

## **Other Courses and Modular Sessions Taught by NTLC Staff**

National Traffic Law Center

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Below are examples of some of the variety of presentations available from the experienced staff of the National Traffic Law Center. The staff is happy to develop new or different trainings and presentations depending upon request.

### **National Traffic Law Center**

An overview of the National Traffic Law Center, a program of the National District Attorneys Association. The mission of the NTLC is to improve the quality of justice in traffic safety adjudications by increasing the awareness of highway safety issues. The NTLC, originally created in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, provides prosecutors and police with evidentiary and technical assistance on a number of topics in the traffic law realm, tracks national and state legislation, provides training programs on legal issues concerning impaired driving, publishes a number of monographs on specific topics pertaining to traffic safety and a number of other services.

Audience: Law Enforcement Officers, Prosecuting Attorneys and Traffic Safety Professionals Time: 1 hour

### **Prosecuting Aggravated DUI And Vehicular Homicide Cases**

A discussion and presentation concerning the issues particular to DUI with Death or Serious Bodily Injury cases and the difficulties often encountered by prosecutors.

Audience: Prosecutors (and possibly law enforcement) Time: 1 ½ hours

## **Drug Evaluation and Classification Program and Preparation for Attacks**

An overview of the development and protocol of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (Drug Recognition Expert) to identify and prosecute drugged drivers.

Understand attacks on DRE assessments and witnesses. Anticipate what defense attorneys may challenge before trial and while an officer is on the witness stand. Become aware of resources that can be reviewed pre-trial to permit the officer witness to respond knowledgeably.

Audience: DRE officers and prosecutors

Time 3 hours

Audience: Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Time 3 hours

## **Professional Responsibility and Ethics**

An examination of the rules concerning special duties of prosecutors in traffic safety cases.

Audience: Prosecutors Time 1.5 hours

## **Ethical and Victim Considerations in Impaired Driving Cases**

Discusses the numerous issues that arise between prosecutors, law enforcement and victims throughout the entire impaired driving case. Focus is made on ethical obligations and constraints faced by law enforcement and prosecutors.

Audience: Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates

Time 1-2 hours

## **Surviving the Courtroom Minefield**

### **(Cross Examination)**

A discussion of the underlying goals of cross-examination that will enable law enforcement officers to better understand the nature of the attack against their courtroom testimony, anticipate what questions will be asked of them by defense attorneys and handle themselves with confidence on the witness stand.

Audience: Law Enforcement and Prosecutors. Time: 1-2 hours

## **Cross Examination of Experts:**

Examines the rationale and purpose of cross-examination of expert witnesses. Includes consideration of particular areas of cross-examination in traffic safety cases. This course focuses on using the expert

outlines in our database. Topics include how to use transcripts and other prior statements effectively to challenge credibility or bias.

Audience: Prosecutors, Officer Expert Witnesses

Time: 4 hours

### **Strategies for Success**

A module of the Protecting Lives, Saving Futures course designed to create an understanding and strengthen the relationships between law enforcement officers and prosecutors. This session is moderated and interactive.

Law Enforcement and Prosecutors. 1- 1.5 hours

### **Defending the use of Sobriety Checkpoints**

Covers the development of sobriety checkpoints through a brief analysis of U. S. Supreme Court decisions, the development of policies and procedures, and the practical application of those procedures for the actual operation of checkpoints. May also include state-specific case law analysis relevant to a particular jurisdiction.

Audience: Prosecutors and Law Enforcement: 3 hours

### **Preparation and Delivery of Voir Dire and Opening and Closing Statements for Impaired Driving**

The Voir Dire segment addresses topical inquiries of jurors specific to impaired driving cases, Batson challenges, peremptory and cause challenges and effective communication strategies. The Opening Statement and Closing Argument sections will enable the prosecutor to understand the power of theme, effective visual language and use of the presence and movement to emphasize important moments and topics.

Audience: Prosecutors

Time: 4 hours