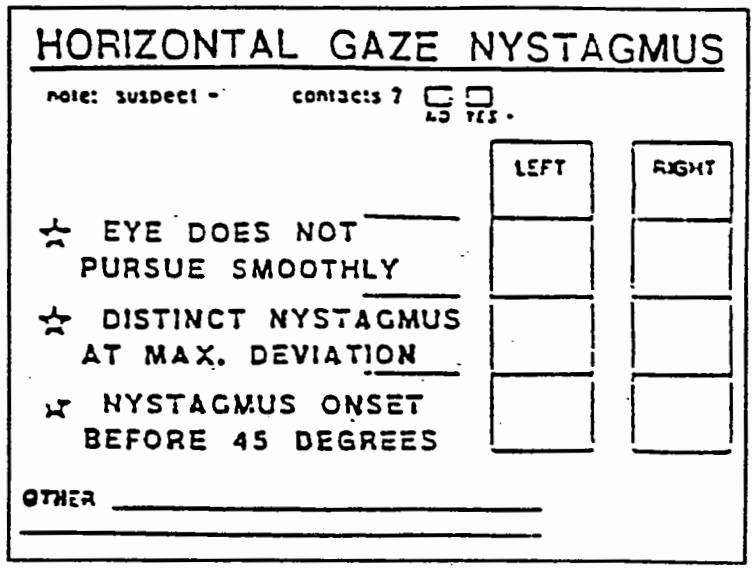

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  - wind, dust, etc. irritating suspect's eyes;
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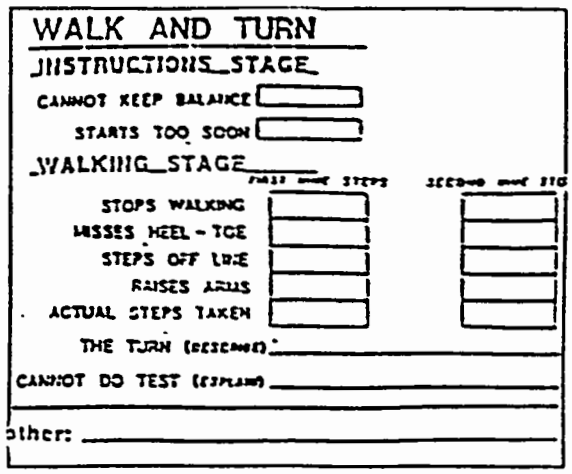
7. Taking Field Notes on Walk and Turn Testing



The section on the walk and turn test appears at the top of the guide's back side.

The first two clues, "cannot keep balance" and "starts too soon" apply only during the instructions stage of the test. Record the number of times each of those clues appear.

For example, if the suspect's feet "break apart" from the heel-to-toe stance twice during the instructions stage, write "2" in the box alongside the "cannot keep balance" clue. Similarly, if the suspect never "starts too soon," write "0" in that box. Note: Actual steps taken is for scoring purposes only. Wrong number of steps is the validated clue.

Don't leave boxes blank. If a particular clue never shows up, write "0" in the corresponding box.

Record the next five clues separately for the walk down the line, and then up the line.

A. If a suspect stops walking, record how many times.

- o during the first nine steps;
- o during second nine steps.

B. If suspect fails to touch heel-to-toe, record how many times this happens.

C. If suspect steps off the line while walking, record how many times this happens.

D. If suspect uses arms to balance, give some indication of how often or how long this happens.

- o Example: suspect raised arms from sides three times; write "3" in box.
- o Example: suspect held arms away from sides during 3 through 7; write "steps 3-7" in the box.
- o Example: suspect "flapped" arms continuously; write "const. flaps" in the box.

E. Record the actual number of steps taken by suspect in each direction.

For the next point, "loses balance while turning," try to record a description of the turn.

- o Example: "turned correctly;"
- o Example: "stumbled, to left;"

- o Example: "turned in wrong direction;"
- o Example: "not small steps."

If you note that the suspect "cannot perform test," indicate explicitly why you did so.

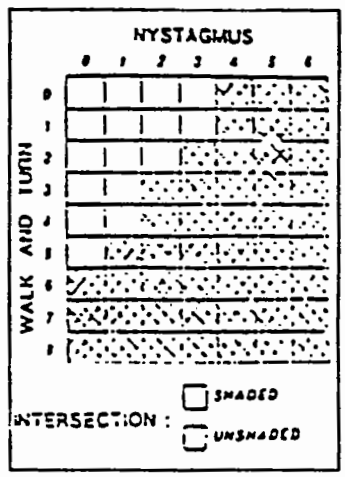
- o Example: "off line five times;"
- o Example: "staggered six steps to right, nearly fell;"
- o Example: "leg locked after fifth step."

At end of the test, examine each scoring factor and determine how many distinct clues have been scored. Remember, each clue may appear several times, but still only constitutes one distinct clue. Failure to perform test should be scored as "eight".

In the section labeled "other," record any facts, circumstances, conditions or observations that may be relevant to this test.

- o Examples of additional evidence of alcohol impairment emerging during walk and turn test:
  - suspect verbally miscounts steps;
  - suspect utters incriminating statements.
- o Examples of conditions that may interfere with suspect's performance of the walk and turn test:
  - wind/weather conditions;
  - suspect's age, weight;
  - suspect's footwear.

8. Taking Field Notes on the Combined Interpretation of Nystagmus and Walk and Turn



The decision table for combining nystagmus and walk and turn scores appears on the upper right of the page.

Along the top of the table, circle the number corresponding to the suspect's nystagmus clues. Along the left side of the table, circle the number corresponding to the suspect's walk and turn clues.

On the "intersection" line immediately below the table, check either "shaded" or "unshaded."

- o Check "shaded" if the intersection of the two test results falls in the black or shaded area of the table;

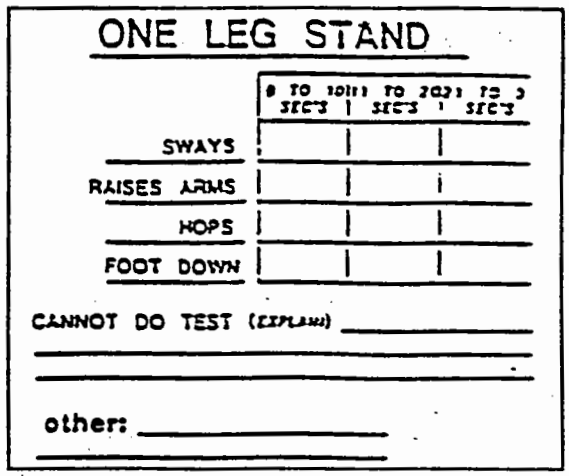
- Check "unshaded" if the intersection falls in the white or unshaded area.

Remember: Combined interpretation of nystagmus and walk and turn is more reliable than either test, separately. By using the decision table, you can correctly classify about 80% of your suspects in terms of whether their BAC's are above or below 0.10.

9. Taking Field Notes on One-Leg Stand Testing

The section on the One-Leg Stand test appears midway down the page.

Record the suspect's performance separately for the first 10 seconds of the test; for the middle 10 seconds; and for the final 10 seconds. By recording when things happen as well as what happens, you will be able to prepare a much more descriptive arrest report.


