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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

PROSECUTOR ALCOTEST TRAINING

May 11, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
Room 139
500 West Hanover Avenue
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

Program Summary

This program will provide an overview of the basics of a DWI prosecution and will include instruction, by a certified breath test coordinator, on how the Alcotest 7110 MK-IIIC works, a demonstration of a re-calibration of an Alcotest instrument, and a demonstration of how a breath test is conducted. This program will also review current hot topics being raised by defense attorneys in DWI prosecutions, including repair records, discovery issues, RFI/EMI Interference, the central database, data deletion, twenty-minute observation period, Standard Statement & the Ignition Interlock device, and the 2-minute lockout.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to municipal and county assistant prosecutors as well as deputy and assistant attorneys general within the Division of Criminal Justice only.

Who Is the Faculty?

Robyn Mitchell is a Deputy Attorney General with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. DAG Mitchell joined the Division in January 2000, where she worked in the Legislation Section until 2003, and in the Appellate Bureau between 2003 and 2011. Assigned to the Prosecutors Supervision & Coordination Bureau since March 2011, DAG Mitchell handles matters involving DWI and Alcotest-related issues, and provides legal guidance and support to assistant and municipal prosecutors in the prosecution of DWI cases. She started her career in 1991 as a Staff Attorney in the Criminal Defense Division of The Legal Aid Society in Manhattan. She received her B.A. degree in 1988 from Rutgers College, and her J.D. in 1991 from The University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, Maryland.
Trooper II Marcus A. Arroyo is currently with the New Jersey State Police Alcohol and Drug Testing Unit, Forensic Investigations Bureau, Special Investigations Section wherein he is responsible for conducting the re-calibration on the Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C within the assigned area Passaic County, Essex County and Hudson County. His responsibilities also include assisting with Operator Re-certification Course and the four-day Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C Operator Course. He became a Trooper with the State Police in 2003, and has worked in several different capacities during his career thus far. He earned an Associates of Art Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1998, and a Bachelor of Arts, Justice Studies from Montclair State University in 2002.

Trooper Christopher C. Mulch is a state trooper assigned to the Alcohol and Drug Testing Unit of the New Jersey State Police. In this capacity Trooper Mulch is responsible for the coordination of all law enforcement Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C instruments in his assigned area. His current area of responsibility consists of law enforcement agencies in Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren counties. In total, Trooper Mulch is personally responsible for the maintenance of sixty four Alcotests. This includes semi-annual calibrations as well as regular and unscheduled visits in order to troubleshoot issues relating to the Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C. Within this assignment Trooper Mulch is also responsible for the training of law enforcement personnel in the proper operation of the Alcotest 7110 MKIII-C. His responsibilities also include instructing law enforcement personnel in the detection and testing of motor vehicle operators suspected of being impaired due to drugs and/or alcohol.

How Do I Register?

Most State and some county employees will be able to register for this course by going to http://reg.dej.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2 and creating an account. (Your computer must be attached to the government's Garden State Network.). If you are unable to access the above link kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the registration system through the My New Jersey portal. Once you receive the authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at http://www.state.nj.us/ and create an account, if you do not already have one. Once you do, you then will be able to register through the portal at http://www.state.nj.us.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 5.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 5.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 5.5 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 4.5 substantive credits ($7.50 mandatory registration fee required).
Prosecutor Alcotest Training

9:30 - 3:30

I. Introduction 9:30 - 9:45
   A. Instrument Functions
   B. Nomenclature
   C. Method of Analysis

II. Set-up and performing re-calibration of Alcotest 9:45 - 10:45
   • Includes:
     • preparation of simulators
     • Solution change
     • conducting data download
     • review of where results/tolerance located
     • demonstration of use of NIST-traceable thermometer

BREAK 10:45 - 11:00

III. Administration of Breath Test Demonstration 11:00 - 12:00
   • step-by-step demonstration
   • demo of subject-driven error codes
   • demo of instrument driven error codes

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00

IV. Basics of DWI Prosecution 1:00 - 1:30
   A. Observation Case (Under the Influence)
   B. Per Se Case
   C. Refusal
   D. School Zone Cases
   E. Plea Bargains, Downgrades, Dismissals

V. Evidentiary Proofs 1:30 - 2:00
   A. Discovery
   B. Documents
   C. State v. Chun
   D. Subsequent Case Law

BREAK 2:00 - 2:15
VI. Current Issues
   2:15 - 3:00
   • repair records
   • central database
   • RFI/EMI
     • inspection, photographing Alcotest room
   • data deletion
   • 20-min. observation period
   • Standard Statement & Ignition Interlock device
   • 2-minute lockout
   • defense subpoenas of State experts
   • fuel cell replacement
   • Burps/GERD

VII. Defense Motions, Experts, Discovery Requests, & Issues Commonly Seen in Expert Reports
     3:00 - 3:20

VIII. Questions/Discussion
      3:20 - 3:30