

**Course Announcement**

**To:** All Law Enforcement Agencies

**From:** John C. Moses  
Director of Criminal Justice



**Date:** January 8, 2026

**Re:** **Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)**  
CJP121-5032  
MPTC Approval #: P49960 (16 hours)

**March 24 to 25, 2026**

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**Location:**

- Wor-Wic Community College  
Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy  
**Fulton-Owen Hall, Room 103AB**  
32000 Campus Drive  
Salisbury, MD 21804  
410-572-8750

**Dates & Times:**

- Tuesday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 25
- 7:45 AM – 5:00 PM

**Training Registration:**

- To register, email your request to: [escjaregistration@worwic.edu](mailto:escjaregistration@worwic.edu)

**Fees:**

- Funded by the Maryland Highway Safety grant.

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**Note: Students must pass the final test with an 80%.**

This course is designed primarily for law enforcement officers that meet the IACP/NHTSA National Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Program Standards, including a proficiency test, and who have successfully completed an IACP/NHTSA approved training course.

This program is an intermediate level course designed to offer more than basic understanding of the impairing effects of drugs (Illicit and Licit), alcohol, and/or the combination of both for the impaired drivers. The officer must be able to administer and interpret the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) test for alcohol-impaired suspects. The student should be fully conversant with the procedural “mechanics” of HGN with the three clues of HGN and with the interpretation of those clues for assessing alcohol impairment. A major focus of this program is on the examination of a drug-impaired suspect’s eyes. The procedure for those eye examinations derives largely from HGN procedures.

This program is a stepping-stone for those interested in possibly becoming a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and bridges the gap between the SFST program and the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program.

An SFST proficiency exam will be given on the first day of class and must be passed to continue in the class.

**Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

1. Define and describe the relationship of drugs to impaired driving incidents.
2. Demonstrate, articulate, and properly administer the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests proficiently.
3. Observe, identify, and articulate the observable signs of drug impairment with the established seven drug categories associated with DEC program.
4. Recognize possible medical conditions, which may mimic the obvious observable signs of impairment.
5. Identify, document, and describe indicators observed and information obtained related to impairment which leads to the arrest/release decision.

This course is designed to meet requirements as mandated by the Maryland Police Training Commission and to meet the annual in-service requirements.

**Dress Code Policy for Training Sessions at the Academy**

To ensure a professional appearance, all in-service officers and staff must adhere to the following dress code to gain admission to any training session at the Academy:

- **Uniform of the Day:** Recommended.
- **Shirt:** Must have a collar; no t-shirts or tank tops.
- **Pants:** Docker-style pants, BDUs, or suits; no shorts or jeans.
- **Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes with socks; no sandals.

**Firearms Policy:** Officers carrying a handgun on campus must also display their badge in plain view.

**Non-Compliance:** Attendees who do not follow the dress code will be denied entry to the classroom or range. A report will be submitted to the Chief/Sheriff/Warden/Director outlining the reasons for the denial.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a professional environment.

**ESCJA Training Reservation Instructions**

1. **Complete the ESCJA Reservation Form:** The fillable form is attached to the announcement email.
2. **Enter Information:** Please type, rather than handwrite, all required information onto the form.
3. **Save and Submit:** Save the completed form and email the saved file to [escjaregistration@worwic.edu](mailto:escjaregistration@worwic.edu).

**You will receive a notification confirming your seat or informing you if you have been placed on standby.**

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