ONE LEG STAND

	0 TO 10(1) SECS	TO 20(2) SECS	TO 30 SECS
SWAYS			
RAISES ARMS			
HOPS			
FOOT DOWN			

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

other: _____

For each clue, record how often it appears during each time interval.

A. If suspect sways, indicate how often during each interval.

   - Example: zero times during first 10 seconds; once during middle 10 seconds; continuously during final 10 seconds.

B. If suspect uses arms to balance, indicate how often arms were raised during each time interval.

C. If suspect hops, indicate how many hops were taken during each time interval.

D. If suspect puts foot down, indicate how many times the foot came down during each time interval.

If you note that the suspect "cannot perform test," describe why you did so.

- Example: "foot down four times";
- Example: "staggered three steps to right, then fell";
- Example: "continuous hopping, flapping arms, nearly falling".

At end of the test, examine each scoring factor and determine how many distinct clues have appeared.

Remember: A clue may appear several times, but will constitute only one distinct clue.

Record failure to complete this test as a four, just as if the suspect failed the four validated clues.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following sentences.

1. Walk and Turn is an example of _____ field sobriety test.

2. The Walk and Turn requires a visible straight line and _____

   _____

3. During the _____ stage of the Walk and Turn, the suspect is required to count out loud.

4. When properly administered, the Walk and Turn can determine whether a suspect's BAC is above or below 0.10, _____ percent of the time.

5. In the Walk and Turn test, a suspect who steps off the line during the first nine steps and once again during the second nine steps and who raises arms for balance twice during the second nine steps has produced _____ distinct clue(s).

6. The Walk and Turn may not be valid when administered to persons who are over _____ years of age or more than _____ pounds overweight.

7. During the _____ stage of the One-Leg Stand the suspect must maintain balance for 30 seconds.

8. The One-Leg Stand requires that the suspect count out loud from to _____.

9. When properly administered, the One-Leg Stand can determine whether a suspect's BAC is above or below 0.10, _____ percent of the time.

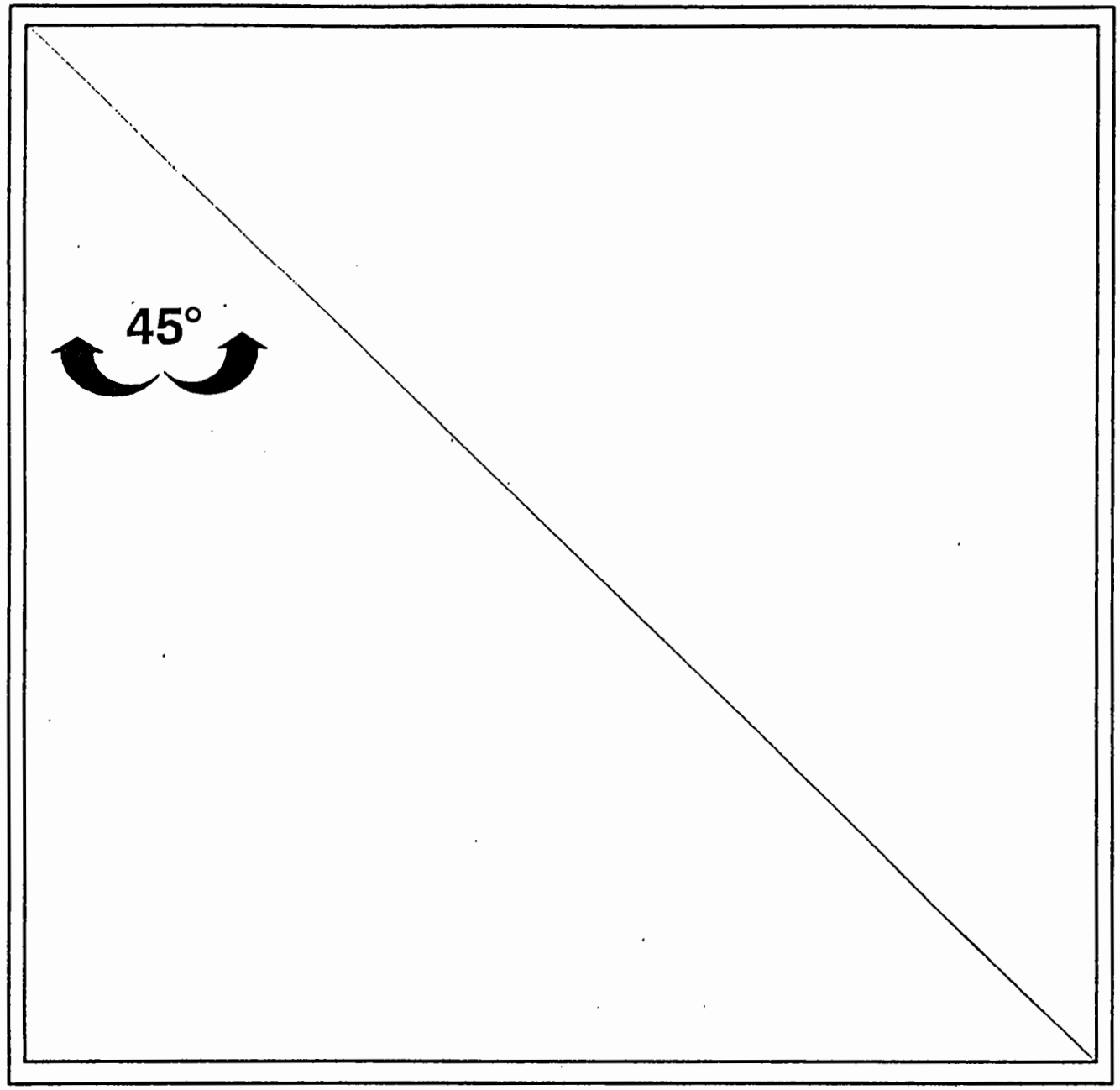
10. In the One-Leg Stand test, a suspect who sways during the first and middle 10 seconds has produced _____ distinct clue(s).

11. In the One-Leg Stand test, a suspect who raises arms during the first 10 seconds, hops during the first and second 10 seconds, and puts foot down during the third 10 seconds has produced _____ distinct clue(s).

12. The maximum number of clues for Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus that can appear in <u>one</u> eye is _____.

13. When properly administered, the HGN test can determine whether a suspect's BAC is above or below 0.10, _____ percent of the time.

