



# NHTSA SFST VALIDATIONS AND DRIVING IMPAIRMENT STUDIES

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**Location:** Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, IN  
**Date:** May 3, 2018  
**Time:** 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Instructors:** Robert Reckers, Forensic Scientist III, Orange County Crime Laboratory (CA)

**Target Audience:** Forensic Scientists, Law Enforcement, Judges and Attorneys

**Abstract:** Driving is one of the best indicators of actual driving impairment. A chemical test is useful information but in most situations, is not done at or near the time of driving. In many states, it is important to know if the driver was impaired at the time of driving. Officers often rely upon SFSTs to support a finding of driving impairment, but SFSTs do not directly measure driving impairment. So, what *do* they measure?

NHTSA has validated the SFST battery numerous times over the years and even at different BACs. How they performed these validations and what results were obtained from the studies will be discussed. Driving indicators have also been studied over the years and also at different levels to help train officers what to look for, especially at night, when searching for a driver who is possibly impaired due to alcohol.

**Goal:** After this workshop, participants will have knowledge of the NHTSA SFST validations and their application to alcohol impaired driving. Individuals will also have knowledge about all pertinent driving studies (NHTSA, Long Beach/ Ft. Lauderdale crash study, etc.).

**Course Specifics:** The course fee includes registration, all course materials, attendance certificate, and breaks. Attendees will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses.