

## STOP-DWI NY REGIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

### Webinar Training

## Newest Plant Buzz: Kratom and Kava

By Ashley Eller and Sgt Frank Imperato

Date:  
September 5, 2023

Time:  
7 pm - 11 pm

**Registration/sign-in  
begins at 6:30pm**

Location: Zoom

To Register:  
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are available.**

The NY State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc., through funding from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, is pleased to sponsor a statewide training to benefit local STOP-DWI efforts in New York State. This seminar is free of charge to all STOP-DWI partners engaged in preventing impaired driving.

With over the counter and plant-based impairments on the rise, this course provides officers with a look at two of the newest plants that cause impairment, Kratom and Kava. The audience will learn the history of the plants, how they were originally used, and why at least one has been banned in its country of origin.

This course will provide a working knowledge of Kratom and Kava impairments and how it affects driving and will help the audience identify products containing them.

#### Ashley Eller

Ms. Ashley Eller began her law enforcement career in 2004 with the Orlando Police Department as a dispatcher. In 2006 she became a Community Service Officer for the Orlando Police Department. In 2010 Ms. Eller accepted a position as a certified Law Enforcement Officer with the Apopka Police Department. Ms. Eller has taught SFST-DWI Detection, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Marijuana Impaired Driving Detection for Law Enforcement (MIDDLE), Advanced Marijuana Impaired Driving Detection for Law Enforcement (AMIDDLE), and the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) training (DRE school). Ms. Eller was a certified Intoxilyzer 8000 operator and Agency Inspector for the Intoxilyzer 8000. Ms. Eller has taught for the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), Valencia Community College Criminal Justice Institute, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and Tallahassee Community College via the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) program.

#### Sergeant Frank Imperato

Sergeant Frank Imperato began his law enforcement career in 1999 as a Law Enforcement Explorer with the City of Coral Springs Police Department. In August of 2003, Sergeant Imperato was hired by the Coral Springs Police Department as a Telecommunicator. After two years in the communications unit, Sergeant Imperato was assigned to the road patrol unit and served as a civilian Traffic Accident Investigator. After some time in the road patrol unit, he was transferred back to communications where he remained for approximately 3 more years. To improve his DUI investigation skills, Sergeant Imperato has continued his law enforcement education by attending Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, DUI Instructor, DUI Trial and Case Preparation, Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Drug Recognition Expert, and Drug Recognition Expert Instructor schools. Sergeant Imperato also serves his department as a Traffic Homicide Investigator, Instructor, and Field Training Officer. He speaks regularly to faculty, students, and community organizations about the dangers of impaired drivers.