14. The <u>third clue</u> of HGN is an onset of nystagmus prior to angle of _____ degrees.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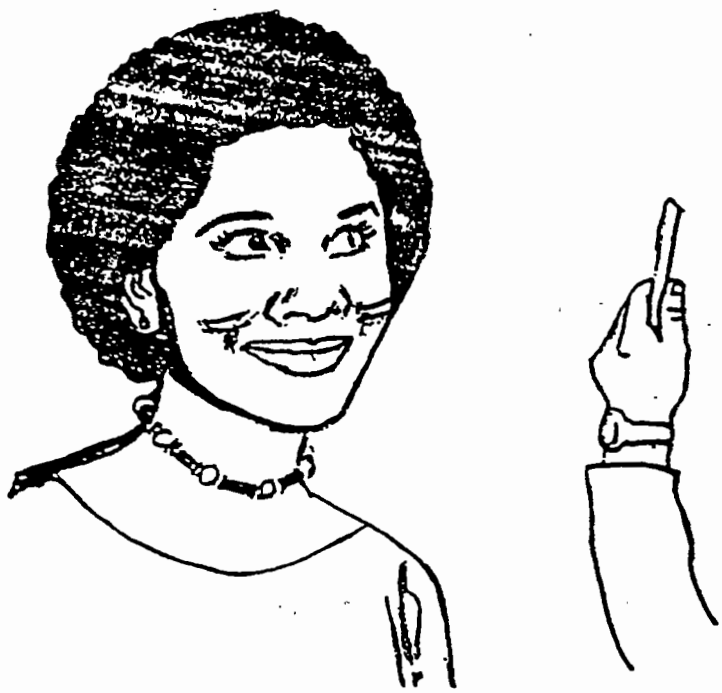

TEST BATTERY DEMONSTRATIONS

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Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate the appropriate administrative procedures for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Battery.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Live Classroom Demonstrations	o	Instructor-Led Demonstration
B.	Video Tape Demonstration	o	Student Demonstration
		o	Video Tape Presentation

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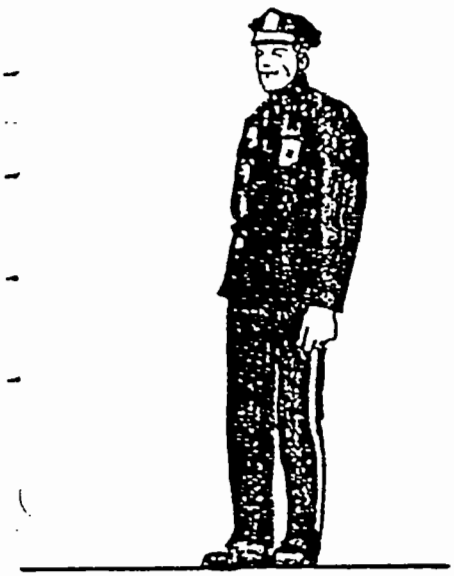
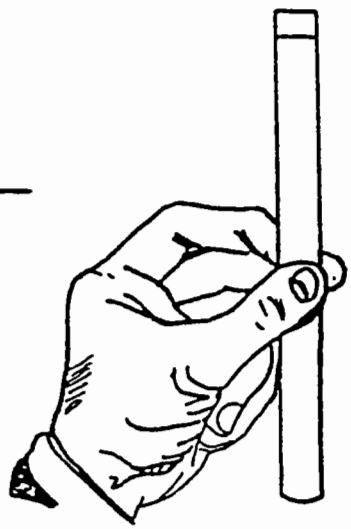
In this session, you will have the opportunity to observe several demonstrations of the three standardized field sobriety tests. Your instructors will conduct some of these demonstrations. Other demonstrations will be provided on video tape.



"DRY RUN"

PRACTICE



SESSION X

"DRY RUN" PRACTICE SESSION

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Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- o Demonstrate the proper administration of the three Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Procedures and Group Assignments	o	Instructor-Led Presentation
B.	Hands On Practice	o	Student Practice Session

"DRY RUN" PRACTICE SESSION

In this session, you will work with other students, taking turns administering the standardized field sobriety tests to each other. When you are not administering a test or serving as the test subject, you will be expected to observe the test administrator and subsequently help critique their performance.

The Student Performance Checklist (shown on the next two pages) should be used to help you monitor a fellow student's performance as a test administrator.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST
STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TEST BATTERY

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

I. HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

_____ 1. Asks if subject is wearing contact lenses.

_____ 2. Object held in proper position (12-15" from nose, just above eye level).

_____ 3. Check equal tracking.

_____ 4. Check pupil size.

_____ 5. Smooth movement from center of nose to maximum deviation in 2 seconds and then back to center. (Repeat at least 2 times). Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 6. Eye held at maximum deviation for four seconds (no white showing). Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 7. Eye moved slowly (4 sec.) from center to 45 degree angle. Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 8. Check for vertical nystagmus.

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_____ 1. Instructions given from a safe position.

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_____ 3. Subject told not to begin test until instructed to do so and asked if instructions are clear.

_____ 4. Tells subject to take nine heel-to-toe steps and demonstrates.

_____ 5. Explains and demonstrates turning procedure.

_____ 6. Tells subject to return with nine heel-to-toe steps.

_____ 7. Subject told to count steps out loud.

_____ 8. Tells subject to look at feet while counting.

_____ 9. Tells subject not to raise arms from sides.

_____ 10. Subject told not to stop once started.

_____ 11. Asks subject if all instructions are understood.

_____ 12. Properly scores test.

III. ONE-LEG STAND

_____ 1. Instructions given from a safe position.

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_____ 4. Tells subject to raise either leg 6" from ground and gives demonstration.

_____ 5. Subject told to keep eyes on elevated leg.

_____ 6. Tells subject to count to 30 by thousands and gives demonstration.

_____ 7. Checks actual time subject holds leg up.

_____ 8. Properly scores test.

Instructor: _____

"DRINKING SUBJECTS"

PRACTICE:

FIRST SESSION

SESSION XI

"DRINKING SUBJECTS" PRACTICE: FIRST SESSION

SESSION XI

"DRINKING SUBJECTS" PRACTICE: FIRST SESSION

Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Properly administer the Standardized FST's.
- Properly observe and record suspect's performance utilizing the standard note taking guide.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A.	Procedures	o Instructor-Led Presentation
B.	Hands On Practice	o Student Practice Session
C.	Session Wrap-Up	o Instructor-Led Discussion

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"DRINKING SUBJECTS" PRACTICE: FIRST SESSION

During this session, you will work with several other students to administer standardized field sobriety tests to volunteers who have consumed alcoholic beverages. Some of these volunteers will have BACs above 0.10. Others will be below that level. You will carefully note and record the volunteers' performance, and attempt to distinguish those "0.10 and above" from those "below 0.10".

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Instructor: _____

DWI INVESTIGATION FIELD NOTES

NAME _____ SEX _____ RACE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ OP. LIC. NO. _____

D.O.B. ____/____/____ SOC. SEC. # _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ YEAR _____ LIC. _____ STATE _____

DISPOSITION _____ NO. PASSENGERS _____

INCIDENT LOCATION _____

DATE ____/____/____ TIME _____ ACCIDENT ☐ YES ☐ NO

II VEHICLE IN MOTION

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS _____

OBSERVATION OF STOP _____

III PERSONAL CONTACT

OBSERVATION OF DRIVER _____

STATEMENTS _____

PRE-EXIT SOBRIETY TESTS _____

OBSERVATION OF THE EXIT _____

ODORS _____

IV PRE - ARREST SCREENING

HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

NOTE: SUSPECT WEARING CONTACTS?

