# Day 1 PM: Illinois State Police The arrest process and field sobriety



#### **Basic DUI Statute**

#### It is unlawful for any person to...

- operate or be in actual physical control of ...
- any vehicle ...
- within this state ...
- while under the influence of alcohol and/or any drug.

#### **Key Features of Implied Consent**

- Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state ...
- Shall be deemed to have given consent to a chemical test ...
- For the purpose of determining the alcohol and/or drug content of that person's blood ...
- When arrested for any acts alleged to have been committed while the person was operating or in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or any drug.

#### **Legal Presumptions**



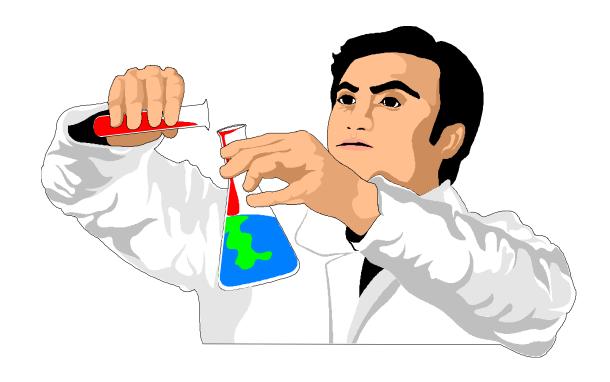
Less than \_\_\_\_\_...

Presumed not under the influence

At least \_\_\_\_\_but below \_\_\_\_\_

No presumption

#### **Key Point:**



#### Chemical test evidence is PRESUMPTIVE, Not Conclusive

#### **Question Number 1**



Is it possible for a person whose BAC is above the state's per se or presumptive level to be acquitted of DWI?

#### **Question Number 2**



Is it possible for a person whose BAC was below the state's per se or presumptive level to be convicted of DWI?

#### Illegal "Per Se" Statute



Is it unlawful for any person to...

- operate or be in actual physical control of...
- any vehicle...
- within this state...
- while having a BAC at or above state's level.

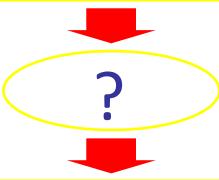
### Phase One: Vehicle In Motion



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Initial Observation of the Vehicle in Operation

Should I Stop the Vehicle?





Observation of the Stop

### Common Symptoms of Alcohol Influence

**Blood Alcohol Concentration** 









### Most Common and Reliable Initial Indicators of DUI

- Turning with wide radius.
- Almost striking object or vehicle.
- Weaving.
- Straddling center or lane marker.
- Appearing to be impaired.
- Driving on other than designated roadway.
- Driving into opposing or crossing traffic.
- Slow response to traffic signals.
- Turning abruptly or illegally.
- Stopping inappropriately.

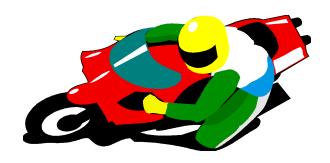
- Accelerating/decelerating rapidly.
- Headlights off.
- Swerving.
- Following too closely.
- Drifting.
- Speed slower than 10mph below limit.
- Stopping without cause in traffic lane.
- Tires on center or lane marker.
- Braking erratically.
- Signaling inconsistent with driving.



#### **Motorcycle DUI Detection Guide**

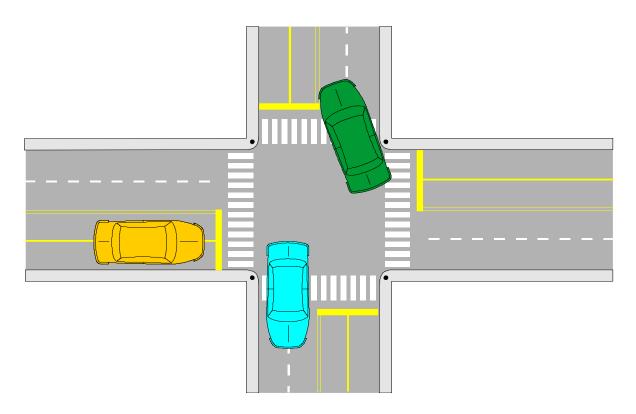
#### **Excellent Cues (50% or Greater Probability)**

- Drifting during turn or curve
- Trouble with dismount
- Trouble with balance at a stop
- Turning problems (e.g., unsteady, sudden corrective, late breaking, improper lean angle)
- Inattentive to surroundings
- Inappropriate or unusual behavior (e.g., carrying or dropping object, urinating at roadside, disorderly conduct, etc.)
- Weaving



#### Good Cues (30 to 50% Probability)

- Erratic movements while going straight
- Operating without lights at night
- Recklessness
- Following too closely
- Running stop light or sign
- Evasion
- Travelling wrong way



## Safe driving demands the ability to divide attention among numerous simultaneous tasks

#### **Vehicle in Motion**

What Do You See?





