

OREGON DRUG EVALUATION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM



ANNUAL REPORT:
A Review of the Year's Events, Goals,
And Accomplishments

2001 Overview

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The information contained in this annual report is an overview of the yearly accomplishments for 2001 by the men and women trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE's) in the State of Oregon. The information and data was compiled using DRE reports generated from the Oregon DRE officers.

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MISSION

The mission of the Oregon Drug Evaluation Classification Program is to reduce the level of drug and alcohol-related crashes and incidents through improving law enforcement detection skills in identifying persons under the influence of drugs, alcohol, and other psychoactive substances.

DEC PROGRAM PERSONNEL

The Oregon Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program is managed and coordinated by the Oregon State Police and has been since the inception of the program in 1995. Oregon is one of 36 states participating in the DEC Program. The DEC Program is under the national guidance and direction of the International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) and is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Oregon program continues to work in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Transportation Safety Division, the Oregon Association Chief's of Police (OACP), the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA), the Oregon District Attorney's Association (ODAA), and the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

The following officers and their agencies represent the state compliment of DRE's through December 31, 2001.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Captain Steve Corder, Albany PD
Lieutenant Scott Dye, DPSST Training
Lieutenant Alex Maich, Redmond PD
Lieutenant Kevin Sawyer, Bend PD
Lieutenant Terry Timeus, Lake Oswego PD
Sergeant William Caldera, Pendleton PD
Sergeant Lance Inman, Keizer PD
Sergeant Krissi Martes, Eugene PD
Sergeant Teresa Selby, Ashland PD
Sergeant Tim Weaver, Newberg PD
Corporal Dean Finnerty, Cottage Grove PD
Corporal Russ Morris, Salem PD
Officer Shawn Adams, Salem PD
Officer Kaylin Ayhan, Bend PD
Officer Angela Baird, Eugene PD
Officer Greg Bakken, Ontario PD
Officer Donald Ballou, Nyssa PD
Officer Rodney Bamford, Keizer PD
Officer Garon Boyce, Corvallis PD
Officer Matt Brandt, Springfield PD
Officer Thomas Brown, Bend PD
Officer Larry Buckingham, Grants Pass PD
Officer Mike Budreau, Medford PD
Officer Douglas Carpenter, Scappoose PD
Officer Hugo Cerda, McMinnville PD
Officer Matthew Condon, Beaverton PD
Officer Rodger Craddock, Coos Bay PD
Officer Larry Crompton, Eugene PD
Officer Jeff DeBolt, Beaverton PD
Officer James Derrickson, Hillsboro PD
Officer David Driscoll, Salem PD
Officer Jeffrey Durbin, Gresham PD
Officer Jeffrey Elias, Portland PB
Officer Oscar Escalante, Lincoln City PD
Officer Michael Eskew, Tigard PD
Officer Jonathan Farrester, Madras PD
Officer Linda Fisher-Lewis, West Linn PD
Officer Anthony Frasier, Hood River PD
Officer Steve Furst, Medford PD
Officer Larry Giddings, Milwaukie PD
Officer Michael Gilbert, Eugene PD
Officer Michael Glenn, Lakeview PD
Officer Karl Haeckler, Medford PD

Officer Neil Halttunen, Springfield PD
Officer Hugo Hatzel, Coos Bay PD
Officer Robert Hayes, Albany PD
Officer Dave Henslee, Corvallis PD
Officer Mike Herb, Forest Grove PD
Officer Manuel Hernandez, Gresham PD
Officer Rich Hopkins, Sutherlin PD
Officer Brian Hughes, Lake Oswego PD
Officer Pete Jenista, Grants Pass PD
Officer Darryl Johnson, Hermiston PD
Officer William Johnson, Portland PB
Officer Justin Jones, Monmouth PD
Officer Matthew Kelly, Tillamook PD
Officer David Kempas, West Linn PD
Officer Kristina Knox, Salem PD
Officer Tom Larson, Portland PB
Officer David LeDay, Keizer PD
Officer Tim Lenihan, Myrtle Creek PD
Officer Bruce Litchfield, Milwaukie PD
Officer Steve MacLennan, Ashland PD
Officer Jason Malloy, Newport PD
Officer Brad McMurrian, Prineville PD
Officer Dan Nelson, The Dalles PD
Officer Jeff Niiya, Portland PB
Officer Scott Nowning, Salem PD
Officer Jim Paddock, Gresham PD
Officer Ray Rau, Sandy PD
Officer Jeff Rose, Hillsboro PD
Officer Sandy Strait, Port of Portland PD
Officer Chris Salsberry, Redmond PD
Officer Trace Schreiner, DPSST Training
Officer Heather Shaw, Portland PB
Officer James Sorensen, Portland PB
Officer Rick Spence, Ashland PD
Officer Justin Stevenson, Dallas PD
Officer Brian Tarvin, Umatilla PD
Officer Jorge Tro, Canby PD
Officer Julio Vidrio, Salem PD
Officer Robert Voepel, Portland PB
Officer Tony Walker, Newport PD
Officer Mike Webber, Tigard PD
Officer Curtis Whipple, Medford PD
Officer Jerry Wilson, Reedsport PD

