

- Phase Two**
- Task 1: Observe and interview the driver face-to-face.
- Decision Point: Should you instruct the driver to step from the vehicle for further investigation?  
(Barring other circumstances such as safety, if there is no reason for further investigation then the driver should not be asked to step from the vehicle.)
- Task 2: Observe the driver's exit and walk from the vehicle.
- Phase Three**
- Task 1: Administer psychophysical tests.
- Decision Point: Is there sufficient probable cause to arrest the driver for DWI?  
(If probable cause is not present, then the driver should not be arrested.)
- Task 2: Arrange for or administer appropriate biological test(s).

## **Effective Roadside Interview Techniques**

Collecting information throughout the three phases is critical to the arrest/release decision made by the officer. This information is also important if the driver is experiencing some type of condition that warrants medical attention. The remaining part of this Session deals with information which might be considered evidence in a DWI case.

The evidence collected during each of the three phases of the DWI detection process is critical to the successful prosecution of DWI cases. In order for the law enforcement officer to gather valuable information during the detection process, they must learn and practice effective roadside interview techniques.

It is important to understand that an effective interview includes more than just verbal communications. Although it is important to properly document responses to questions, it is equally critical to document the appropriateness of the response and other associated observations.

Some examples of effective roadside interview techniques would include, but not be limited to the following;

- What you say – word choice, communication style
- What you do – physical positioning, demeanor, show of authority
- What you see – bloodshot eyes, clothing, paraphernalia
- What you smell – alcoholic beverage, chemical odor, marijuana
- What you hear – slurred speech, unusual or inappropriate statements, drug lingo, etc...