Moving Violation?
Equipment Violation?
Other Violation?
Unusual Operation?
Anything Else?

#### **Phase One: Task One**

#### **Initial Observation of Vehicle Operation**

#### Requires the Ability to:

1. Recognize evidence of alcohol and/or other drug influence

2. Describe that evidence clearly and convincingly



#### **Vehicle in Motion**

What Do You See?





Tries to Flee?
No Response?
Slow Response?
Abrupt Weave?



Sudden Stop?
Strikes Curb?
New Violations?
Anything Else?

#### **Phase One: Task Two**

#### **Observation of the Stop**

#### Requires the Ability to:

1. Recognize evidence of alcohol and/or other drug influence





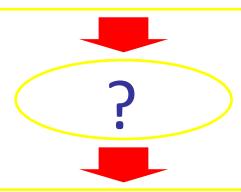
### Phase Two: Personal Contact



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Interview and Observation of the Driver

Should Driver Exit?



Observation of the Exit



#### **Personal Contact**

What Do You See?

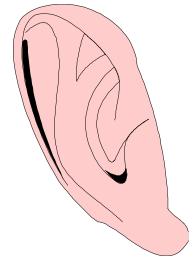




Bloodshot Eyes?
Soiled Clothing?
Fumbling Fingers?
Alcohol Containers?
Drug and drug paraphernalia?
Bruises, Bumps, Scratches?
Unusual Actions?

#### **Personal Contact**

What Do You Hear?



Slurred Speech?
Admission of Drinking?
Inconsistent Responses?
Unusual Statements?
Abusive Language?
Anything Else?

#### **Personal Contact**

What Do You Smell?

Alcoholic Beverage?
"Cover-Up" Odors?
Marijuana?
Other Unusual Odors?



#### Phase Two: Task One

### Face-to-Face Observation and Interview of Suspect

#### Requires the Ability to:

- 1. Recognize the sensory evidence of alcohol and/or other drug influence
- 2. Describe the evidence clearly and convincingly



#### Interview/Questioning Techniques

- Simultaneously request license and registration
- Pose distracting/interrupting questions during license search
- Pose unusual questions to verify license information

#### The Exit

#### What Do You See?



Angry, Unusual Reaction?
Can't Follow Directions?
Can't Open Door?
Leaves Car in Gear?
"Climbs" Out of Car?
Leans Against Car?
Keeps Hand on Car?
Anything Else?

### Phase Three: Pre-Arrest Screening



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Field Sobriety **Preliminary Breath Testing Testing** Should I Arrest?

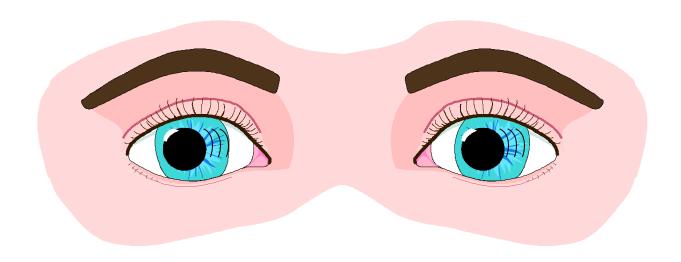
#### **Psychophysical Tests**



### Methods of examining mental and/or physical impairment

#### **Nystagmus:**

#### **Involuntary Jerking of the Eyes**



#### "Divided Attention"



...Concentrating on more than one thing at a time (mental tasks and physical tasks)

### Typical Simultaneous Capabilities Required for Driving

- Information Processing
- Short-term Memory
- Judgment/Decision Making
- Balance
- Quick Reactions
- Clear Vision
- Small-Muscle Control
- Coordination of Limbs



#### **Simplicity**

#### Is it Reasonable to Assume That, If Sober...

Anyone Like The Suspect

You



The Judge

The Jurors

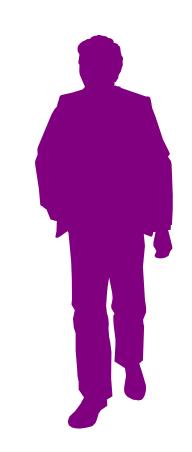
The Suspect

...Would "Pass" the Test?

