



# Drug Recognition Expert School

## Application Form

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Hire date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

The Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program has received national acclaim for its success in identifying the drug-impaired driver. Officers trained as drug recognition experts (DREs) are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders and their training is an extremely valuable tool in combating the adverse impact of drug- and alcohol-impaired driving in our communities.

The DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase:

**ACADEMIC TRAINING:** This phase is typically conducted over nine days (72 hours). It includes courses in physiology, vital signs, standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), and extensive information on each of the seven categories of the drugs of abuse. The training includes three written examinations, an SFST proficiency examination and five written quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations, and must demonstrate proficiency in administering the SFST in order to progress to the certification phase.

**CERTIFICATION PHASE:** After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within **six months** following the DRE School. These requirements include conducting a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor; identifying subjects under the influence of three of the seven drug categories; and attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log and submit a curriculum vitae (CV). Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log, an updated CV, and attend eight hours of approved recertification training.

**To be considered for DRE training, the applicant *must* meet the following criteria:**

- Must have a minimum of two years of law enforcement service
- Must be off probation with your agency
- Must be working in patrol with your agency
- Must be SFST trained and proficient in its use
- Must have a reasonable background and experience level of making DWI arrests.
- Must have an endorsement/recommendation from your local prosecutor.
- Must submit a minimum of two actual DWI arrest reports for review.

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the DEC Program, please complete the following information:

Date of SFST training (Date): \_\_\_\_\_  16 hours  24 hours of training.

Number of DWI arrests in the last 2 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DEC Program:

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Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that may be related to, or may be of interest to, the DEC Program (EMT training, college, etc.):

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How do you expect DRE training to benefit you and your department?

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Anything else who you think would assist in your selection as a DRE?

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List two DREs who would recommend you for DRE training: (They will be contacted if listed.)

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List a local prosecutor who will recommend you for DRE training:

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I have read the listed requirements and I recommend this officer for DRE training.

Supervisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the completed form to  
State DRE Coordinator**