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Sergeant Scott Bressler, Benton Co. SO
Sergeant Jeff Mori, Washington Co. S.O.
Sergeant Monte Reiser, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Sergeant Robert Ruark, Polk Co. S.O.
Sergeant Paul Steigleder, Clackamas Co. S.O.
Deputy Ken Berry, Douglas Co. S.O.
Deputy David Boys, Lincoln Co. S.O.
Deputy Ryan Burkeen, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy James Chapman, Crook Co. S.O.
Deputy Rodney David, Linn Co. S.O.
Deputy John Diehl, Deschutes Co. S.O.
Deputy Bruce Distler, Yamhill Co. S.O.
Deputy Chris Green, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Clifton Harrold, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Ethan House, Douglas Co. S.O.
Deputy Suzanne Isham, Marion Co. S.O.
Deputy John Koch, Washington Co. S.O.

Deputy Michael Lamb, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Greg Lange, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Lee Lillie, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Kenneth Link, Clackamas Co. S.O.
Deputy Mark Matsushima, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Timothy McCall, Harney Co. S.O.
Deputy Matt Miller, Clackamas Co. S.O.
Deputy David Opel, Linn Co. S.O.
Deputy Scott Pierce, Josephine Co. S.O.
Deputy Boyd Rasmussen, Union Co. S.O.
Deputy Dean Reynolds, Benton Co. S.O.
Deputy Jonathan Shaver, Washington Co. S.O.
Deputy Fred Swank, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Sean Thomas, Marion Co. S.O.
Deputy David Thompson, Washington Co. S.O.
Deputy Scott Timms, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Steven Warden, Yamhill Co. S.O.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Captain Charles Hayes, Patrol Services Division,
DECP Manager
Lieutenant Russ Burger, SP Springfield
Lieutenant Dale Rutledge, NW Region HQ
Sergeant Jason Bledsoe, SP Portland
Sergeant John Burright, SP Salem
Sergeant David Pond, SP Bend
Sergeant Jeff Proulx, SP Central Point
Sergeant Julie Wilcox, SP The Dalles
Sr. Trooper Robert Cannon, SP The Dalles
Sr. Trooper Joseph Craig, SP Bend
Sr. Trooper Daniel DeHaven, SP The Dalles
Sr. Trooper Richard Evans, SP Central Point
Sr. Trooper James Hawkins, SP Springfield
Sr. Trooper Michael Howland, SP Salem
Sr. Trooper David Peterson, SP Salem
Sr. Trooper Darrin Phillips, SP Salem
Sr. Trooper James Pierce, SP Astoria
Sr. Trooper Timothy Plummer, SP Roseburg
Sr. Trooper Larry Purdy, SP LaGrande
Sr. Trooper Kenneth Snook, SP Grants Pass
Sr. Trooper Jeff Spencer, SP Baker City
Sr. Trooper Steve Webster, SP Salem
Trooper Mark Banks, SP Pendleton
Trooper Patrick Barnes, SP Gilchrist
Trooper Lisa Boe-Fort, SP Portland
Trooper Cari Boyd, SP Newport