#### **Walk and Turn**

(Divided Attention Test)

- Instructions Stage
- Walking Stage



### One Leg Stand (Divided Attention Test)

- Instructions Stage
- Balance and Counting Stage



#### Basic Purpose of Preliminary Breath Testing

# Demonstrate Association of Alcohol with the Observable Evidence of the Suspect's Impairment

#### **Advantages of PBT**

- Corroborate other evidence
- Confirm officer's judgment
- Confirm alcohol as cause of impairment
- Help establish probable cause for DWI arrest

## Possible Factors Affecting Preliminary Breath Tests

- Breath sample composition
- Breath sample cooling
- Residual mouth alcohol
- Contaminants in the breath
- Radio frequency interference

## The Arrest Decision is Based on All Evidence Accumulated During All Three Detection Phases

Initial Observation of Vehicle Operation

Observation of the Stop

Face-to-Face Observation and Interview

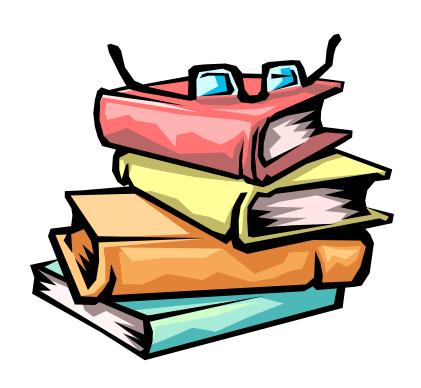


Observation of the Exit

Psychophysical Tests

Preliminary Breath Tests

# Concepts and Principles of the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST)



## Overview: Development and Validation

NHTSA Research Began in 1975 in California With Three Final Reports Being Published:

- 1. California: 1977 (lab study only)
- 2. California: 1981 (lab/field study)
- 3. Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia, North Carolina: 1983 (field study only)

#### **Original 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.

## Volunteers were Subjected to Six Tests:

- 1. One-leg stand
- 2. Finger to nose
- 3. Finger count
- 4. Walk and turn
- 5. Tracing (a paper and pencil exercise)
- 6. Nystagmus (called alcohol gaze nystagmus in final report)

#### **Laboratory Test Data**

#### Results

- HGN by itself was 77% accurate.
- Walk and Turn was 68% accurate.
- One Leg Stand was 65% accurate.
- It would be possible to combine the results of HGN and Walk and Turn and be 80% accurate.

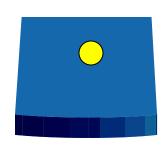
#### "Standardized" Elements

- Standardized Administrative Procedures
- Standardized Clues
- Standardized Criteria

## Importance of Large Scale Field Validation Study

- First significant assessment of the workability of the standardized tests under actual enforcement conditions.
- First time completely objective clues and scoring criteria had been defined for the tests.
- Results of the study validated the SFSTs.

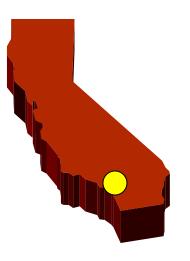
#### SFST Field Validation Studies



Colorado 1995



Florida 1997



San Diego, California 1998

# Colorado Field Validation Study of SFST

- First full field validation study using SFST experienced law enforcement personnel.
- 93% correct arrest decision based on three-test battery (HGN, WAT, OLS).

# Florida Field Validation Study of SFST

- 95% correct arrest decision based on three-test battery (HGN, WAT, OLS).
- Validated SFST's at 0.08 BAC and above.

# San Diego Field Validation Study of SFST

- 91% correct arrest decision for 0.08 BAC and above using three-test battery (HGN, WAT, OLS).
- HGN is still most reliable of three-test battery and supports arrest decisions at 0.08 BAC.

#### **Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus**



Involuntary jerking of the eyes occurring as the eyes gaze to the side.

#### **Categories of Nystagmus**

#### Vestibular

- Rotational
- Post-rotational
- Caloric
- Positional alcohol nystagmus

#### Neural

- Optokinetic
- Physiological
- Gaze
  Horizontal
  Vertical
  Resting

Pathological disorders and diseases

#### **Administrative Procedures**

- 1. Eyeglasses
- 2. Verbal instructions



- **3. Position object (12-15 inches) (30-38 cm)**
- 4. Pupil size and resting nystagmus
- 5. Equal tracking