NO ☐ YES ☐ HARD ☐ SOFT ☐

		LEFT	RIGHT
✪ EYE DOES NOT PURSUE SMOOTHLY	____		
✪ DISTINCT NYSTAGMUS AT MAXIMUM DEVIATION	____		
✪ NYSTAGMUS ONSET BEFORE 45 DEGREES			

OTHER: _____

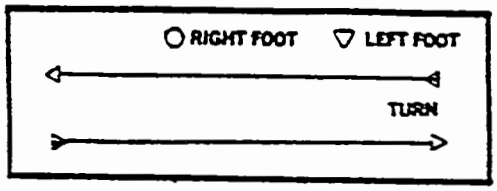
IV PRE-ARREST SCREENING (CONTINUED)

WALK__ AND__ TURN____

INSTRUCTIONS STAGE

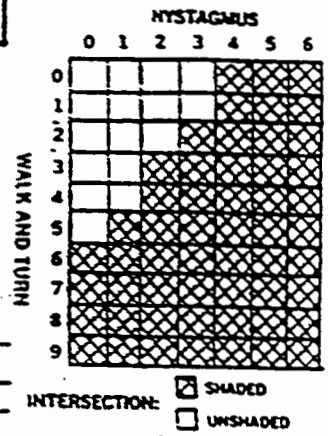
CANNOT KEEP BALANCE ☐

STARTS TOO SOON ☐



WALKING STAGE

	FIRST NINE STEPS	SECOND NINE STEPS
STOPS WALKING		
MISSES HEEL - TOE		
STEPS OFF LINE		
RAISES ARMS		
ACTUAL STEPS TAKEN		



THE TURN (DESCRIBE) _____

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

_____

OTHER: _____

ONE LEG STAND

	0 TO 10 SEC'S	11 to 20 SEC'S	21 to 30 SEC'S
SWAYS			
RAISES ARMS			
HOPS			
FOOT DOWN			

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

_____

_____

OTHER: _____

_____

_____

PBT ☐

OTHER FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS

NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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SPEECH _____

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ATTITUDE _____

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CLOTHING _____

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OTHER _____

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE _____

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PROCESSING THE ARRESTED SUSPECT

and

PREPARATION FOR TRIAL

SESSION XII

PROCESSING THE ARRESTED SUSPECT AND PREPARATION FOR TRIAL

SESSION XII

PROCESSING THE ARRESTED SUSPECT AND PREPARATION FOR TRIAL

Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Discuss the importance of correct processing and report writing procedures in DWI arrests.
- Discuss the correct sequence of DWI suspect processing procedures.
- Discuss the essential elements of the DWI arrest report.
- Discuss the importance of pre-trial conferences and presentation of evidence in the DWI trial.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A.	The Processing Phase	o Instructor-Led Presentations
B.	Preparing the DWI Arrest Report: Documenting The Evidence	o Video-Tape Presentations
C.	Narrative DWI Arrest Report	o Interactive Discussion
D.	Case Preparation and Pre-trial Conference	
E.	Guidelines for Direct Testimony	

PROCESSING THE ARRESTED SUSPECT AND PREPARATION FOR TRIAL

The successful prosecution of a DWI case is dependent upon the officer's ability to organize and present all relevant evidence of each element of the DWI violation. The officer must keep in mind that virtually all of this evidence must be compiled during the three phases of detection -- vehicle in motion, personal, and pre-arrest screening. The officer must be able to establish the level of impairment at the time that the violation occurred; therefore, observations are of critical importance. Subsequent evidence of impairment, such as the evidential chemical test result(s) and/or the evidence gathered during a drug evaluation, will be admissible only when a proper arrest has been made. The efforts expended in detecting, apprehending, investigating and testing/evaluating the DWI violator will be of little value if there is not sufficient evidence to prove every element of the violation.

Accordingly, if the evidence is not presented clearly and convincingly in court, the case may be lost, no matter how good that evidence may be. Therefore, it is essential that officers develop the ability to write a clear and concise report describing their observations and results of their investigation for presentation to the prosecutor.

What is evidence? Evidence is any means by which some alleged fact that has been submitted to investigation may either be established or disproved. Evidence of a DWI violation may be of various types:

a. Physical (or real) evidence: something tangible, visible, audible (e.g. a blood sample or a partially empty can of beer).

b. Well established facts (e.g. judicial notice of accuracy of the breath test device when proper procedures are followed).

c. Demonstrative evidence: demonstrations performed in courtroom (e.g. field sobriety tests).

d. Written matter of documentation (e.g. the citation, the alcohol influence report, the drug evaluation report, evidential chemical test results, etc.).

e. Testimony (the officer's verbal description of what was seen, heard, smelled, etc.).

The prosecutor must be able to establish that the defendant was driving or operating a motor vehicle on a highway or within the state while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with an excessive BAC level. The prosecutor also must establish that the proper procedures were followed:

a. That there were reasonable grounds for arrest.

1. That the accused was in fact the driver/operator of the motor vehicle.

2. That there were grounds for stopping/contacting the accused.

3. That there was probable cause to believe that the accused was under the influence, or intoxicated.

b. That proper arrest procedures were followed.

c. That proper and due regard was given to suspect's rights.

d. That subsequent observation and interrogation of the suspect provided additional evidence relevant to the alleged offense.

e. That there was a proper request for the suspect to submit to the chemical test.

f. If drugs other than alcohol are involved, the prosecutor also must establish that there were grounds to request a drug evaluation and:

1. That the evaluation was properly administered.

2. That the results establish the cause of impairment was a drug or drugs other than alcohol or in combination with alcohol.

3. That there was a proper request for the suspect to submit to an additional evidential chemical test.

The prosecutor's case will largely be based upon the officer's investigation, and in particular on the arrest report.

While it is true that many items which are critical to the prosecution are documented on special forms, the officer must keep in mind that the prosecutor may not have the time to search out relevant facts. The decision may be made to amend or reduce or even dismiss the case on the basis of the arrest report alone.

It is, therefore, essential that the report clearly and accurately describe the total sequence of events from the point the subject was first observed, through the arrest, the drug evaluation (if conducted), and subsequent release or incarceration.

Guidelines for Note Taking

One of the most critical tasks in the DWI enforcement process is the recognition and retention of facts and cues that establish probable cause to stop, investigate and subsequently arrest persons suspected of driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The evidence gathered during the detection process must establish the elements of the violation, and must be documented to support successful prosecution of the violator. This evidence is largely sensory (see-smell-hear) in nature, and therefore is extremely short lived.

Police officers must be able to recognize and act on facts and circumstances with which they are confronted. But the officer must also be able to recall those observations, and describe them clearly and convincingly, to secure a conviction. The officer is inundated with evidence of DWI, sights, sounds, smells, etc.; recognizes it, sometimes subconsciously, and bases the decision to stop, investigate and ultimately arrest on it.

Since evidence of a DWI violation is short lived, police officers need a system and tools for recording field notes at scenes of DWI investigations. Technological advances have made it possible to use audio tape recorders and video tape recorders in the field and they provide an excellent means of documenting this short lived evidence. However, the vast majority of officers must rely on their own field notes.

One way of improving the effectiveness of field notes is to use a structured note taking guide. This type of form makes it very easy to record brief "notes" on each step of the detection process, and ensures that vital evidence is documented. The field notes provide the information necessary for completion of required DWI report forms and assist the officer in preparing a written account of the incident. The field notes will also be useful if the officer is required to provide oral testimony, since they can be used to refresh the officer's memory.

