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Southern Illinois Summer Traffic Symposium

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AGENDA AND DESCRIPTIONS

5.0 total ILETSB Mandate Hours (Details in each course description)

Prosecutor CLEs PENDING

8:00am – 8:15am: Opening Remarks

8:15am – 9:30am: *“From Scooters to Speedboats: Don’t Drive Anything Impaired!”*: (Ari Briskman and Jennifer Cifaldi): Can a driver of a “DUI bike” be arrested for DUI? What about Driving While License Revoked or No valid D/L? How old does one have to be to operate an electric scooter? A jet ski? This session will answer these questions and more. The presenters will provide an overview of which IVC violations may be applied to these non-traditional forms of transportation. The presentation will include a discussion of implied consent and the relevant case law. Attendees will walk away with a guide to assist them in enhancing traffic safety when dealing with these ever-evolving vehicles both on and off the roadway.

***1.0hr ILETSB Mandate for Legal Updates

9:30am – 9:45am: Break

09:45am – 11:00am: “The ‘APOTcalypse’: Identifying Cannabis Impairment Behind the Wheel” (Jennifer Cifaldi and Ari Briskman): Join us for an eye-opening presentation on marijuana and driving impairment! As marijuana use evolves, it is critical for officers and prosecutors to understand the facts and dispel common myths with evidence-based insights. Learn how cannabis impairment differs from alcohol, how trained law officers can recognize marijuana-related impairment through field sobriety tests, and why this knowledge matters for successful prosecution.

***1.0hr ILETSB Mandate for Procedural Justice

11:00am – 11:15am: Break

11:15am – 12:30am: “Navigating the Rough Waters of the ER: Hospitals and HIPAA Issues” (Jennifer Cifaldi and Joe Wagner) In a post-crash situation where the subject was taken to the emergency room, officers often find themselves dealing with uncooperative medical staff and scenarios that lead to a sea of confusion. Do the nurses and doctors have to cooperate with law enforcement? Is a subpoena for medical test results required? Does HIPAA apply? Will the hospital draw blood on an unconscious subject? This session will explore all these questions and more. Presenters will discuss various emergency room scenarios and walk attendees through the available options per the statutes and case law. These best practice tips will help eliminate confusion and provide officers and prosecutors with a protocol and a clear path for collecting evidence for an airtight case.

***1.0hr ILETSB Mandate for Constitutional/Proper Use of LE Authority

12:30pm – 1:30pm: Lunch on Your Own

1:30pm – 2:45pm: “Impaired Driving and Traffic Enforcement on CDL Holders” (Brian Cluever and Jim Camp): This one-hour training block is designed to strengthen officer awareness and confidence when conducting traffic stops and impaired driving enforcement involving commercial motor vehicles. The instruction will focus specifically on Illinois Vehicle Code violations that are enforceable by local and county law enforcement officers.

Participants will explore practical enforcement tactics, recurring challenges identified by officers in the field, and investigative considerations unique to commercial vehicle stops. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing and effectively enforcing traffic and impaired driving offenses frequently encountered during routine patrol operations.

The session will also address the intricacies of the Illinois Commercial Vehicle Warning to Motorist, including its purpose, proper application, and best practices for appropriate use. It will also address how officers can document and conduct their investigations to equip prosecutors with the evidence and information necessary to avoid masking.

***1.0hr ILETSB Mandate for Legal Updates

2:45pm – 3:00pm: Break

3:00pm – 4:15pm: “From Curbside to Record: Holding CDL Drivers Responsible For Their Actions Behind the Wheel” (Jim Camp, National Traffic Law Center/National District Attorney’s Association): Federal masking regulations in the US are designed to ensure that individual states hold commercial driver's license (CDL) holders - drivers who operate the largest vehicles capable of creating the greatest potential danger - accountable for bad driving behaviors. Learn the responsibilities of traffic safety stakeholders and the disqualifying offenses and sanctions unique to CDLs. Enforcement and adjudication of these regulations result in reducing injuries/deaths by keeping unsafe commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers off the roads through ensuring that each CMV driver has one driver’s license and one complete and accurate driver’s record. The power of enforcement spans across state borders, making it vital that all stakeholders are aware of the unique issues involving CDLs/CMVs.

***1.0hr ILETSB Mandate for Legal Updates

4:15pm – 4:30pm: Closing Remarks and Certificates

SPEAKER BIOS

Ari Briskman has served as a law enforcement officer in northern Illinois for nearly two decades. Early in his career, Ari understood the value of traffic safety. Ari honed his skills by becoming one of the few law enforcement officers recognized as a Drug Recognition Expert, followed a few years later by becoming a Drug Recognition Expert – Instructor. Additionally, Ari was selected by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) to be a Seated Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor. In over a decade, Ari has provided impaired driving training to thousands of police officers and prosecutors throughout the country, and he continues to do so as the Impaired Driving Enforcement Training Coordinator for the Midwest Center for Traffic Safety.