Trooper Rich Brannin, SP Central Point
Trooper Julian Carroll, SP McMinnville
Trooper Joseph DelGreco, SP Gold Beach
Trooper Ty Duby, SP Baker City
Trooper Mark Duncan, SP Ontario
Trooper Scott Eberz, SP Salem
Trooper Kyle Elmenhurst, SP Springfield
Trooper Timothy Fox, SP Salem
Trooper Jo Gardiner, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Dain Gardner, SP Hermiston
Trooper Thomas Harrison, SP Portland
Trooper Jeff Hershman, SP Portland
Trooper Blaine Hlebechuk, SP Springfield
Trooper Scott Holsworth, SP Grants Pass
Trooper Mitchell Hurliman, SP Tillamook
Trooper Mike Iwai, SP Salem
Trooper Alan Johnson, SP Burns
Trooper Larry Johnson II., SP John Day
Trooper Eric Judah, SP Albany
Trooper Darin Lux, SP Roseburg
Trooper Andrew Merila, SP Astoria
Trooper Aaron Olympius, SP Central Point
Trooper Scott Punch, SP Gold Beach
Trooper Yvette M. Shephard, SP Portland
Trooper Brian Smith, SP Klamath Falls
Trooper Jason Stone, SP LaGrande

INTRODUCTION

“The Drug Evaluation Classification Program and the Drugged Driving Problem”

Driving under the influence of drugs (DUID) continues to be a problem plaguing modern society. The Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program remains one of the most effective means available to law enforcement for detecting, apprehending, and adjudicating drug impaired drivers. During the year 2001, the DEC Program provided police officers with the knowledge, training, and confidence to recognize people impaired by drugs and to take appropriate action.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 25% of the vehicle operators across the country (an estimated 50 million) have driven within two hours of consuming drugs and/or alcohol. The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse estimated in 1998-1999 that one-fourth of drivers in the United States had driven within two hours of using drugs or alcohol.¹

The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Annual 2001 Report indicates that 209 people died from drug-related causes statewide. The year prior, 2000, was the fourth highest year for drug deaths in Oregon's history. According to the Medical Examiner's report, there were 130 people who died from heroin-related causes in Oregon. This number is down from the record high of 195 deaths in 1999. There were 68 deaths from cocaine use during 1999 and 2000. Deaths from methamphetamine use in 2000 increased to 56, an increase of 23% from the 43 deaths in 1999.²

A 1999 survey of the adult population in Oregon revealed that the illegal use of drugs has tripled from 3.1 percent in 1995 to 10.6 percent of the population in 1999. Methamphetamine and marijuana use account for the largest increase in the numbers. The impact of drug use is creating a major problem for the health and well being of all Oregonians. Substance abuse costs Oregonians in many ways through: alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation; related visits to courts; incarceration; injuries; vehicle crashes; increased health care costs; and death.³

OREGON BENCHMARKS

The DEC Program is a vital contributor in Oregon's effort to prevent needless deaths and injuries related to drug and/or alcohol use. Under the Oregon Benchmarks, the Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program provides a direct relationship in reaching the following benchmarks:

- #45. Infant mortality rate per 1000: The DEC Program has shown that it can reduce traffic deaths on our roadways. Many of the lives saved are infant passengers in motor vehicles. The DEC Program also assists in identifying drivers who may require drug treatment, which has an effect on the quality of life for both parents and infants.
- #49. Premature mortality: Years of potential life lost before the age of 70: The DEC Program trains police officers to use the latest alcohol and drug detection skills to remove drug/alcohol and/or medically impaired drivers from our roadways, thus reducing the number of fatal crashes and deaths.



**Two vehicle double fatality on Highway 34 in Linn County.
Driver tested positive for Methamphetamine.**

DRE SCHOOL TRAINING

With funding from the ODOT-Transportation Safety Division, Oregon conducted its eighth Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School in 2001. Twenty-five Oregon police officers, one Washington police officer, and one Idaho police officer completed the training.

Oregon officers included three troopers from the Oregon State Police, sixteen officers from various city police departments, and six deputies from various Sheriff's Offices. All 25 Oregon officers successfully completed the school and attended the certification process held in May and June during the Portland Rose Festival.



