



Nebraska law enforcement have certainly seen the effects of legal marijuana, in part to mere proximity to Colorado, but also because of the public's changing perception of the drug. While it remains illegal in Nebraska, there are many new challenges that come with it including marijuana impaired driving. On **October 23, 24 & 25, 2018** the **NDOT Highway Safety Office** and **Chris Halsor**, will be bringing **Marijuana DUI Investigations**, a six hour class meant to help law enforcement and prosecutors improve their skills in detecting, investigation and prosecuting marijuana impaired driving cases. This curriculum is designed for law enforcement of all levels, including DREs, ARIDE & SFST trained officers, as well as any prosecutors who want to learn more about the subject. Chris Halsor is a Colorado lawyer, former prosecutor, creator of the "Green Lab" and one of the country's foremost experts on legal marijuana (more bio below).

#### **Agenda & Curriculum Overview:**

9:00 – 10:00 – **Overview of Legal Marijuana** – includes the status of legal marijuana around the country, specifics of Colorado law as to possession, paraphernalia, consumption, cultivations, transportation, distribution; efforts and content of proposed medical marijuana in Nebraska.

10:00 – 11:00 – **Marijuana, the drug** – will cover the great many variations of marijuana products sold in retail markets and the black market, including edibles and concentrates; THC concentrations comparisons; limits of marijuana research; paraphernalia and mechanisms of delivery.

11:00 – Noon – **Traditional Detection Methods** – evaluating impairment with the SFSTs; oral drug testing devices and breath tests; marijuana toxicology.

Noon – 1:00 – LUNCH BREAK (Lunch on your own.)

1:00 – 2:00 – **Alternative Tactics** - explores different methods and tactics for aiding in the development of the case, including additional roadsides and clinical indicators.

2:00 – 3:00 – **Law & Science Update** – addresses court decisions such as *McNeely v. Missouri*, and others and their potential impact on marijuana impaired driving cases; also addresses the most recent research on marijuana impaired driving.

3:00 – 4:00 – **Trial Preparation & Tactics** – discusses considerations for tactics, including working with prosecutors; evidence consideration; jury selection; direct examination & question formulation; defense tactics and cross-examination.

## Chris Halsor Bio



Chris Halsor is a Colorado attorney, former 14-year prosecutor and founder of *Understanding Legal Marijuana, LLC*. Mr. Halsor began his legal career as a line prosecutor working in a large Denver suburban area DA's Office for eight years having tried all types of misdemeanor, juvenile and felony offenses. Mr. Halsor then spent six years working for the *Colorado District Attorney's Council* where he served as the state's first *Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP)* providing training and technical assistance to Colorado law enforcement and prosecutors surrounding all facets of impaired driving. In this capacity he has become one of the country's foremost experts on marijuana impaired driving. He is currently the Rural Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor in the state of Nevada operating out of the Attorney General's Office. He has also been on the front lines of Colorado's trailblazing foray into legal marijuana and has developed an expertise in the many different and

complicated facets of legal marijuana. He served as a member of one of Colorado Governor's regulatory committees addressing marijuana infused edibles and was a substitute member of the committee on grow limitations. He provides consulting to state, local governments on marijuana policy and the many unforeseen legal and policy issues that come with legalization. Mr. Halsor lectures and provides conference presentations around the U.S. and internationally on the subject of legal marijuana. His approach is to try and provide the most objective information and assessments on the subject without taking an advocacy position in favor of or against legalization.

In 2014, Mr. Halsor contracted with Colorado's Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Department to co-develop, in collaboration with the Attorney General's Office, a four-hour course: *Marijuana 101: An introduction to Legal Marijuana for Law Enforcement* designed for Colorado law enforcement. He provides live and webinar based versions of the class throughout the state of Colorado. He provides similar training around the country for law enforcement.

Mr. Halsor is also the creator and lead instructor of *Marijuana Impaired Driving*, a course designed to teach law enforcement officers and prosecutors how more effectively investigate marijuana impaired driving cases. One of the most unique features of this course is dosed with marijuana and maneuvers as well as the country. It includes a **GREEN LAB** where volunteers are allowed to perform SFSTs, and other interview the users. It is the only class of its kind in

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Mr. Halsor is an **Adjunct Professor of Law** at the **Sturm College of Law**, where he teaches the course *Practice Lab*, an experiential learning class where law nuts and bolts of practicing criminal law. He is also a faculty member for the **National Judicial College**.

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