

ADVANCED DUI INVESTIGATION

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This manual is dedicated to all of the street cops of this nation; past, present and future. You are “worth it,” and your work is “worth it.”

PREFACE

Every police officer who has attended a basic police academy has received a modicum of training in the detection and arrest of impaired or intoxicated drivers. I have participated in this type of training, both as a student and as an instructor, however, the time allotted for DUI training was at best, adequate, but was never completely satisfactory. Inservice training in the art and science of DUI investigations has also fallen short of the mark. In short, I was never able to obtain the training necessary to elevate myself to a level of competency on a par with the other professionals within the criminal justice/court system. There were no real formalized courses available to fill the void in the post academy training regimes.

It took a concerted effort, over many years, to research and locate all of the data I wanted and needed. Nevertheless, I was able to compile what I believe is a valuable collection of training information on the subject of DUI investigations. This information was put together into a syllabus and used to train many hundreds of police officers over a ten-year period.

This training and reference manual is, therefore, a compilation of twenty years of past successes and failures investigating impaired or intoxicated driver offenses. Successes were mentally cataloged for future use and the failures were thoroughly analyzed for their probative value with negative information discarded and the positive retained. My experiences have ranged from literally hundreds of simple traffic stop DUI's to catastrophic auto-homicide reconstructions.

The failure, on the part of many courts in the nation, to fully accept Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Field Sobriety Testing has been a significant frustration over the years. I have included, therefore, extensive research into the legitimacy of this valuable field sobriety test as both an observational and a scientific test of an impaired human central nervous system.

This training manual was developed with two objectives in mind:

1. To compile into one volume, the information needed by a police officer to qualify them as an "expert."

2. To increase the confidence level of those everyday working street cops who must make decisions about whether to arrest or not arrest on any given impaired or intoxicated driver situation.

Towards that end, this manual was created to serve both as a text for in classroom training and/or carried in the patrol car for easy and quick reference. It will not enable an officer to be an attorney or toxicologist, but it will provide the basis for the street cop to excel in this field of law enforcement and, indeed, prepare themselves as an expert in the detection and arrest of DUI drivers.

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