May 2001 Oregon DRE Class #8

(From left to right) Front Row: DRE Instructors, Trace Schreiner-DPSST, Lt. Dale Rutledge-OSP NW Region HQ, Jim Pierce-OSP Astoria, Tim Plummer-OSP Roseburg. 2nd Row: Jerry Wilson, Boyd Rassmussen, Anthony Frasier, David Boys, Larry Crompton, Brian Smith, Heather Shaw, Patrick Sullivan-Cour'd Alene, Idaho, Justin Jones, Kalin Ayhan, Julian Carroll. 3rd Row: Matt Kelly, Rich Brannin, Linda Fisher-Lewis, Jeff Niiya, Don Ballou, Garon Boyce, Doug Carpenter, Hugo Hatzel. 4th Row: Sandy Strait, Jim Chapman, William Caldera, Dean Reynolds, Chris Green, Ken Snook (Instructor), Scott Pierce, Brian Tarvin, Les Young-Washington State Patrol.

PROGRAM IMPACT AND RESULTS

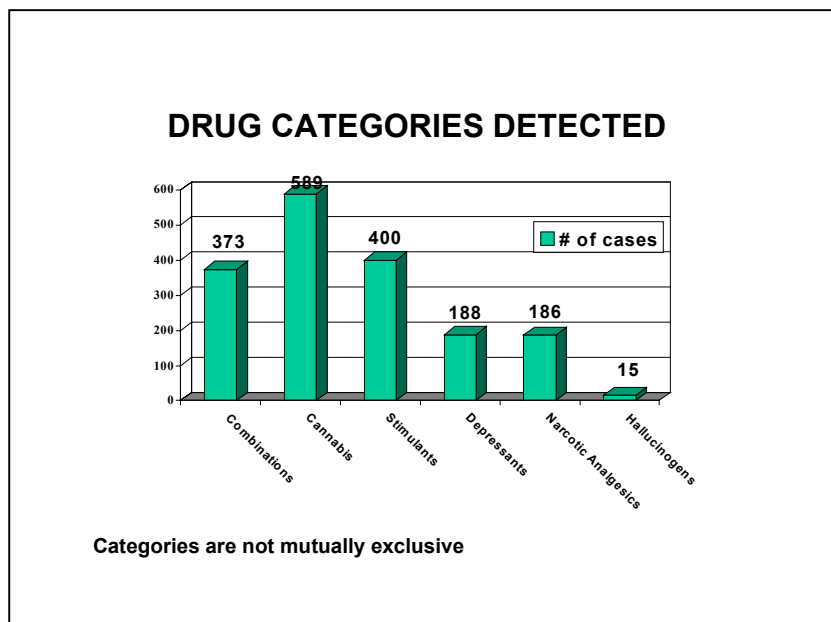
Crashes involving alcohol and other drugs account for approximately half of the total fatalities and serious injury crashes in Oregon each year. During 2001, traffic deaths increased to 492 from 451 in 2000. Arrests for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) has steadily increased since the DEC Program was established in Oregon. Traffic fatalities involving drug use have declined steadily since 1997, when there were 60 deaths. Estimates for 2001 indicate that there were 40 traffic-related deaths that involved drugs, or a combination of alcohol and drugs.

In 2001, Oregon DRE's conducted 1,170 drug evaluations. All but six were conducted on suspected drug impaired drivers. Urine samples were collected in 1,062 of the 1,170 cases (91%). Toxicology results confirmed that Oregon DRE's correctly identified the presence of drugs in 821 of the 945 cases where testing was able to be done (87%).

The DEC Program identifies drug and/or alcohol impaired drivers, and the program helps to identify drivers suffering from a medical condition or mental impairment. In 2001, Oregon DRE's evaluated 122 persons who were not impaired or who were suffering from medical or mental health problems, which affected their driving.

The single drug category most often detected through toxicology was marijuana, at 589 times. The second most frequently detected category of drugs was CNS Stimulants (Methamphetamine, Amphetamine and Cocaine) found in 400 cases.

Drug combinations or poly-drug use continues to be common in Oregon DRE evaluations. Toxicology confirmed combinations of drugs in 373 urine samples submitted for testing. The combination of marijuana and methamphetamine was found in 213 cases. There were 294 cases where alcohol was mixed with at least one drug.