A model note taking guide has been developed for use in the basic course. DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing course (see attached copy).

Section I provides space to record basic information describing the suspect, the vehicle, the location, and the date and time the incident occurred.

Section II provides space to record brief descriptions of the vehicle in motion (Detection Phase One), including initial observation of the vehicle in operation, and observation of the stopping sequence.

Section III provides space to record brief descriptions of the personal contact with the suspect (Detection Phase Two), including observation of the driver, statements or responses made by the driver or passengers, the results of any pre-exit sobriety tests, observation of the driver exiting the vehicle, and any odors that may be present.

Section IV provides space to record the results of all field sobriety tests that were administered, and the results of the preliminary breath test (PBT) if it was given.

Section V provides space to record the officer's general observations, such as the suspect's manner of speech, attitude, clothing, etc. Any physical evidence collected should also be noted in this section.

<u>The Processing Phase</u>

The Processing Phase of a DWI Enforcement incident is the bridge between arrest and conviction of a DWI offender. Processing involves the assembly and organization of all of the evidence obtained during the detection phase, to ensure that the evidence will be available and admissible in court. Processing also involves obtaining additional evidence, such as a scientific chemical test or tests of the suspect's breath, blood, etc.

Typically, the processing phase may involve the following tasks:

- o Inform the offender that they are under arrest.
- o "Pat-down" or frisk the offender.
- o Handcuff the offender.
- o Secure the offender in the patrol vehicle.
- o Secure the offender's vehicle, passengers, property.
- o Transport the offender to an appropriate facility.
- o (If applicable) arrange for video taping.
- o Advise offender of rights and obligations under the Implied Consent Law.
- o Administer the evidential chemical test(s).
- o Advise offender of Constitutional Rights (Miranda Admonition).
- o Interview the offender.
- o Incarcerate or release the offender.
- o Complete the required reports.

Guidelines for Writing the Narrative Report

Report writing is an essential skill for a police officer. Good report writing becomes second nature with practice. While there is no one best way to write an arrest report, it is helpful to follow a simple format. Departmental policies and/or special instructions or requirements of the prosecutor provide some guidance.

Detection and arrest

During the detection phase of the DWI arrest process, the arresting officer must mentally note relevant facts to support the decision to arrest.

These facts are then recorded in the form of field notes and are used to refresh officer's memory when the formal arrest report is prepared.

The following block outline format identifies some of the essential ingredients in a DWI offense (arrest) report:

- o Initial Observations - Describe your first observations of the subject's actions. What drew your attention to him? Your first observations are important. Be sure to record the time and location of the first event.

- o Vehicle Stop - Record any unusual actions taken by the subject. How did the subject react to the emergency light and/or siren? Was it a normal stop? Be specific.

- o Contact Driver - Record your observations of the subject's personal appearance, condition of the eyes, speech, etc. Record the name and number of passengers in the vehicle and where they sat. Describe any unusual actions taken by the subject.

- Driving or Actual Physical Control - In some cases, you may not use the subject's driving behavior as the basis for the contact. Your first contact could result from an accident investigation or a motorist assistance type of contact. Your observations and documentation must establish that the subject was driving or in actual physical control of the vehicle.

- Field Sobriety Tests - Describe the subject's actions when you administered the field sobriety tests. Be specific.

- Arrest - Document the arrest decision and ensure that all elements of the violation have been accurately described.

- Disposition/Location of Vehicle and Keys - Indicate where the vehicle was secured or towed and the location of the keys. If the vehicle was released to another party or was driven by a backup officer, record that fact.

- Disposition of Passenger and/or Property - Ensure that passengers and property are properly cared for.

- Transportation - Describe where the subject was transported for evidential testing. Document time of departure and arrival. (This information can be obtained for the radio log). Note any spontaneous comments made by the suspect.

- Evidential Test - Document which test(s) were administered and by whom. Be sure to include the evidential test(s).

- Implied Consent/Miranda Warning - Document that the admonishments were given at the appropriate point in the investigation.

- Witness Statements - List all witnesses and attach copies of their statements.

- Notification of Offender's Attorney or Other Party - Document the time and result of subject's telephone call to an attorney or other party.

- Citation/Complaint - Document that the traffic citation/complaint was issued at the appropriate time if applicable.

- Incarceration or Release - Document the time and place of incarceration or the name and address of the responsible party to whom the offender was released. Be sure to record the time.

- o Additional Chemical Test - If the subject is authorized to request additional chemical tests and does so, record the type of test, time administered, location, and party administering the test.

The foregoing list is not intended to be all inclusive. In many cases, several points will not be needed.

The narrative does not have to be lengthy, but it must be accurate. Remember, successful prosecution depends on your ability to describe the events you observed. Often a trial can be avoided (i.e., an offender may plead guilty) when you do a good job in preparing your arrest report.

A sample report providing an example of the block outline format is attached.

Case Preparation and Pre-trial Conference

Case preparation begins with your first observation and contact with the suspect. It is essential that all relevant facts and evidence are mentally noted and later documented in field notes or other official forms.

Guidelines for Case Preparation

- o Use field notes to document evidence.
- o Accurately note statements and other observations.
- o Review the case with other officers who witnessed the arrest or otherwise assisted you and write down relevant facts.
- o Collect and preserve all physical evidence.
- o Prepare all required documents and a narrative report.
- o Resume.

Remember, it is essential that all reports be consistent. If differences occur, be sure to adequately explain them. The defense will try to impeach your testimony by pointing out seemingly minor inconsistencies.

Preparation for Trial

Upon receipt of a subpoena or other notification of a trial date, review all records and reports to refresh your memory. If appropriate, revisit the scene of the arrest. Compare notes with assisting officers to ensure that all facts are clear.

During discovery, list all evidence and properly document it. Remember, evidence may be excluded if proper procedures are not followed.

Attention to detail is very important.

Pre-trial Conference

Successful prosecution is dependent upon the prosecutor's ability to present a clear and convincing case based on your testimony, physical evidence, and supporting evidence/testimony from other witnesses and experts.

If at all possible, try to arrange a pretrial conference with the prosecutor. Review with the prosecutor all evidence and all basis for your conclusions. If there are weak points in your case, bring them to the prosecutor's attention. Ask the prosecutor to review the questions to be asked on the witness stand. Point out when you do not know the answer to a question. Ask the prosecutor to review questions and tactics the defense attorney may use. Make sure your resume is current. Review your credentials and qualifications with the prosecutor.

If you cannot have a pretrial conference, try to identify the main points about the case, and be sure to discuss these with the prosecutor during the few minutes you will have just before the trial.

Guidelines for Direct Testimony

Your basic task is to establish the facts of the case: that the suspect was driving or in actual physical control of a vehicle, on a highway or other specified location, within the court's jurisdiction, and was under the influence of alcohol, or drugs or some combination thereof. In other words, to present evidence to establish probable cause for the arrest and conclusive evidence that the violation in fact was committed.

