



Boating Under the Influence (BUI) Enforcement / Seated SFST Trainer Development Program

Course Overview

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has been conducting Boating Under the Influence (BUI) courses since 2004. Statistics from the U.S. Coast Guard show that the percentage of boating accidents, injuries and fatalities caused by alcohol - those in which alcohol was reported as a contributing factor -- has remained constant over the past several years. Along with promoting greater awareness of the dangers of drinking and boating, NASBLA believes that the best way to reduce BUI is to strengthen law enforcement capabilities on the water. With that in mind, NASBLA has worked with its state and federal members/partners in the development of the BUI training courses.



NASBLA's Boating Under the Influence Enforcement / Seated SFST Trainer Development Program is a 24-hour course. This Train-the-Trainer course will prepare the professional, agency-sponsored trainer with the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver the NASBLA curricula within his or her agency and to marine law enforcement partners. The course will focus on the following areas:

Section	Subject Area
A	Facilitating officers in detecting and deterring BUI violations
B	Teaching laws relative to BUI enforcement
C	Explaining the three phases of BUI detection
D	Discussion of research and validation of standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs)
E	Teaching concepts and principles of horizontal gaze nystagmus
F	Delivering the seated battery of SFSTs
G	Demonstrations and student practice of the seated battery of SFSTs
H	Review of the standing battery of SFSTs
I	Evaluation of test subjects; alcohol workshop video
J	Logistical issues in BUI enforcement
K	Evaluation of test subjects; live alcohol workshop
L	Processing the arrested subject and preparation for trial

Method of Delivery

NASBLA has developed an exportable training team that will deliver this course of study anywhere in the continental United States. Delivery of this course outside of the continental U.S. will require a modified tuition cost to cover the added cost of travel for NASBLA Instructors.



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The Boating Under the Influence Enforcement / Seated SFST Trainer Development Program is delivered in a classroom environment and, upon request for this training, specific classroom requirements will be provided by NASBLA. Providing the classroom facility will be the responsibility of the host agency requesting training. The course is delivered using team teaching so students get multiple views and experiences to support and enhance learning.

Criteria Performance Standard

Upon completion of this course, the student will have a thorough understanding of BUI case law and the legal environment, SFST development and validation, HGN principles and practical application of the seated and standing battery of SFSTs. A compilation of performance measures will be used, including scenario review, class discussion, practical activities and objective testing.

Target Audience

This three-day course is designed for marine law enforcement officers who wish to teach other officers one of the BUI Enforcement / Seated SFST Courses offered by NASBLA and meeting the national standard. Participants must have proof of instructor development training. This course focuses on taking an officer who has already developed skills at instructing and preparing them to specifically teach BUI courses, including the seated battery of SFSTs transition.



Course Structure

The course consists of instructor lecture; aided by PowerPoint presentations, class interaction, practical exercises (both video and live alcohol workshops) and written examinations. The instructors will emphasize the importance of class interaction to ensure that all students understand the real-world applications of this body of knowledge.

Class Size / Student to Instructor Ratio

Class size is variable, with a minimum class size of 15, maximum of 24. NASBLA will provide two instructors for the 15-person course and 3 instructors for the 24-person course to assure a proper student to instructor ratio.

Course Requirements

Students are advised that dress is business casual unless otherwise directed by their agency. Students are advised that firearms and other weapons are strongly discouraged during the live alcohol workshop portion of the course.



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Facility Requirements

In order to deliver this course, a classroom area will be provided by the host agency that will seat the anticipated number of students at tables set up classroom style. Additionally, the class requires a projector screen, a whiteboard or easel board with paper and appropriate markers, access to restrooms, a secure area for live alcohol workshop subject drinkers, and an area large enough for students to complete a controlled practice dosing session in preparation for a wet lab. The host agency is expected to solicit one volunteer drinkers to support the students learning the skills required to conduct a wet lab (usually one drinker per three to five students).

Materials Provided

Each student will take home the printed instructor manuals for the following:

- Comprehensive BUI Detection and Enforcement Course
- Essentials of BUI Detection and Enforcement Course
- Seated SFST Transition Course
- Seated SFST Refresher Training (most recent version)

Each student will take home the printed student manuals for the following:

- Essentials of BUI Detection and Enforcement Course
- BUI Enforcement / Seated SFST Trainer Development Course



In addition to the printed manuals listed above, the student will be provided with electronic versions of all the manuals as well as the instructor manual and other documents to support delivery of the most recent Seated SFST Refresher Training, including all course PowerPoints and videos, Alcohol Workshop videos, a BAC Wheel and a pack of 20 BUI pocket cards.

Within 30 days of course completion, students will be provided a certificate from NASBLA's National Headquarters in Lexington, KY and will be entered into a national database of trained BUI enforcement officers.

Course Cost

The cost for the three-day, 15-person course is \$12,000. The cost for the three-day, 24 person course is \$18,000. Student tuition covers all instructor costs (travel, per diem, fees, etc.) administrative costs (certificates, database entry, etc.) and materials (printed manuals, electronic files, practical exercise materials etc.) This course has a minimum requirement of 15 students.



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