In 2001, Oregon DRE's conducted a total of 1,170 drug evaluations:

MONTH	NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
JANUARY	101
FEBRUARY	96
MARCH	99
APRIL	100
MAY	108
JUNE	105
JULY	102
AUGUST	108
SEPTEMBER	90
OCTOBER	72
NOVEMBER	85
DECEMBER	104
TOTAL	1,170

DRE EVALUATIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCIPLINE	
SHERIFF'S OFFICES	121 (10%)
STATE POLICE	455 (39%)
CITY POLICE DEPTS	594 (51%)

2001 DEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY:

- ◆ Trooper Kyle Elmenhurst, a State Police DRE from Springfield, performed a drug evaluation on a suspected DUII driver as a result of a citizen complaint. The driver had an empty Amitriptyline prescription bottle and admitted to taking ten times the prescribed dosage for several consecutive days. Trooper Elmenhurst contacted the Poison Control Center in Portland and arranged for transport to the nearest hospital for further evaluation and observation.

FEBRUARY:

- ◆ Deputy Mark Matsushima, a DRE from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, arrested and evaluated the driver of a vehicle involved in a fatal crash with a bicyclist. Two hours after the crash, the suspect had a BAC of .09 and had been traveling up to, and possibly over, 65 mph in a posted 25-mph residential area, when he struck the victim riding his bicycle. The toxicology report confirmed THC, plus the .09 blood alcohol level.

MARCH:

- ◆ Officer Brian Hughes, a DRE from the Lake Oswego Police Department, responded to a vehicle crash where a suspect rolled his vehicle down an embankment. The suspect was not injured but was sweating profusely. The suspect admitted taking several pills thought to be Ecstasy while attending a Rave in Southeast Portland. Officer Hughes smelled the odor of Menthol, which is used to enhance the effects of Ecstasy and often used at Raves. The suspect stated he had used Ecstasy before and tested positive for THC and Ecstasy.
- ◆ Sergeant Bob Ruark, a DRE from the Polk County Sheriff's Office, conducted a DRE evaluation on a subject who reportedly had almost hit another Deputy on a traffic stop. The deputy had to jump over the hood of the car he had stopped to avoid being hit. The driver had a BAC of .02% and was determined to be under the influence of a depressant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Xanax.

APRIL:

- ◆ Sergeant Teresa Selby, a DRE from Ashland Police Department, conducted an evaluation on the driver of a refrigerator semi-truck traveling on a restricted road. The driver performed poorly on the SFST's, and admitted taking two "282 MEP pills" (a combination of Codeine and other controlled substances). The driver said they had been prescribed by a doctor for a back condition. Toxicology tests corroborated Sgt. Selby's opinion of Narcotic Analgesic impairment.
- ◆ OSP Senior Trooper Ken Snook, assisted by Trooper Aaron Olympius, completed the DRE evaluation on the driver of a vehicle involved in a fatal crash. The suspect was transported to the hospital where blood was drawn by a hospital technician. The suspect freely admitted to being an addict and has been on a Methadone maintenance program for the past five years. Methadone was present in the blood specimen tested by the lab.

MAY:

- ◆ Deputy Scott Pierce, a DRE from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, conducted an evaluation where the impaired driver was a nurse who admitted to stealing medical records and medications, including MS Contin, from her patients who either died or moved away. She further admitted to possessing additional controlled substances at her residence and consented to a search. The suspect tested positive for a narcotic Analgesic and a CNS Depressant. During the search of the suspect's purse and home, officers recovered several prescription bottles of Compazine, Hydrocodone (Vicodin), Roxanol, Lorazepam, Allegra, Diazepam, Bactrim, and used syringes. The suspect's supervisor confirmed the names on the prescription bottles matched names of patients at the nursing facility where the suspect worked.
- ◆ Officer Brian Tarvin, a DRE from the Umatilla Police Department, conducted an evaluation of a 13-year-old driver arrested for DUII. Officer Tarvin determined that the 13-year-old was under the influence of a stimulant and cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

JUNE:

- ◆ Officer Collin Sorenson, a DRE from the Portland Police Bureau, conducted an evaluation on a driver of a Tri-Met bus that had been reported as a DUII by an off-duty police officer. Tests were positive for Cocaine, Heroin, Methadone, and Xanax.
- ◆ Deputy Sean Thomas, a DRE from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, conducted the DRE evaluation of a boater arrested for Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUII). The suspect was witnessed 'snorting' a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

- ◆ Officer Steve Furst, a DRE from the Medford Police Department, conducted an evaluation on an 18-year-old driver involved in a crash where a 17-year-old female passenger was killed and two males were injured. The driver was charged with Manslaughter II, DUII, Reckless Driving, and several assault charges. Officer Furst determined that the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.



