

SPF SIG evaluation protocol:

Saturation patrol and place of last drink (POLD)

Overview

The focus of this evaluation activity is to track the impact of saturation patrols by measuring key indicators, including the number of standardized field sobriety tests (SFST) and impaired driving arrests. It also collects information about the location of a driver's last drink for vehicles that are stopped during saturation patrols. By collecting this data, you will be able to gauge the impact of saturation patrols and gather data on the locations or establishments where impaired drivers had their last drink. For this evaluation activity, coordinators will need to work closely with law enforcement personnel to collect and summarize the key indicators that are contained in each tracking sheet.

Data collection

There are two data collection tools for this evaluation: the ***Saturation Patrol and POLD Data Summary Form*** and the ***Saturation Patrol and POLD Tracking Sheet***. Communities implementing saturation patrols and/or POLD are asked to complete data summary forms; however, the tracking sheets are optional.

In order to complete these forms, here are some tips:

- Contact your local law enforcement office(s) who will be involved in the saturation patrols, explain your role and your interest in partnering with them to measure the number of standardized field sobriety tests (SFST) and impaired driving arrests during saturation patrols. In addition, share your interest in gathering POLD data. Depending on your service area, you may need to contact more than one law enforcement office, including city police department(s) and/or county sheriff's office(s).
- Identify the individual(s) within each law enforcement office who will be responsible for collecting the saturation patrol and/or POLD data. Provide them with the tracking form and your contact information so they know how to reach you with questions. Forms should be completed after every saturation patrol and returned to you within two weeks following the end of a saturation patrol.
- If your community does not wish to collect the Place of Last Drink data, please contact your Wilder consultant to arrange for alternative forms that omit the POLD question.
- As stated earlier, the tracking sheet is optional. You may use your own tracking system if you already have one in place that works well. However, regardless of which tracking system is used, you should collect the appropriate information needed in order to complete the data summary form.

- At the end of each saturation patrol, collect tracking forms from each agency and record the data in the summary form. Please note that you may need to follow-up with the law enforcement agencies to confirm some information, such as the number of patrols or the number of officers involved in the saturation patrol.
- After the data is entered, email or fax the form to Nick Stuber at Wilder Research (451 Lexington Parkway North, Saint Paul, MN 55104; Fax: 651-280-3700).

Data analysis and reporting

The summary form will serve as your primary method of analyzing data from each saturation patrol and/or POLD collection. You can also summarize data from multiple rounds of saturation patrols or POLD collection by using a new copy of the summary form with the data compiled across rounds.

In the second year of Phase II, Wilder will provide more in-depth analysis and reporting for this component. If you would like technical assistance with analysis or reporting before that time, please contact your Wilder consultant.