



## WOONSOCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# Training Announcement

## Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

**Program Date:** February 26-27, 2026  
**Time:** 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs  
**Location:** Hope Artiste Village  
1005 Main St.  
Pawtucket, RI

Complete the attached registration form  
and email to:

Lieutenant Michael Martinsen #56  
[mmartinsen@woonsocketri.gov](mailto:mmartinsen@woonsocketri.gov)

**Who should attend:** Officers who have a strong background and aptitude in administration of the standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs).

Chief Thomas Oates and the Woonsocket Police Department, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Police Chief's Association are pleased to sponsor an Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course in February 2026. This class is offered free of charge.

The ARIDE program aims to train law enforcement to better observe, identify, and articulate signs of impairment from drugs, alcohol or combinations to reduce impaired driving crashes injuries, and fatalities. Upon completion, officers will be able to demonstrate higher than average proficiency in the administration and interpretation of the SFSTs. They will have a solid understanding of the general signs, symptoms and clinical indicators for the seven (7) drug categories. They will be able to identify medical conditions that mimic impairment and have experience in the practical application of additional roadside tests that aid in the detection of impaired drivers.

This will be the first session offered in Rhode Island that will feature a "Green Lab." It is designed to expose officers to subjects impaired by cannabis. This will allow them to use the new knowledge and techniques learned in ARIDE to gain practical, in-person experience dealing with people impaired on a substance other than alcohol.

Officers who are interested in pursuing the DRE school need to have completed ARIDE successfully prior to application.

Class will be limited to 20 participants.

Officers will be required to pass an SFST proficiency tests on the first day to be able to progress through the remainder of the course.



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<b>PARTICIPANT(S) NAME &amp; RANK:</b>			
Participant's E-Mail Address:			
<b><u>Please Email this form to:</u></b>			
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For any questions regarding the training, please contact Lt. Martinsen at 401-766-1212 or <a href="mailto:mmartinsen@woonsocketri.gov">mmartinsen@woonsocketri.gov</a> .			