JULY:

- ◆ Trooper Mark Banks, an OSP DRE from Pendleton, evaluated an attorney arrested for DUII. During the initial traffic stop, the suspect admitted to using methamphetamine and marijuana and had both in his possession. Trooper Banks also found two bottles of VCR head cleaner and a plastic bag of marijuana with a pipe. The suspect identified the substance in the bottle as “Rush” or “Poppers”, which the suspect inhaled. Toxicology confirmed methamphetamine and THC.
- ◆ Officer Roger Craddock, a DRE from the Coos Bay Police Department, conducted a DRE evaluation on an 18-year-old driver who admitted to drinking three bottles of cough syrup containing Dextromethorphan (DMX). About a month later, Officer Hugo Hatzel, another DRE from Coos Bay, conducted another evaluation on the same driver. During that evaluation, the suspect admitted to consuming one box (16 tablets) of Coricidin. Later in the year, Officer Craddock evaluated this same suspect again for a third DUII arrest. The suspect has been arrested five times and evaluated by a DRE three times in an 18-month period.
- ◆ Trooper Scott Holsworth, a DRE from Gold Beach, conducted an evaluation on a 36-year-old woman who was driving a vehicle that crashed and killed the infant passenger in her care. The suspect admitted to injecting methamphetamine and taking three pills. Trooper Holsworth determined she was under the influence of a stimulant. The suspect was found guilty of Second Degree Manslaughter.
- ◆ Senior Trooper Steve Webster and Senior Trooper Mike Howland, DRE’s from Salem, participated in the pursuit, arrest, and evaluation of a motorist suspected of driving under the influence of methamphetamine. The suspect attempted to “ram” patrol cars, and a shot was fired but no one was injured. The suspect received two charges of Felony-Elude, DUII, Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver, and Recklessly Endangering, but plead for the two counts of Felony-Elude and the DUII. Toxicology confirmed the presence of methamphetamine.

AUGUST:

- ◆ OSP Sergeant Julie Wilcox, a DRE from The Dalles, assisted the Wasco County Sheriff’s Office in the pursuit of a DUII driver attempting to elude. The suspect vehicle was “spiked” by Sergeant Wilcox. Once in custody, the suspect stated he was running “because of the gas” and that it was “going to hurt him”. The suspect gave consent to search his vehicle and a partial methamphetamine lab was found, along with user amounts of methamphetamine. The suspect was experiencing what appeared to be “Methamphetamine Psychosis,” and was determined to be under the influence of a stimulant.

SEPTEMBER:

- ◆ OSP Trooper Brian Smith, a DRE from Klamath Falls, evaluated a driver stopped for traveling 88 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The suspect had several plastic bags rolled up and taped. Examination of the bags produced 500 Soma, 500 Xanax, 500 Valium, and 300 “other” tablets. The suspect stated he had paid a doctor in San Francisco \$500 for the tablets. The suspect was determined to be under the influence of depressants.
- ◆ A semi-driver was arrested for DUII and referred to Senior Trooper Jeff Spencer, a DRE from Baker City, for an evaluation. The suspect had fresh injection marks, a syringe, and a small amount of methamphetamine on him. The suspect stated he had used “meth” for years and had last used it in a truck stop somewhere in Oregon. The suspect also possessed a metal spoon with suspected methamphetamine and a partial cigarette filter on the bed of the sleeper berth. Senior Trooper Spencer determined that the suspect was under the influence of a stimulant, which was confirmed by toxicology.

OCTOBER:

- ◆ Officer Robert Hayes, a DRE from the Albany Police Department, evaluated the driver of a semi-truck arrested for DUII. Witnesses observed the driver force another semi-truck into the median and almost hit a portion of a bridge. Officer Hayes and the arresting officer located drug paraphernalia in the vehicle and on the suspect. The suspect admitted to smoking methamphetamine and marijuana. The suspect was determined to be under the influence of a stimulant, which was confirmed by toxicology.