#### **Administrative Procedures**

6. Check for lack of smooth pursuit



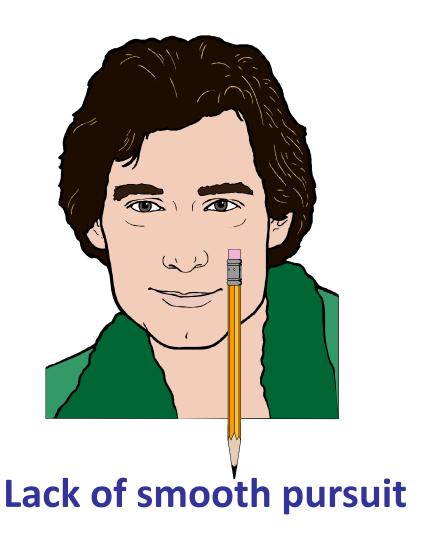
- 7. Check for distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation
- 8. Check for onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees
- 9. Total the clues
- 10. Check for Vertical Gaze Nystagmus

Check each eye independently beginning with the suspect's left and compare.

# Three Clues of Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus

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

#### **Clue Number 1**



#### Clue Number 2

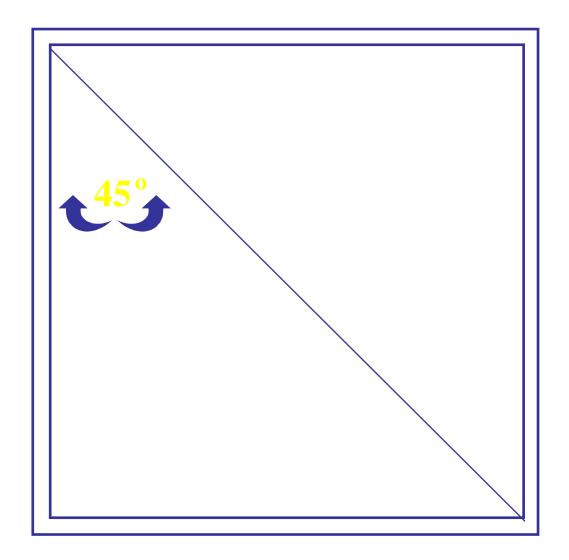


Distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation

#### **Clue Number 3**



Onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees



## Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test Criterion



4 or more clues indicates BAC above 0.10 (77% accurate)

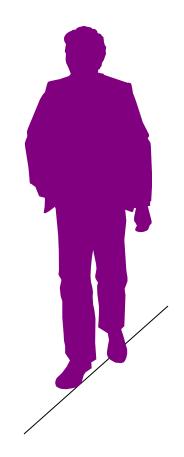
#### **Vertical Gaze Nystagmus**



#### **Walk and Turn**

### (Divided Attention Test - Mental Task and Physical Task)

- Instructions Stage
- Walking Stage



#### **Administrative Procedures**

- 1. Verbal Instructions:
  - Assume heel-toe stance
  - Arms down at sides
  - Don't start until told
- 2. 9 heel-to-toe Steps, Turn, 9 heel-to-toe Steps
- 3. Turn Procedures:
  - Turn around on line
  - Several small steps
- 4. While Walking:
  - Keep watching feet
  - Arms down at sides
  - Count steps out loud
  - Don't stop during walk

#### **Walk and Turn Test Clues**

- 1. Can't balance during instructions
- 2. Starts too soon
- 3. Stops while walking
- 4. Doesn't touch heel-to-toe

#### Walk and Turn Test Clues

- 5. Steps off line
- 6. Uses arms to balance
- 7. Improper turn (or loses balance on turn)
- 8. Wrong number of steps

Note: If suspect can't do the test, record observed clues and document the reason for not completing the test.

#### Walk and Turn Test Criterion



2 or more clues indicates BAC above 0.10 (68% accurate)

#### **One-Leg Stand**

### (Divided Attention Test - Mental Task and Physical Task)

- Instructions Stage
- Balance and Counting Stage



#### **Administrative Procedures**

#### **Instructions Stage:**

- Stand straight, feet together
- Keep arms at sides
- Maintain position until told otherwise

#### **Administrative Procedures**

#### **Balance and Counting Stage:**

- Raise one leg, either leg
- Keep raised foot approximately six inches (15 cm) off ground, foot parallel to the ground
- Keep both legs straight
- Keep eyes on elevated foot
- Count out loud in the following manner: "One thousand and one, one thousand and two, one thousand and three and so on", until told to stop

Note: It's important for the officer to time the 30 second count for the test.

#### **One-Leg Stand Test Clues**

- Sways while balancing
- Uses arms to balance
- Hops
- Puts foot down

Note: If suspect can't do the test, record observed clues and document the reason for not completing the test.

#### One-Leg Stand Test Criterion



### 2 or more clues indicates BAC above 0.10 (65% accurate)

### Any Questions?