

Technical Advisory Panel for the IACP Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

Mission Statement & Terms of Appointment

The mission of the Highway Safety Committee's Technical Advisory Panel of the International Association of Chiefs of Police is to develop, promote, and provide guidance and support for the Drug Evaluation and Classification and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing programs.

This is accomplished by the following:

- Maintaining cooperative efforts with our highway safety partners;
- Enhancing cooperation among DEC program coordinators and IACP;
- Providing quality, timely training to ensure that the goals and objectives of the DEC and SFST programs are met; and
- Partnering with public safety entities at the national, state, and local levels to maximize traffic safety resources that protect life and property.

What is the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)?

- The TAP will provide the IACP Highway Safety Committee with information and advice, as requested, concerning the DEC Program and the problem of the impaired driver. The TAP will be available to provide information of a technical nature regarding the program and associated issues as required.
- The TAP will review, on an as needed basis, the currently approved DRE and SFST training programs and recommend modifications to reflect current court rulings and changes in procedures as appropriate.
- The TAP will review and evaluate DRE training programs submitted to assure that learning objectives and course content are consistent with approved standards.
- The TAP will establish and update the national DRE examinations.
- The TAP will make recommendation as to the policy and direction of the DRE program.

Who is on the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)?

Presently 20 members sit on the TAP. These represent the following categories: the chair of the IACP Highway Safety Committee, who also chairs the TAP(1); IACP staff (3); regional representatives (4); POST (1); medical (eye) (1); NHTSA (1); governor's highway safety representative (1); police training (1); prosecution (1); state DRE coordinators (1); toxicology (1); police administrators (1); at-large (2, one of whom represents the IACP DRE Section); and international at-large (1). The chair makes all appointments. To ensure continuity of the TAP, one third of the appointed seats are appointed in a given year. A member must be able to attend the annual TAP committee meeting held in conjunction with the IACP Annual Conference. Regional representatives must be able to attend the annual regional meeting held within their assigned regions.

What are the “Terms of Appointment” for the TAP?

To insure continuity on the TAP, one third of the appointed seats will be appointed in a given year. This will circumvent the need to appoint a completely new panel every three years.

APPOINTMENTS

SCHEDULE 1: At the end of 2010, the following appointments will be made:

- (1) DRE Instructor - Region II
- (1) Toxicology
- (1) Prosecutor
- (2) At-large, one to be filled by DRE Section Chair
- (1) Highway Safety Representative

SCHEDULE 2: At the end of 2011, the following appointments will be made:

- (3) DRE Instructors - Region I, III and IV
- (1) IACP Staff
- (1) State DEC Coordinator
- (1) Administrator
- (1) At-large, to be filled by DRE Section Chair
- (1) International At-large

SCHEDULE 3: At the end of 2012, the following appointments will be made:

- (1) Medical (Eye)
- (1) Police Training Institution
- (1) NHTSA Staff
- (1) POST Agency
- (2) At-large, one to be filled by DRE Section Chair