NOVEMBER:

- ◆ Following up on information of drug activity at a local high school, Officer Roger Craddock of the Coos Bay Police Department conducted a DRE evaluation on a 14-year-old student with the consent of the student and the student’s mother. Officer Craddock had received information of possible use of Ecstasy, LSD, and Marijuana. The suspect was in possession of a stolen bank card and admitted to the theft of over \$1,200 from his mother’s live-in boyfriend. The suspect provided a urine sample that tested positive for MDMA (Ecstasy) and Marijuana.

DECEMBER:

- ◆ A suspected impaired driver was arrested after driving more than 25 miles below the posted speed limit. Officer Tim Lenihan, a DRE from Myrtle Creek Police Department, was called to conduct the DRE evaluation. He noted that the suspect had yellow powder from what appeared to be a crushed pill down the front of him. Several yellow pills were scattered on the front seat of the car. The arresting officer located the pill container that was supposed to contain Diazepam, which

was prescribed for the suspect. The suspect was experiencing signs of an overdose of a CNS depressant and on two occasions, the suspect stopped breathing. Officer Lenihan summoned an EMT to evaluate the suspect twice during the evaluation. On the second occasion, the subject was unconscious, unresponsive, and unable to breathe on his own. The suspect was transported to the hospital for further evaluation. Through the investigation it was determined that the subject had taken 50 milligrams of Thorazine and was under the influence of a depressant.

DEC PROGRAM SPECIAL PROJECTS

Community Training

Officers trained as DRE's provide their agencies and community with valuable information about drug impairment and drug use. In 2001, many Oregon DRE's provided hundreds of hours of worthwhile community training pertaining to drug use and abuse, which included:

January:

- ◆ In January 2001, Officer Tim Lenihan, a DRE from Myrtle Creek P.D., conducted a general overview of Drug Influence Recognition to about 35 people from the Myrtle Creek Fire and EMS.
- ◆ Officer Jeff DeBolt, a DRE from Beaverton P.D., continued to give drug impairment presentations to the Driver's Ed classes in the Beaverton School District. The classes focus on driver safety and impaired driving.
- ◆ Sergeant Tim Weaver, Newberg P.D., and Sergeant Craig Durbin, OSP, presented the D.I.T.E.P. to about 30 Yamhill County Educators in McMinnville.
- ◆ Officer James Sorensen, a DRE from Portland Police Bureau, developed an in-depth presentation on Drug Impaired Driving and presents to the high-risk driver class sponsored by Emanuel Hospital once a month throughout the year.

February:

- ◆ In February, Trooper Cari Boyd, a DRE from Newport, gave a community presentation to the Newport Rotary about the DRE process and drugs in the community. About 100 people attended the presentation.

March:

- ◆ Lieutenant Dale Rutledge met with 30 educational professionals at Philomath High School to present the four-hour Drug Impairment Recognition

April:

- ◆ In April, DRE Officer Kris Knox, Salem P.D., gave a drug presentation to about 75 employees from the Department of Human Services--Child Welfare Division, Child Health Initiative. During the year, Officer Kris Knox also conducted ten classroom presentations to middle school health classes on Rave Drugs and Raves. Approximately 30 students attended each class.
- ◆ Lieutenant Dale Rutledge presented information on “Rave Drugs” to 300 citizens attending the Adolescent Sexuality Conference in Seaside.
- ◆ Sergeant Tim Weaver, Newberg P.D., and OSP Sergeant Craig Durbin presented the Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (D.I.T.E.P.) to about 30 Yamhill County Educators. The presentation also included information on Drugs in Society/Overview of Alcohol Drug Identification, Drug Categories and their Observable Effects.

May:

- ◆ Lieutenant Dale Rutledge gave a four-hour Drug Impairment Recognition Training presentation to approximately 20 members of the Congregational Church in Salem.
- ◆ Officer James Sorensen, a DRE from the Portland Police Bureau, presented “*Every Fifteen Minutes*” to high school students at Cleveland High School, Franklin High School, and St. Mary’s Academy for Girls.

June:

- ◆ Lieutenant Dale Rutledge presented basic drug impairment to two separate groups. Clackamas County DA’s Office and the Albany Fire Department. About 35 people attended the training.

July:

- ◆ Officer Kris Knox, a DRE from the Salem Police Department, presented basic drug impairment training, with particular focus on paraphernalia, methods of ingestion, transport and concealment, to the Salem/Keizer Fire Departments paramedics as part of their ongoing in-service training.

