



Free Training
Prosecuting the Impaired Driver:
SC Ignition Interlock License
Requirements, Enforcement, and
Prosecution

Thursday, August 6, 2026

via Zoom™ Webinar

9:55 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

SCCLE Course No. TBD / SCCJA Lesson Plan No. TBD

Application is for 3.0 hours

This free training will equip DUI Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officers with the information that they need to enforce and prosecute the ignition interlock license requirements for convicted DUI offenders. Speakers include: Mark Childress, the Director of the Ignition Interlock Program at PPP; Lauren Phillips, the Director of Driver Services at the SCDMV; Officer Jeremy Jones, top DUI enforcer and certified SFST/DUI Instructor at the Easley Police Department; and Sara Lee Drawdy, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) for South Carolina.

The training is open to law enforcement officers, DUI grant prosecutors, Assistant Solicitors, and other attorneys or investigators who are employed by Solicitor's offices, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, the Attorney General's Office, DPS, the DMV, or other government agencies.

This training is supported by funding from NHTSA and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

To register, please scan the QR code or copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

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DUI Law Reform Bill S.52 now
stalled after the legislature failed
to grant “free conference”
authority on June 25th

During the final week of session, the House considered and rejected the Senate's latest amendments to S.52 DUI Reform, triggering the need for a Conference Committee to hash out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The Conferees from the Senate are Senator Brian Adams (Goose Creek), Senator Greg Hembree (North Myrtle Beach), and Senator Deon Tedder (Charleston). The Conferees from the House are Representative Jeff Johnson (Conway), Representative Robbie Robbins (Saint George), and Representative Seth Rose (Columbia).

The Conference Committee unanimously voted for Senator Greg Hembree to chair the committee and worked for almost six hours during a public hearing on June 24th. They determined that the only way they could resolve several remaining contentious issues within the committee would be to draft new language, which would mean that the version of the bill that they would propose for passage could not advance legislatively unless both the House and the Senate grant “free conference” authority.

See page 2 for a summary of the key differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

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KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE VERSIONS OF DUI LAW REFORM BILL S.52

- **Blood Draws under Implied Consent:** The Senate version makes it easier to obtain timely blood tests for non-alcohol drug impairment by permitting emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and phlebotomists to draw blood. The House removed these provisions and added language making blood draws more difficult, raising the evidentiary standard from "reasonable suspicion" to "probable cause" and strictly limiting the officials who can order the test to Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)
- **Video Recording:** The Senate version makes "substantial compliance" the standard for satisfying the video recording requirements, allows for the use of more than one video to show substantial compliance, eliminates dismissal of DUI charges as a remedy for problems with video recording compliance, and replaces the requirement that the video recording "show the person being advised of his Miranda rights" with the requirement that the recording reasonably document the advisement of Miranda rights, if Miranda rights are given. The House version still allows for dismissal of the DUI charge based on failure to produce a video, requires Miranda warnings, and adds additional video recording requirements for all types of testing.
- **Violent Crime Designation for Felony DUI Resulting in Death:** The Senate version allows for the Court to suspend the violent crime designation for felony DUI resulting in death convictions, including retroactively if the victims consent. The House version strips this portion entirely and keeps the violent crime designation.
- **Solicitors Prosecuting First and Second Offense DUI and DUAC cases:** The Senate version requires the Offices of the Circuit Solicitor to prosecute all first and second offense DUI and DUAC charges stemming from magistrates' court and creates a centralized Magistrates Court in every county. The House version does not include those provisions.

Need technical assistance with DUI prosecution and enforcement questions? Please reach out to our Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

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2025 DUI ENFORCEMENT & LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE AWARDS

The Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs, a division of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, held its annual Highway Safety Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony on April 3, 2026. Individual officers, Agencies, and Law Enforcement Networks were recognized for their achievements in DUI enforcement.

Officers of the Year

Rookie of the Year

Patrolman Anthony Knight

Univ. of South Carolina Div. of Law Enforcement and Safety

Officers of the Year

Officer Jared Teter

Wellford Police Department

Officer Jeffrey Dense

Folly Beach Department of Public Safety

Officer Natalie Thompson

Clemson University Police Department

Public Safety Officer Doug Ruben

North Augusta Department of Public Safety

Senior Patrol Officer Zachariah Azari

Charleston Police Department

SCHP Trooper of the Year

Lance Corporal Jacob M. Ovino

SCHP Troop 3

Agencies of the Year

Timmonsville Police Department

Folly Beach DPS

Clemson Police Department

USC Div. of Law Enforcement & Safety

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office

SCHP Troop of the Year

SCHP Troop Four

(Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Union and York counties)

State Transport Region of the Year

STP Region 7

(DRIVE Team)

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The South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination has two databases of people with whom they share training information. One is for staff of the Solicitors and Attorney General's Office and the other is for law enforcement officers and other agency personnel and non-Solicitor prosecutors (federal, state, and local). If you are interested in signing up to receive training notifications, please click on the appropriate link below.

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Law Enforcement Network of the Year – 11th Circuit



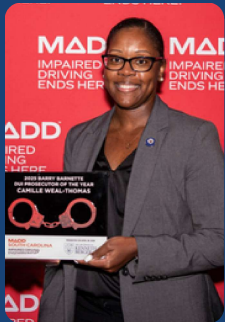
11th Circuit Law Enforcement Network
Edgefield, Lexington, McCormick, and Saluda Counties



MADD™ MADD South Carolina Recognizes Outstanding DUI Enforcement, Prosecution, and Community Service and Involvement

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On Thursday, April 30, 2026, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) held its fifth annual South Carolina law enforcement recognition dinner, presenting "MADDY" awards to officers, prosecutors, and community partners across the state for excellence in their field.



Barry Barnette
DUI Prosecutor of the Year

Camille Weal-Thomas
Berkeley County Sheriff's Department



Lifetime Achievement in Enforcement

Ret. Captain Russell Wilson
S.C.D.P.S

Pictured: Steven Burritt, Regional Executive Director for MADD with Russell Wilson of the S.C. Department of Public Safety



DUI Enforcement Hero of the Year

Lance Corporal Trent Colley
S.C. Highway Patrol



Outstanding Dedication to BUI Enforcement

Private First Class Parker Calvert
S.C. Department of Natural Resources

DUI Enforcement Hero Agency of the Year
Clemson University Police Department

Outstanding Alcohol Enforcement Team
5th Judicial Circuit
11th Judicial Circuit

Volunteer of the Year
Ida Crosby

Power of (You)th Award
Grace Howard

Outstanding Dedication to Underage Drinking Prevention
Jennifer Bentley

Outstanding DUI Prevention Communications Initiative
Mary Parks



Rick Moore
Drug Recognition Expert of the Year

Lance Corporal Christopher Anderson
York Sheriff's Department



MADD About You

Deputy William Cleveland
Lexington County Sheriff's Department



Outstanding Dedication to Underage Drinking Prevention by a SLED Agent

Special Agent Austin Knox
SLED

2025 DUI Enforcers of the Year (pictured left to right)

Officer Jeffrey Dense (Folly Beach PD)
Lance Corporal Robert L. Cueto Jr. (SCHP)
Public Safety Officer Doug Ruben (North Augusta DPS)
Lance Corporal Jacob M. Ovino (SCHP)
Lance Corporal Matthew C. Krieger (SCHP)
Officer Zachariah Azari (Charleston PD)
Officer Jeremy Jones (Easley PD)
Lance Corporal Trent M. Colley (SCHP)
Officer Quan Hamilton (Gaffney PD)
Lance Corporal Michael L. Clark (SCHP)



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