



# Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Arizona Drug Recognition Expert School

## Applicant Summary

**Name:** (last, first, middle) \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hire Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cellular Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Arizona Drug Evaluation and Classification program has received national acclaim for its success in identifying the drug impaired driver. The goal of this program is to train and certify law enforcement personnel as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). DREs are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool for combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol impaired driving. DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, three phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase.

**PHASE I:** Phase I of the drug recognition training, consists of a two-day (16-hour) preschool. During this preschool, students are taught the definition of the term “drug” as it is used in the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, and become familiar with the techniques of the drug evaluation. Students also begin to learn the techniques and procedures for evaluating persons suspected of drug impairment.

**PHASE II:** Phase II of training is a seven-day (56-hour) classroom program, during which students receive detailed instruction in the techniques of the drug evaluation examination as well as in physiology, the effects of drugs, and legal considerations. Upon completion of this phase of training, the student must pass a comprehensive written examination before proceeding to Phase III of training, the field certification.

**PHASE III:** Phase III is the field certification. The field certification portions of training follow the completion of the classroom training, and are conducted at periodic intervals for the next sixty to ninety days. During this portion of the training, students, under the direction of certified instructors, evaluate subjects suspected of being impaired by drugs other than alcohol. After participating and documenting the results of at least twelve drug evaluations, and completing a comprehensive examination, the student is certified as a Drug Recognition Expert.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and credentialing organization for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must recertify every two years. The following are the requirements for recertification:

- Perform a minimum of four (4) acceptable hands-on evaluations since the date of last certification, one (1) of which shall be witnessed by a certified DRE instructor.
- Complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of recertification training since the date of the DREs most recent certification
- Present an updated curriculum vitae and rolling log to the DRE coordinator.

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

- Must have a minimum of two years of service.
- Must be off probation with your agency.
- Must be SFST and Intoxilyzer certified.
- Must have a reasonable background and experience in level in making DUI arrests and/or dealing with subjects under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.
- Must be willing and able to appear before an oral interview board that will access your background and qualifications.
- Must attend and successfully complete Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training.
- Must have the approval of your agency coordinator and immediate supervisor.

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To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the Arizona DRE training, please complete the following information:

SFST/HGN training: (date) \_\_\_\_\_ HGN Certified?:  Yes  No

ARIDE training: (date) \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a copy of your HGN rolling log and progress log or certificate showing SFST certification**

Number of DUI arrests in the last two years: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of possession of controlled substance arrests: \_\_\_\_\_

DRE officers often handle suspects who are drug addicts, or they have other ailments. It is often necessary to come into close contact with these subjects, including the collection of urine samples. Do you feel you can manage this?

Yes  No

Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DRE 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 DRE 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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If there is anything else you think the DRE Coordinator should know about you, or your interest in the DRE program, use this space:

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DREs that recommend you for DRE training: (note-they will be contacted)

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I have read the requirements of this training and I recommend this candidate for the Drug Recognition Expert training.

Agency DRE Coordinator's (if applicable) signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Return completed form to:

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