

In the DWI Traffic Stop event, competitors find themselves in a simulated environment designed to emulate a real-world DWI stop. Participants will engage in dynamic roleplay, conducting specific field sobriety tests—Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN), Walk and Turn, and One Leg Stand—on a violator.

Entry Requirements

- Competitors in this event compete individually, not as a team.
- Chapters can only register 2 teams to compete.

Materials

Only the below materials are permitted in the competition.

- **Duty Gear** 1- training pistol, 1- set of handcuffs, duty belt with holsters to secure all equipment, and any additional optional training equipment (I.E. training taser, training o/c, non-working training radios).
- **Pen** Blue or Black Ink
- **Clipboard**
- **Field Notes Document** A printed copy of the TPSA DWI Traffic Stop field notes document.
- **HGN Stimulus** A dark colored stimulus that can be used to conduct the HGN test.
- **Photo Identification Reference** [the rulebook \(https://tpsa.info/rulebook\)](https://tpsa.info/rulebook) for details

Supplemental Documents

- [Field Notes](#)

Procedures and Timeline

- **Check In (10 min Time Limit)** Competitors must check in to their event at their designated **check-in time**. Competitors that arrive **ten (10) minutes** after their designated check-in time will be marked as no-shows and not be allowed to compete out of respect for the time commitment made by our judges and volunteers.
- **Pre-Event Briefing (5 min Time Limit)** After check-in, competitors will be guided to the designated event area. Once there, the moderator will provide a comprehensive briefing, detailing the event's instructions, rules, and procedures. This briefing ensures that each competitor is well-informed and prepared for the subsequent stages of the competition.
- **Scenario Briefing (5 min Time Limit)** The judge presents a detailed briefing of the traffic stop scenario. This will include specific information about the pre-stop traffic violation that may include but not limited to the stop location, unit number, and offences observed. The judge will read directly from the hard copy scenario document. The competitor is not permitted to take notes during this portion of the event. Upon completion of reading the pre-stop information the judge will start the timer and hand the document to the competitor. The competitor may not ask questions in attempt to garner additional information or clarify provided information.
- **Roleplay (20 min Time Limit)** Competitors proceed to the traffic stop simulation, replicating the duties of an on-duty traffic enforcement officer. They conduct the 7 step traffic stop, demonstrating their skills in safety, communication, professional interaction and writing citation skills. This immersive experience serves as an opportunity for students to exhibit their competencies in a real-world application.
- **Evaluation and Scoring (5 min Time Limit)** After the completion of the event, judges will convene to assess each competitor's/team's performance based on a standardized rubric. This stage is conducted without the presence of the competitors. Judges will evaluate the criteria outlined in the rubric to ensure a fair and objective scoring process. Once all assessments are finalized, scores will be recorded for each competitor/team.

Safety Protocols

- **Respect for Safety Regulations** Competitors are expected to adhere to all general safety regulations of the venue and any additional rules provided by the moderators or judges.
- **Use of Props** Any props used during the event should be handled with care and safety in mind. No real weapons or items that could cause harm are permitted.
- **Vehicle Operation Restriction** No actual driving of vehicles will be allowed during the event. All simulated actions should be conducted with stationary vehicles only.
- **Physical Contact** Physical contact should be limited and respectful during the roleplay. Any action that could potentially harm or make another competitor uncomfortable is strictly prohibited.

- **Fingernail Length** Competitors are required to maintain short fingernails to prevent any accidental scratches or injuries during the role play.

Judge Qualifications

- Certified Law Enforcement officer that has completed DWI traffic stops and administered SFST's on more than one occasion.