Describe in a clear and convincing manner all relevant observations during the three detection phases and those subsequent to the arrest. When you testify about the suspect's performance of the standardized field sobriety tests, do not use the terms "pass" or "fail". Also, do not refer to the suspect's "score" on the test or the number of "points" produced. Instead, describe clearly and explicitly how the suspect performed (e.g., "stepped off the line twice, raised the arms three times, etc."). By presenting your observations clearly and convincingly, you will allow the fact of the suspect's impairment to speak for itself.

Always keep in mind that juries typically focus on an officer's demeanor as much or more than on the content of the testimony. Strive to maintain your professionalism and impartiality. Be clear in your testimony; explain technical terms in layman's language; don't use jargon, abbreviations, acronyms, etc. Be polite and courteous. Do not become agitated in response to questions by the defense. Above all, if you don't know the answer to a question, say so. Don't guess at answers, or compromise your honesty in any way. Be professional and present evidence in a fair and impartial manner.

Typical Defense Tactics

In many cases, you will be the key witness for the prosecution. Therefore, the defense will try very hard to cast doubt on your testimony.

The defense may ask some questions to challenge your observations and interpretations. For example, you may be asked whether the signs, symptoms and behaviors you observed in the suspect couldn't have been caused by an injury or illness, or by something other than the alcohol/drugs you concluded were present. You may also be asked questions whose purpose is to make it appear as if you weren't really certain that you actually saw what you say you saw. Answer these questions honestly, but carefully. If your observations are not consistent with what an illness or injury would produce, explain why not. Make it clear that your conclusions about alcohol/drug influence are based on interpretation of the observed facts.

The defense may also attempt to challenge your credentials by asking questions to cast doubt on the formal training you have had. There may also be an attempt to ask questions to "trip you up" on technical or scientific issues, and make it appear that you are less knowledgeable than you should be or claim to be. Stick to absolute honesty. Answer all questions about your training fully and accurately, but don't embellish. Don't try to make the training appear to have been more elaborate or extensive than it really was. Answer scientific or technical questions only if you know the answer. Otherwise, admit that you don't know. Don't try to fake or guess the answers.

And, the defense may ask questions to challenge your credibility. You may be asked several very similar questions, in the hope that your answers will be inconsistent. You may be asked questions whose purpose is to show that you had already formed your opinion well before the suspect completed the field sobriety tests. And, you may be asked questions that try to suggest that you eliminated portions of the tests or only gave incomplete or confusing instructions. Guard against these kinds of defense challenges by always performing complete, standardized field sobriety tests, exactly as you have been taught. Standardization will ensure both consistency and credibility.

DWI INCIDENT REPORT

#16347

Defendant:	Mary Katherine Webster
Age:	24
Date of Arrest:	4-14-XX
Time of Arrest:	4:00 pm

Initial Observation:

At approximately 3:56 pm Sgt. Tower and Trooper Pang were observing traffic at the intersection of Druid Lake Drive and Park Height's Avenue. The defendant, a white female, was driving a silver jeep NB on Druid Lake Drive approaching Park Height's Avenue. The defendant did not reduce speed as she approached the intersection and failed to stop for a solid red traffic signal facing her lane. The defendant made a wide left turn onto Park Height's Avenue and accelerated.

There were two male and two female occupants in the jeep. The occupants were loud and boisterous and the radio was playing loudly.

Park Height's Avenue is a two-lane roadway with one lane in each direction. Traffic was heavy. A light rain was falling.

Pursuit:

Sgt. Tower immediately pursued the jeep. After the jeep completed the turn a male passenger in the right front seat threw a can (later determined to be a beer can) at and struck a large yellow traffic control sign. As the jeep continued westbound, Sgt. Tower observed the brake lights flicker momentarily and the vehicle lurched slightly as if driver was having difficulty changing gears.

The jeep drifted to the left toward the center line and the left wheels actually touched the center line. At that point, the jeep suddenly swerved to the right as a pick up truck approached in the eastbound lane.

The jeep drifted toward the center line, then to the right, again to the center and once more to the right. The jeep stayed within the lane and did not cross the center line or run off the right edge of the road.

Sgt. Tower followed the jeep for approximately 3/4 mile before activating the red lights to find a suitable stopping location.

Vehicle Stop:

The jeep slowly pulled to the right shoulder and continued moving at approximately 10 mph. At that point Sgt. Tower activated the siren. The jeep traveled approximately 200 ft. before coming to a complete stop.

Contact With Driver:

Sgt. Tower approached the driver's side of the vehicle and Trooper Pang remained in the area of the right rear side. Sgt. Tower asked the driver to produce both her driver's license and the vehicle registration. The driver produced both documents, but appeared nervous and uneasy. She was identified as Mary K. Webster from her drivers license. Sgt. Tower asked her a series of brief questions:

1. What is your middle name? A = Katherine

2. Without looking at your watch, what time is it? A = 4:30 (Actual time approximately 4:00)

3. Can you tell me your date of birth? The month and the day? A = 7-8-24.

Sgt. Tower then demonstrated and asked her to perform simple dexterity tests.

1. Finger count with thumb touching fingers on same hand. 1-2-3-4, 4-3 (hesitated) 2-1.

2. Alphabet E-P, correctly done.

3. Count backwards 67-54. She stopped at 60 to tell the occupants of the jeep to "shut up". She seemed confused on where to start again after being asked to resume the count, Sgt. Tower reminded her where she left off. She then completed the count.

Sgt. Tower asked Ms. Webster if she had been drinking. She responded "YES". During this interview, Sgt. Tower detected a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath, her eyes were bloodshot. She continued to appear nervous and unsure of herself.

The passengers were rowdy and abusive throughout the contact. The driver asked them to be quiet several times and at one point she told them to "shut up".

Sgt. Tower asked Ms. Webster to step out of the Jeep to perform field sobriety tests. She agreed to do so voluntarily. As she stepped out and walked to the sidewalk at the rear of the jeep, her balance appeared unsteady and she used her left hand to balance on the jeep.

DWI INVESTIGATION FIELD NOTES

NAME _____ SEX _____ RACE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ OP. LIC. NO. _____

D.O.B. ___/___/___ SOC. SEC. # _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ YEAR _____ LIC. _____ STATE _____

DISPOSITION _____ NO. PASSENGERS _____

INCIDENT LOCATION _____

DATE ___/___/___ TIME _____ ACCIDENT ☐ YES ☐ NO

II VEHICLE IN MOTION

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS _____

OBSERVATION OF STOP _____

III PERSONAL CONTACT

OBSERVATION OF DRIVER _____

STATEMENTS _____

PRE-EXIT SOBRIETY TESTS _____

OBSERVATION OF THE EXIT _____

ODORS _____

IV PRE - ARREST SCREENING

HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

NOTE: SUSPECT WEARING CONTACTS?

