

NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

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**SEATED BATTERY STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING
(SFST) TRANSITION COURSE**

Date: April 9, 2026 **Registration Deadline: March 8, 2026**

Times: 0800-1600 hours

Location: Stewart Center West
2900 W Pearl City Road
Freeport, Il.

Instructor: Sgt. Ari Briskman –
DRE Instructor and Commander of the Lake County Sheriff’s Office Marine Unit
Jennifer Cifaldi – Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
David Christiansen, DRE Instructor – Deputy – Dekalb County Sheriff’s Office

Member Fee: \$0 Non-MTU Member & Member Non-Sworn Fee: \$0

This course was approved by ILETSB for the following mandates:

Civil Rights – 1.0
Constitutional Use of LE Authority – 1.0
Legal Updates – 1.0
Procedural Justice – 2.0

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) created the Seated SFST Battery that allows officers to administer scientifically validated field sobriety tests to subjects in a seated position. While these tests were developed with the marine environment in mind, they work equally well at roadside when circumstances do not allow for the standing SFSTs to be administered. In this course, officers with previous SFST training will be provided with:

1. A review of the horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) test and administering it while the subject is seated.
2. A review of the scientific validation of the Seated SFST Battery.
3. The procedures for administering the Seated SFST Battery.

4. Materials to document the observed test results for reports.

5. A review of the admissibility of the Seated SFST Battery and proper articulation of the tests in court.

This course has been certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Officers attending will receive a certificate of attendance through NITAB.

The course instructors will be Sergeant Ari Briskman, a DRE Instructor and commander of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, Jennifer Cifaldi, the Illinois Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, and David Christiansen, a DRE Instructor and deputy with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office