Criteria	Unattempted	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Proficient	Exemplary	Points
Professionalism						
Dress Code	<p style="text-align: center;">0</p> <p>Does not fulfill the dress code requirements.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Fulfills the dress code requirements.</p>			Opts
Violator Contact						
Notification of Traffic Stop	<p style="text-align: center;">0</p> <p>No attempt was made to notify dispatch of the traffic stop.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>The competitor did not notify dispatch of the traffic stop prior to exiting the vehicle and/or the competitor included less than 50% of the required information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Prior to exiting the vehicle, the competitor notified dispatch of the traffic stop. The competitor included at least 50% of the required information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Prior to exiting the vehicle, the competitor notified dispatch of the traffic stop. The competitor included at least 75% of the required information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Prior to exiting the vehicle, the competitor notified dispatch of the traffic stop and provided 100% of the required information.</p>	Opts
Vehicle Approach	<p style="text-align: center;">0</p> <p>The competitor did not approach the violator's vehicle or approached the violator's vehicle with no attention to officer safety.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>The competitor approached the violator's vehicle utilizing industry standards for officer safety. The competitor demonstrated less than 50% of the required safety standards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>The competitor approached the violator's vehicle utilizing industry standards for officer safety. The competitor demonstrated 50% of the required safety standards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>The competitor approached the violator vehicle utilizing industry standards for officer safety. The competitor demonstrated 75% of the required safety standards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>The competitor approached the violator vehicle utilizing industry standards for officer safety. The competitor demonstrated 100% of the required safety standards.</p>	Opts
Personal Contact	<p style="text-align: center;">0</p> <p>The competitor did not make contact with the driver and/or did not ensure that the driver's hands were visible throughout.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>The competitor made contact with the driver and completed less than 50% of the required tasks, ensuring that the driver's hands were visible throughout.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>The competitor made contact with the driver and completed at least 50% of the required tasks, ensuring that the driver's hands were visible throughout.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>The competitor made contact with the driver and completed at least 75% of the required tasks, ensuring that the driver's hands were visible throughout.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>The competitor made contact with the driver and completed 100% of the required tasks, ensuring that the driver's hands were visible throughout.</p>	Opts
Interview	<p style="text-align: center;">0</p> <p>The competitor did not interview the driver and/or look for face-to-face signs of intoxication.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>The competitor interviewed the driver but did not document observations on the field notes document.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>The competitor interviewed the driver and documented only a few face-to-face observations on the field notes document.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>The competitor interviewed the driver and documented face-to-face observations on the field notes document. Observations are not complete or in the wrong location.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>The competitor interviewed the driver and documented face-to-face observations in the appropriate location of the field notes document. Documentation includes all relevant statements and sensory observations.</p>	Opts

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Pre-exit sobriety test The competitor will complete one pre-exit divided attention sobriety test prior to asking the driver to step out of the vehicle, such as asking for insurance and driver's license at the same time or driver's license and turning the radio or car off. Correctly document the results on the field notes document. This test may be performed at any point during the personal contact phase.	0 The competitor did not attempt one pre-exit divided attention sobriety test prior to asking the driver to step out of the vehicle.	2 The competitor completed one pre-exit divided attention sobriety test and did not document the results on the field notes document.	4 The competitor completed one pre-exit divided attention sobriety test and documented results on the field notes document however the documentation is incomplete, incorrect, or in the wrong section of the document.		5 The competitor completed one pre-exit divided attention sobriety test and correctly documented the results on the field notes document.	Opts
Violator exit from vehicle The competitor will direct the driver to exit the vehicle. The competitor will document observations regarding how the driver steps and walks from the vehicle on the field notes document.	0 The competitor did not instruct the driver to exit the vehicle.	2 The competitor instructed the driver to step from the vehicle and did not document signs of impairment on the field notes document.	4 The competitor instructed the driver to step from the vehicle and documented less than 50% of the signs of impairment on the field notes document.		5 The competitor instructs the driver to step from the vehicle and correctly documented all signs of impairment on the field notes document.	Opts
SFST Safety						
SFST Safety The competitor ensures that the standardized field sobriety tests are performed on a dry, hard, level, non-slippery surface, and out of the flow of traffic. The officer ensures that all instructions are provided with officer safety in mind. If the subject can't do the test, the competitor will record observed clues and document the reason for not completing the test, e.g. subject's safety.	0 The competitor did not attempt to ensure the safety of the driver and/or the officer.	3 The competitor did not ensure that all SFSTs were performed without undue safety concerns for the driver and/or the officer.	4 The competitor ensured that some SFSTs were performed without undue safety concerns for the driver and the officer.		10 The competitor ensured that all SFSTs were performed without undue safety concerns for the driver and the officer.	Opts
Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus						
HGN Instructions To test for HGN, the competitor instructs the driver to stand with feet together, hands at sides, hold the head still, and follow the motion of a stimulus with the eyes only. If wearing glasses, the competitor asks the driver to remove their glasses for the test.	0 The competitor does not provide instructions to the driver.	2 The competitor does not provide all required instructions to the driver and/or does not ask the driver to remove glasses if applicable.	3 The competitor provides most of the required instructions to the driver and asks the driver to remove glasses if applicable.	5 The competitor provides all required instructions to the driver and asks the driver to remove glasses if applicable.		Opts
HGN Assessment The competitor will conduct the HGN test using a stimulus that contrasts with the environmental background. The stimulus will be held 12 to 15 inches from the driver's nose above eye level. Two or more passes are made before each eye to look for each of the clues for nystagmus. The competitor will take 2 seconds out and 2 seconds back over each eye to check smooth pursuit. The competitor will hold for 4 seconds at max deviation to check for sustained nystagmus. Vertical Gaze Nystagmus will not be assessed. All results are documented correctly on the field guide document. (The judge will provide results of the nystagmus test during the assessment)	0 The competitor does not conduct the HGN assessment.	1 The competitor completed less than 50% of the required actions and/or incorrectly documented results on the field guide document.	3 The competitor completed at least 50% of the required actions and correctly documented results on the field guide document.	4 The competitor completed at least 75% of the required actions and correctly documented results on the field guide document.	5 The competitor completed 100% of the required actions and correctly documented results on the field guide document.	Opts
Walk and Turn						