- ◆ Lieutenant Dale Rutledge participated in a panel discussion at the Lane County Health Conference regarding “Rave Drugs”. About 200 people were in attendance.

August:

- ◆ Lieutenant Terry Timeus, a DRE from Lake Oswego P.D., presented a two-hour overview of the observable signs and symptoms of the seven drug categories to 35 members of The Western Seminary College Masters Program.
- ◆ Officer David LeDay, a DRE from Keizer P.D., gave a two-hour basic drug presentation to members of Services for Children and Families. About 25 members attended from the Willamette Valley area.
- ◆ Senior Trooper Jim Pierce and Lieutenant Dale Rutledge were guests of the Oregon School Nurses Conference in Astoria to present information on “Rave Drugs”. Forty nurses and health care professionals attended.

September:

- ◆ Sergeant Bill Caldera, a DRE from Pendleton P.D., gave two basic drug impairment community presentations. The first one was to School Administrators of the Pendleton Senior High School and the Sunridge Middle School. The class was also attended by school nurses and a nurse practitioner. A total of 12 people attended four hours of instruction that included the seven drug categories and the signs and symptoms of each. The other community presentation was to the Department of Human Resources Staff of the Child Welfare Division. A total of 30 staff members attended the training.

October:

- ◆ Lieutenant Dale Rutledge, an OSP DRE, spoke to 32 OSU residents of Wilson Hall in Corvallis about “The Hazards of Alcohol”. The Fatal Vision Goggles were used afterward to demonstrate impairment.
- ◆ Senior Trooper Jim Pierce and Lieutenant Dale Rutledge also gave two presentations to the School Nurses Association. The presentations were 60 minutes and focused on “The Culture of Rave Drugs.” The presentations focused on MDMA and GHB.

November:

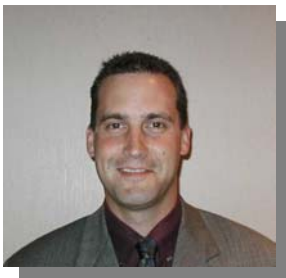
- ◆ Officer Tim Lenihan of the Myrtle Creek Police Department, gave a general overview of Drug Influence Recognition to the Douglas County Mental Health Department. The presentation included signs of overdose for commonly prescribed medications. About 30 people attended the training.

December:

- ◆ Senior Trooper Tim Plummer, an OSP DRE from Roseburg, presented basic drug identification training to 37 nurses and EMT students at the Umpqua Community College. The training focused on the drugs of abuse and their common signs and symptoms.
- ◆ During December, Senior Trooper Plummer also presented “Drug Recognition and Usage” to 15 teachers and school administrators of the Camas Valley School District and 19 fire and EMT personnel from the Camas Valley and Tenmile Fire Departments.
- ◆ During the “Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness” month kickoff in December, Senior Trooper Plummer provided drugged driving training information at the request of the Douglas County Impaired Driving Task Force. The presentation lasted about 30 minutes, and included representatives from local governments and law enforcement agencies in Douglas County.

DRE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

During the past year, many of the DRE's across Oregon did an outstanding job and worked hard at deterring drug impaired driving. In selecting the DRE Officers Of-The-Year, many factors were considered, including the number of evaluations, the accuracy of their opinions, and how they contributed to the DEC Program. Two officers were recognized for their accomplishments for 2001. They were:



**OFFICER ROBERT HAYES,
ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

During 2001, Officer Hayes conducted 51 drug evaluations and made 88 DUII arrests in Albany. During the year, he attended DRE instructor training in California using donated funds from his community. He also conducted several drug training presentations within his community and assisted in furthering the cause of DRE in Linn and Benton counties.



**TROOPER MARK BANKS,
OREGON STATE POLICE – PENDLETON OFFICE**

Trooper Banks conducted 36 drug evaluations during the year and had a 100% accuracy rate based upon toxicology results. He also provided local drug impairment training to officers in the Pendleton area and conducted several local community drug awareness presentations, furthering the cause of DRE in Eastern Oregon.

SUMMARY

Once again in 2001, the Drug Evaluation Classification Program continued to make a positive impact to transportation safety in Oregon. The DEC Program effectively reduced fatalities, personal injuries, and property damage on our highways, city streets, and county roads.

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