

## Practitioner Education

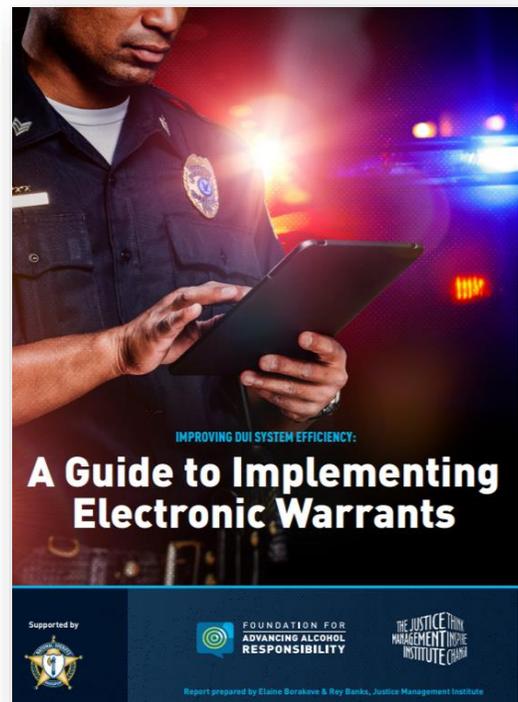
Over time, there have been numerous studies investigating the criminal justice system as it relates to impaired driving. Practitioners face a myriad of complex and technical challenges in their efforts to effectively detect, prosecute, sentence, sanction, and treat these offenders. Law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, probation officers, treatment practitioners, and licensing authorities benefit from education and training on the latest impaired driving research, countermeasures, and evidence-based practices.

Beginning in 2002, Responsibility.org identified that many judges were not aware of the innovative and effective sentencing options that are available to them. In response, a strategic partnership was formed with the National Association of State Judicial Educators (NASJE) and other judicial education organizations to provide judges and judicial educators with a comprehensive resource designed to help them effectively adjudicate hardcore drunk driving cases in their courts. Responsibility.org and NASJE worked with state Supreme Courts to incorporate educational sessions on hardcore drunk driving adjudication within annual judicial conferences. The ensuing Hardcore Drunk Driving Judicial Education workshop was presented to more than 4,000 judges in more than 34 states and also during national judicial conferences. In 2007, Responsibility.org was awarded the prestigious Peter K. O'Rourke Special Achievement Award by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) in recognition of its judicial education program's notable achievement and contribution in the field of highway safety.

Since this initial effort, Responsibility.org has partnered with the Institute for Police Technology and Management (IPTM), the National Traffic Law Center (NTLC), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), National Center for State Courts (NCSC), American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), Suffolk Law School, Justice Management Institute (JMI), and many other organizations to create resources for practitioners from each facet of the criminal justice system. In recent years, Responsibility.org has also developed resources for policymakers to guide decision-making and to improve legislation.

### Resources

Responsibility.org has developed a number of resources to educate [law enforcement](#), [prosecutors](#), [judges](#), [juvenile and family court judges](#), [probation officers](#), and [licensing authorities](#). Our programs and initiatives aim to fill identified gaps in knowledge or provide guidance on how to improve system efficiency and effectiveness. In recent years, Responsibility.org has funded the creation of online courses for judges and prosecutors including *Prosecuting DUI Cases* an interactive, multi-module training program that new prosecutors can complete for CLE credits. Other resources, such as our *Guide to Implementing Electronic Warrants*, is designed



to provide law enforcement agencies with strategies to implement their own systems and learn lessons from the experience of others in the field. To access these resources along with many others, please visit our [website](#).

In addition to programs and reports, Responsibility.org furthers practitioner education through several other efforts. Grant programs, including our multi-year initiative with GHSA, has allowed us to support law enforcement agencies and increase the number of officers who receive specialized training to identify the signs and symptoms of drug impairment. By supporting other state-level training initiatives, particularly cross-training among several facets of the system, many practitioners have been given the opportunity to become versed in the latest research developments and evidence-based practices.

In-person training is delivered at numerous state and national conferences annually as well as through various state and national judicial organizations including the National Judicial College (NJC). Technical assistance is also provided to state judicial, licensing, and highway safety partners to improve the administration of programs. State training and technical initiatives can be customized to meet the needs of the jurisdiction or agency requesting support. Follow-up is also provided to assist practitioners as they seek to implement changes and enhance practices.

### **Responsibility.org Position:**

Responsibility.org endeavors to work collaboratively with experienced practitioners to develop resources for every facet of the DUI system. Responsibility.org believes that ongoing practitioner education and training is integral to improve the detection, processing/adjudication, sanctioning, supervision, and effective assessment and treatment of impaired driving offenders. As such, Responsibility.org obtains input from partners to create publications and online courses that can guide practice and improve outcomes.