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Walk and Turn Instructions The competitor will explain the test requirements by giving the following instructions, accompanied by demonstrations: When I tell you to start, take nine heel-to-toe steps on the line, turn, and take nine heel-to-toe steps down the line. When you turn, keep the front (lead) foot on the line, and turn by taking a series of small steps with the other foot, like this. 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 the subject understands.) Instruct the person to begin the test.	0 The competitor did not provide instructions for the walk-and-turn test.	1 The competitor provided less than 50% of the required instructions and demonstrations for the driver and/or did not ask the driver if they understood.	3 The competitor provided at least 50% of the required instructions and demonstrations for the driver and asked the driver if they understood.	4 The competitor provided 75% of the required instructions and demonstrations for the driver and asked the driver if they understood.	5 The competitor provided all required instructions and demonstrations for the driver and asked the driver if they understood.	Opts
Walk and Turn Test The competitor instructs the driver to begin the test. If the subject does not count out loud or watch his/her feet, the competitor must remind him/her to perform these tasks. The competitor correctly documents all results on the field guide document.	0 The competitor did not complete the walk-and-turn test.	2 The competitor instructed the driver to begin the test. If the subject did not count out loud or watch his/her feet, the competitor did not remind him/her to perform these tasks, and/or the competitor did not correctly document all results on the field guide document.	3 The competitor instructed the driver to begin the test. If the subject did not count out loud or watch his/her feet, the competitor reminded him/her to perform these tasks. The competitor correctly documented most of the results on the field guide document.	5 The competitor instructed the driver to begin the test. If the subject did not count out loud or watch his/her feet, the competitor reminded him/her to perform these tasks. The competitor correctly documented all results on the field guide document.		Opts
One Leg Stand						
One Leg Stand Instructions The competitor will initiate the one-leg stand test by giving the following instructions, accompanied by demonstrations. Please stand with your feet together and your arms down at the sides, like this. Do not start to perform the test until I tell you to do so. Do you understand the instructions so far? Obtains affirmation from the driver. When I tell you to start, raise either leg with the foot approximately six inches off the ground, keeping your foot parallel to the ground. Keep both legs straight and your arms at your side. While holding that position, count out loud in the following manner: "One thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three," and so on until told to stop. Keep your arms at your sides at all times and keep watching the raised foot. Do you understand? Receive affirmation of understanding.	0 The competitor does not provide instructions for the one-leg stand.	1 The competitor provided less than 50% of the required instructions and/or proceeded without the affirmation of instructions where required.	3 The competitor provided at least 50% of the required instructions and did not proceed without the affirmation of instructions where required.	4 The competitor provided 75% of the required instructions and did not proceed without the affirmation of instructions where required.	5 The competitor provided 100% of the required instructions and did not proceed without the affirmation of instructions where required.	Opts
One Leg Stand Test The competitor instructs the driver to go ahead and perform the test. The Officer times the 30 seconds and discontinues the test after 30 seconds.	0 The competitor did not perform the test on the driver.	2 The competitor instructed the driver to go ahead and perform the test. The Officer did not time the 30 seconds and/or did not discontinue the test after 30 seconds.	3 The competitor instructed the driver to go ahead and perform the test. The Officer timed more than 30 seconds and discontinued the test after 30 seconds.	5 The competitor instructed the driver to go ahead and perform the test. The Officer timed the 30 seconds and discontinued the test after 30 seconds.		Opts
Arrest Decision						

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<p>Arrest Decision</p> <p>The competitor makes a decision to either arrest the driver for suspected driving while intoxicated or to release the driver. This decision is documented in the field guide document. If arresting the driver, the officer will advise dispatch one in custody and the event will conclude. No handcuffing or searching will be completed. If releasing the driver, the competitor advises the driver that they are free to leave, and returns the driver's license and proof of financial responsibility. The event concludes when the officer advises dispatch that they are clear from the traffic stop.</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The competitor did not make an arrest decision or did not complete the event in the allotted time.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>The competitor made the incorrect arrest/release decision based on the evidence presented during the traffic stop.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>The competitor made the correct arrest/release decision based on most of the correct arrest decision points of the evidence presented during the traffic stop.</p>		<p>15</p> <p>The competitor made the correct arrest/release decision based on all of the correct arrest decision points of the evidence presented during the traffic stop.</p>	<p>0pts</p>
Total Score: 0 /100 pts						