



# BREATH TEST OPERATOR COURSE (FDLE-851)

**FPSI**

## Course Information

To attend this training the participant must be a Florida law enforcement officer, assistant state attorney, or Non-Sworn member employed by a law enforcement agency. Their duties must include the administration of the Breath Test Operator.

Non-Sworn Agency Members will require prior FDOT Approval before registration is complete.

This class is 16 hours and is NOT a salary incentive course. Training Authorization forms must be signed by agency representative authorizing the training.

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

All classroom materials will be provided by FPSI.

### WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES TO ATTEND?

Tuition for FDOT grant funded classes is covered fully by the grant. Housing and meals are covered ONLY for classes held at the Florida Public Safety Institute where the student is traveling over 50 miles to attend.

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

To view classes available, go to the Tallahassee State College website. To enroll for this course, click the link below:

### Course Registration

For questions about registration or services we offer, contact the current program coordinator at:

Coordinator: Gerry Barrett  
Email: [traffsafe@tsc.fl.edu](mailto:traffsafe@tsc.fl.edu)  
Phone: (850)-201-7739  
Florida Public Safety Institute

## Class Dates and Location:

**Course Dates:** April 7-10, 2026

**Course Time:** 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Tues-Fri)

**Location:** Tarpon Springs Police Department  
444 S. Huey Avenue  
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

**Instructor:** Steve Gassen

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 16-hour course reviews the rules for obtaining and analyzing breath samples during breath testing and meets the requirements to certify the breath test operator's permit using the Intoxilyzer 8000 series instrument.

Training will include the role of the breath test operator, the instrumentation used to analyze breath test samples, how to properly obtain reliable breath samples, and the proper way to administer a breath test using the Intoxilyzer 8000 .

## COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Define breath test operator
- State the role of a breath test operator
- Understand the requirements outlining qualifications to apply and maintain a BTO permit