

Marine Officers Needed for SFST Study

The Southern California Research Institute (SCRI) needs about 40 marine officers, trained in SFST, to participate in a four-day study in Van Nuys, CA, so organizations located nearby are included.

The objective of the study is to develop and validate field sobriety tests for the marine environment. Day 1 will consist of an 8-hour training session on test administration and scoring. Days 2, 3, and 4 will be data collection days. Each data collection day is estimated to last about five hours. Officers will be paid \$100 per day and will be named in the final report. All days will be scheduled around the officers' current obligations.

During data collection days, the officers will administer six tests to six dosed subjects. Neither the officers nor the subjects will be privy to the subjects' BAC. The collected data will allow SCRI to determine which combination of tests is the most useful in detect-

ing impairment due to BACs of .08% and greater.

We greatly appreciate your help in this important project. For additional information, or to sign up for participation in the study, please call Dary Fiorentino at (310) 390-8481.

Here's some background and the answer to "who are these guys?" In the late 70s and early 80s, SCRI developed the standardized field sobriety tests that are now used by law enforcement officers nationwide to detect impairment in drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol. Officers from the Santa Monica PD, California Highway Patrol, LA Police Dept., and LA Sheriff's Dept. were instrumental in collecting the data for those studies.

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