Ari has been recognized in numerous courts in Illinois as a subject matter expert in impairment caused by alcohol and other drugs. Additionally, Ari is a certified traffic crash reconstructionist. He has been heavily involved in the investigation and prosecution of many fatal and serious injury crashes, during which he has seen firsthand the devastation caused by impaired drivers. Ari’s efforts have been recognized by state and national traffic safety and impaired driving enforcement organizations. In addition to his work in education,

investigation, and enforcement, Ari advocates for the victims of impaired and distracted driving crashes as the Vice President of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists.

Jennifer Cifaldi currently serves as the Illinois Senior Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor and is employed by the University of Illinois, Springfield through a traffic safety grant. She previously spent 20 years as an ASA. She is a nationally recognized expert and speaker on impaired driving and presents regularly at national conferences. She also serves on the Speaker's Bureau for the Marijuana Impact Group and has trained thousands of officers, prosecutors, probation officers, victim advocates, and judges both in her state of Illinois and nationwide.

As a passionate advocate for traffic safety, Jennifer has assisted the National Traffic Law Center with various projects. She has presented for them on the topic of "Masking" as well as contributing to a number of their outstanding monographs. She has also helped with NHTSA training modules. Her article on the odor of cannabis as probable cause to search a vehicle was published in the ABA's "Highway to Justice" Winter 2023 edition newsletter. In addition to being a presenter and resource for law enforcement, Jennifer is an Indirect Instructor for the Seated Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. She has recognized the use of these validated tests originally designed for maritime use as a promising and reliable way to identify impaired drivers on the roadways. These tests are especially useful when impaired drivers are unable to perform the standing SFSTs. She discussed this in detail in her article "Seated Standardized Field Sobriety Tests: An Added Tool for the Roadside Officer" which was published in the ABA "Highway to Justice" Spring 2025 newsletter.

Joseph Wagner: is a Patrol Sergeant with the O'Fallon Police Department in Illinois, where, with over 19 years of full-time law enforcement experience, he brings extensive real-world expertise to the classroom, combining patrol experience with specialized training credentials in impaired driving enforcement and traffic safety. He has dedicated much of his career to impaired driving enforcement, passionately passing on knowledge as a certified Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Instructor, ARIDE Instructor, and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). He is also an IACP certified DRE Instructor and the primary impaired driving instructor for SILEC (MTU 14) as well as at the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy, where he instructs recruits and in-service officers in SFSTs, ARIDE, and DRE protocols. He holds both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University.

In addition to his impaired driving expertise, he provides comprehensive instruction in the Illinois Vehicle Code, traffic stops, and high-risk vehicle stops, while emphasizing case law, officer safety, and constitutional policing practices. His background also includes Firefighting, EMS, and 9-1-1 dispatching experience, bringing a well-rounded public safety

perspective to his instruction. Known for blending practical street experience with current legal standards and best practices, he equips officers with the knowledge, confidence, and critical thinking skills necessary to perform effectively and professionally in the field.

Brian Cluever is the Deputy Chief with the Carol Stream Police Department in Illinois, where he has served for more than 19 years with a career emphasis on traffic safety, impaired driving enforcement, and crash investigation. He spent much of his career in the department's Traffic Safety Unit and later supervised the unit as a Sergeant, developing and leading initiatives focused on impaired driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety, commercial motor vehicle enforcement, and child passenger safety. Deputy Chief Cluever is a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, a NHTSA-certified Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor, and is trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. He also holds multiple crash investigation and reconstruction certifications through the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. In addition to his law enforcement duties, he serves as an adjunct instructor at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, is the Associate Director of the Midwest Center for Traffic Safety, and serves on the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association Traffic Safety Committee. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, a Master's degree in Transportation Safety Administration from Clemson University, and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and Executive Management Program.

Jim Camp: A nationally recognized authority on traffic safety, Jim focuses on commercial driver's license-related topics as a senior attorney with the National Traffic Law Center. Born and raised in East Central Wisconsin, Jim has practiced law for over 43 years including 9 years as a civil litigator. He spent 2 years as Assistant DA and was elected to 9 terms as DA there. Jim then spent 9 years as ADA General and Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor in Tennessee. While serving as TSRP in Tennessee, Jim's office was at the Tennessee Highway Patrol Training Center where he also taught in-service and cadet school classes and acted as a liaison with the Highway Patrol.