NO ☐ YES ☐ HARD ☐ ☐

		LEFT	RIGHT
✪ EYE DOES NOT PURSUE SMOOTHLY	____		
✪ DISTINCT NYSTAGMUS AT MAXIMUM DEVIATION	____		
✪ NYSTAGMUS ONSET BEFORE 45 DEGREES			

OTHER: _____

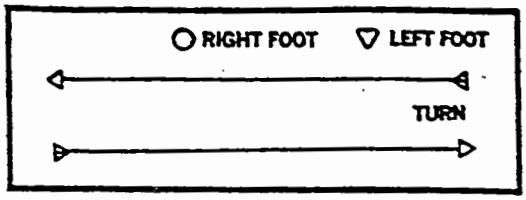
IV PRE-ARREST SCREENING (CONTINUED)

WALK__ AND__ TURN_____

INSTRUCTIONS STAGE

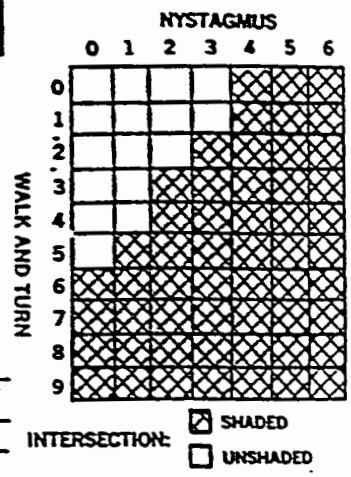
CANNOT KEEP BALANCE ☐

STARTS TOO SOON ☐



WALKING STAGE

	FIRST NINE STEPS	SECOND NINE STEPS
STOPS WALKING		
MISSES HEEL - TOE		
STEPS OFF LINE		
RAISES ARMS		
ACTUAL STEPS TAKEN		



THE TURN (DESCRIBE) _____

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

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OTHER: _____

ONE LEG STAND

	0 TO 10 SEC'S	11 to 20 SEC'S	21 to 30 SEC'S
SWAYS			
RAISES ARMS			
HOPS			
FOOT DOWN			

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

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OTHER: _____

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PBT ☐

OTHER FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS

NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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V GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

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REPORT WRITING EXERCISE AND MOOT COURT

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SESSION XIII

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REPORT WRITING EXERCISE AND MOOT COURT

Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- o Discuss the required information on a narrative arrest report.
- o Successfully complete a narrative arrest report.
- o Discuss the need for competent courtroom testimony.
- o Demonstrate the proper techniques of courtroom testimony.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Procedures and Assignments	o	Instructor-Led Presentation
B.	Report Writing Exercise	o	Video Presentation
C.	Courtroom Testimony Exercise	o	Writing Skills Exercise
		o	Courtroom Testimony Exercise
		o	Instructor-Led Discussion

REPORT WRITING EXERCISE AND MOOT COURT

In this session, you will view a video tape of a simulated DWI arrest, after which you will write a narrative arrest report based on your observations. Some students subsequently will be selected to "testify" about the incident in a moot court.

"DRINKING SUBJECTS"

PRACTICE:
SECOND SESSION

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"DRINKING SUBJECTS" PRACTICE: SECOND SESSION

Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in administering the SFST battery and interpreting the results.

CONTENT SEGMENTS	LEARNING ACTIVITIES
A. Procedures	o Instructor-Led Demonstrations/ Practice Exercise
B. Hands On Practice	
C. Session Wrap Up	

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST
STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS BATTERY

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

I. HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

_____ 1. Asks if subject is wearing contact lenses.

_____ 2. Object held in proper position (12-15" from nose, just above eye level.)

_____ 3. Check equal tracking.

_____ 4. Check pupil size.

_____ 5. Smooth movement from center of nose to maximum deviation in 2 seconds and then back to center. (Repeat at least 2 times). Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 6. Eye held at maximum deviation for four seconds (no white showing). Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 7. Eye moved slowly (4 sec.) from center to 45 degree angle. Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 8. Check for vertical nystagmus.

II. WALK AND TURN

_____ 1. Instructions given from a safe position.

_____ 2. Tells subject to place feet on line in heel-to-toe manner (left foot behind right foot) with arms at sides and gives demonstration.

_____ 3. Tells subject not to begin test until told to do so and asks if subject understands the instructions.

_____ 4. Tells subject to take nine heel-to-toe steps and demonstrates.

_____ 5. Explains and demonstrates turning procedure.

_____ 6. Tells subject to return with nine heel-to-toe steps.

_____ 7. Tells subject to count steps out loud.

_____ 8. Tells subject to look at feet while counting.

"DRINKING SUBJECTS" PRACTICE: SECOND SESSION

During this session, you will work with several other students to administer standardized field sobriety tests to volunteers who have consumed alcoholic beverages. Some of these volunteers will have BACs above 0.10%. Others will be below that level. You will carefully note and record the volunteers' performance, and attempt to distinguish those "0.10% and above" from those "below 0.10%".

_____ 9. Tells subject not to raise arms from sides.

_____ 10. Tells subject not to stop once starting.

_____ 11. Asks subject if all instructions are understood.

III. ONE-LEG STAND

_____ 1. Instructions given from a safe position.

_____ 2. Tells subject to stand straight, place feet together, and hold arms at sides.

_____ 3. Tells subject not to begin test until told to do so and asks if subject understands instructions.

_____ 4. Tells subject to raise either leg 6" from ground while holding other leg stiff and gives demonstration.

_____ 5. Tells subject to keep toes pointed ahead and to keep eyes on elevated foot.

_____ 6. Tells subject to count to 30 by thousands and gives demonstration.

_____ 7. Checks actual time subject holds leg up.

Instructor: _____

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DATE ____/____/____ TIME _____ ACCIDENT ☐ YES ☐ NO

II VEHICLE IN MOTION

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HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

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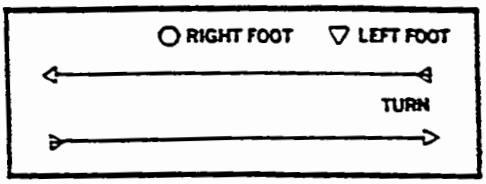

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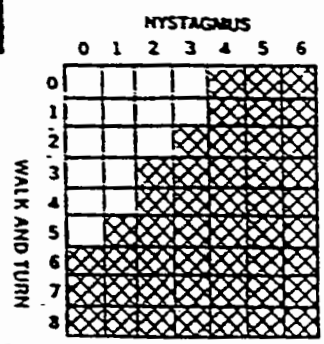

THE TURN (DESCRIBE) _____

CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

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OTHER: _____

INTERSECTION: ☒ SHADED ☐ UNSHADED

ONE LEG STAND

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RAISES ARMS			
HOPS			
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CANNOT DO TEST (EXPLAIN) _____

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OTHER: _____

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PBT ☐

OTHER FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS

NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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NAME OF TEST _____

DESCRIBE PERFORMANCE _____

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V GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

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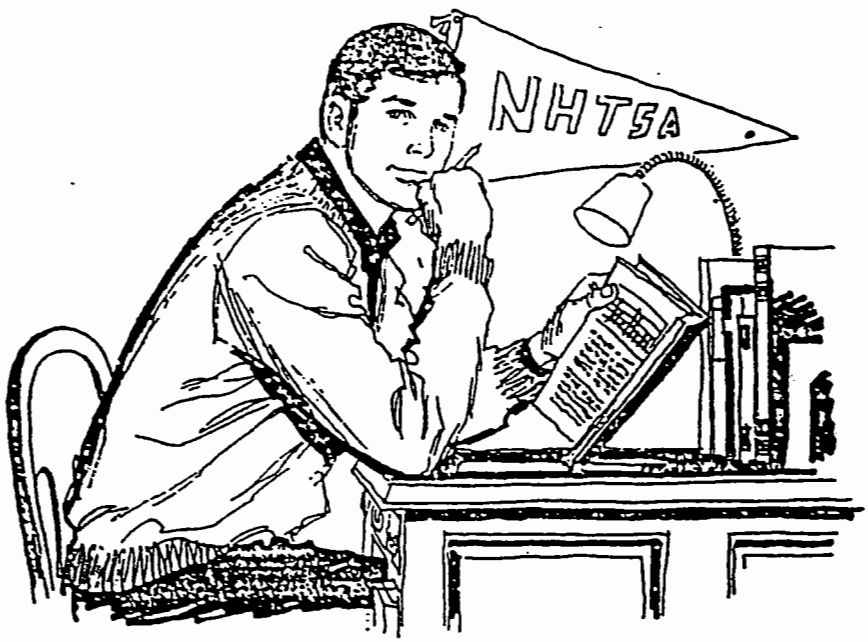
REVIEW and PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS



SESSION XV

REVIEW AND PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

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Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in administering the standardized field sobriety testing battery.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Review of Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus	o	Instructor-Led Presentation
B.	Review of Walk and Turn	o	Instructor-Led Demonstration
C.	Review of One-Leg Stand	o	Student-Led Demonstration
D.	Video Tape Demonstration	o	Video Tape Demonstration
E.	Proficiency Exam	o	Student Proficiency Examination

REVIEW AND PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

During this session, you will review the administrative procedures for the three standardized field sobriety tests. You will participate in and observe demonstrations of those tests in the classroom and you will view video taped demonstrations.

Near the end of this session, you will be examined to determine proficiency in administering the three tests. Study the Student's Performance Checklist. You must perform each administrative step perfectly to pass the proficiency examination.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST
STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS BATTERY

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

I. HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS

_____ 1. Asks if subject is wearing contact lenses.

*_____ 2. Object held in proper position ("12-15" from nose, just above eye level).

_____ 3. Check equal tracking.

_____ 4. Check pupil size.

*_____ 5. Smooth movement of stimulus from center of nose out to the right (checking suspect's left eye first) as far as eye can go in 2 seconds and then back across center of suspect's face to left (checking suspect's right eye) then back to center. (Repeat at least 2 times). Check left eye, then right eye.

*_____ 6. Eye held at maximum deviation for four seconds (no white showing). Check left eye, then right eye.

*_____ 7. Eye moved slowly (4 sec.) from center to 45 degree angle. Check left eye, then right eye.

_____ 8. Check for vertical nystagmus.

II. WALK AND TURN

_____ 1. Instructions given from a safe position.

*_____ 2. Tells subject to place feet on line in heel-to-toe manner with arms at sides and gives demonstration.

*_____ 3. Tells subject not to begin test until told to do so and asks if subject understands the instructions.

*_____ 4. Tells subject to take nine heel-to-toe steps and demonstrates.

*_____ 5. Explains and demonstrates turning procedure.

*_____ 6. Tells subject to return with nine heel-to-toe steps.

*_____ 7. Tells subject to count steps out loud.

*_____ 8. Tells subject to look at feet while counting.

*_____ 9. Tells subject not to raise arms from sides.

*_____ 10. Tells subject not to stop once starting.

*_____ 11. Asks subject if all instructions are understood.

_____ 12. Properly scores test.

III. ONE-LEG STAND

_____ 1. Instructions given from a safe position.

_____ 2. Subject told to stand straight, place feet together, and hold arms at sides.

_____ 3. Subject told not to begin test until told to do so and asked if subject understands the instructions.

*_____ 4. Tell the subject to stand on one foot, with the other foot held straight about six inches off the ground, toes pointed forward and parallel to the ground.

*_____ 5. Subject told to keep eyes on elevated leg.

*_____ 6. Tells subject to count to 30 by thousands and gives demonstration.

_____ 7. Checks actual time subject holds leg up. If subject is counting quickly, have the subject continue counting until 30 seconds have elapsed. If the subject counts very slowly, terminate the test after 30 seconds.

_____ 8. Properly scores test.

Instructor: _____

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Upon successfully completing this session, the student will be able to:

- Pass a written examination.
- Provide comments and suggestions for improving the course.

CONTENT SEGMENTS		LEARNING ACTIVITIES	
A.	Post Test	o	Written Student Examination
B.	Critique	o	Written Student Critique
C.	Review of Post Test	o	Instructor-Led Presentation
D.	Concluding Remarks		
E.	Certificates and Dismissal		

WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND PROGRAM CONCLUSION

During this session, you will take a written test to demonstrate your knowledge of the key topics covered in this course. Study the manual prior to the test. Become familiar with its contents.

Suggested topics for review to prepare for the test.

1. Deterrence and DWI

   What approximate percentage of fatal crashes involve drivers who have been drinking?

   On any typical weekend night, approximately what percentage of cars are driven by persons who are DWI?

   Approximately what percentage of adult Americans are estimated to commit DWI at least occasionally?

   About how many times per year does the average DWI violator commit DWI?

   An alcohol-related crash is more likely to result in death than is a non-alcohol related crash. How many times more likely?

   It is estimated that the current odds of being arrested for DWI on any one impaired driving event are about one-in-_____.

2. Detection Phases

   What are the three phases of detection?

   What is the definition of "detection"?

   What is the police officer's principal decision during Detection Phase One? During Phase Two? During Phase Three?

   Suppose you are on night time patrol and you see a vehicle following another too closely. What are the odds that the driver of the following vehicle is DWI?

3. Laws

   What does "Per Se" mean?

   The "Illegal Per Se" law makes it an offense to operate a motor vehicle while _____.

True or False: The Implied Consent Law grants the suspect the option of refusing the chemical test.

True or False: A person cannot be convicted of DWI if BAC was below 0.05.

4. Alcohol Physiology and Technology

True or False: Vision will be impaired for virtually all people by the time BAC reaches 0.08.

Name at least three factors that may affect the accuracy of a preliminary breath test.

5. Field Sobriety Testing

What does "nystagmus" mean?

Walk and Turn is an example of a _____ attention test.

Name the eight distinct clues of Walk and Turn.

Name the four distinct clues of One-Leg Stand.

Name the three distinct clues of Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus.

What is the critical angle for determining whether the third clue of HGN is present?

How many steps in each direction must the suspect take in the Walk and Turn test?

How long must the suspect stand on one foot in the One-Leg Stand test?

Suppose a suspect produces three clues on the HGN test and one clue on the Walk and Turn test. Should you classify the suspect's BAC as above or below 0.10?

How reliable is each test?

During this session, you will also be asked to complete -- anonymously -- a critique form. The instructors need your comments and suggestions to help them improve the course.

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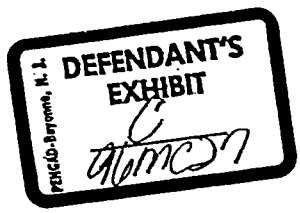
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