

OREGON DRUG EVALUATION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM



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

2003 Overview

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The information contained in this annual report is a summary of the yearly accomplishments for 2003 by the men and women trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in Oregon. The information and data was compiled using DRE reports generated from Oregon DRE officers.

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MISSION

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

DEC PROGRAM PERSONNEL

The Oregon 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 38 states and the District of Columbia participating in the program, which is under the national guidance and direction of the International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) and supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Oregon DEC Program works successfully 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), the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and the Oregon State Police.

**The following officers and their agencies represent the Oregon compliment of
Drug Recognition Experts through December 31, 2003.**

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Deputy Chief Steve Corder, Albany PD
Captain Terry Timeus, Lake Oswego PD
Lieutenant Alex Maich, Redmond PD
Lieutenant Kevin Sawyer, Bend PD
Sergeant William Caldera, Pendleton PD
Sergeant Rodger Craddock, Coos Bay PD
Sergeant Linda Fisher-Lewis, West Linn PD
Sergeant Kirk Flerchinger, Umatilla Tribal PD
Sergeant Dave Henslee, Corvallis PD
Sergeant Lance Inman, Keizer PD
Sergeant Dale Jorgensen, Lake Oswego PD
Sergeant Krissi Martes, Eugene PD
Sergeant Russ Morris, Salem PD
Sergeant Teresa Selby, Ashland PD
Sergeant Robert Voepel, Portland PB
Sergeant Tim Weaver, Newberg PD
Corporal Andrew Connolly, Salem PD
Corporal Dean Finnerty, Cottage Grove PD
Officer Shawn Adams, Salem PD
Officer Travis Ash, Prineville PD
Officer Kaylin Ayhan, Bend PD
Officer Pamela Bailey, Troutdale PD
Officer Angela Baird, Eugene PD
Officer Greg Bakken, Ontario PD
Officer Donald Ballou, Nyssa PD
Officer Rodney Bamford, Keizer PD
Officer Jared Banry, Central Point PD
Officer Jon Bohanan, North Bend PD
Officer Matthew Bohman, Springfield PD
Officer Larry Buckingham, Grants Pass PD
Officer David Burleigh, Bend PD
Officer Charles Byram, Pendleton PD
Officer Douglas Carpenter, Scappoose PD
Officer Julian Carroll, Beaverton PD
Officer Hugo Cerda, McMinnville PD
Officer Wayne Chastain, Baker City PD
Officer Matthew Condon, Beaverton PD
Officer Larry Crompton, Eugene PD
Officer Jeff DeBolt, Beaverton PD
Officer David Driscoll, Salem PD
Officer Jeffrey Durbin, Gresham PD
Officer Jeffrey Elias, Portland PB
Officer David Enz, Tualatin PD
Officer Oscar Escalante, Lincoln City PD
Officer Michael Eskew, Tigard PD
Officer Jonathan Farrester, Madras 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 Lee Greene, Eugene PD
Officer Victor Gutierrez, Boardman PD
Officer Karl Haeckler, Medford PD
Officer Neil Halttunen, Springfield PD
Officer Matthew Harrington, Milton-Freewater PD
Officer Hugo Hatzel, Coos Bay PD
Officer Robert Hayes, Albany PD
Officer Mike Herb, Forest Grove PD
Officer Manuel Hernandez, Gresham PD
Officer Rich Hopkins, Sutherlin PD
Officer Brian Hughes, Portland PB
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Officer Michelle Isham, Lebanon PD
Officer Darryl Johnson, Hermiston PD
Officer William Johnson, Portland PB
Officer Justin Jones, Monmouth PD
Officer Gregory Kantola, Corvallis PD
Officer Matthew Kelly, Tillamook PD
Officer David Kempas, West Linn PD
Officer Kristina Knox, Salem PD
Officer Donald Lane, Medford PD
Officer David LeDay, Keizer PD
Officer Greg Lemhouse, Medford PD
Officer Tim Lenihan, Myrtle Creek PD
Officer Steve MacLennan, Ashland PD
Officer Jason Malloy, Newport PD
Officer Brad McMurrian, Prineville PD
Officer Jeff Niiya, Portland PB
Officer Nicholas Parker, Bend PD
Officer Ronald Parker, Albany PD
Officer Ray Rau, Sandy PD
Officer Josi Roberts, McMinnville PD
Officer Jeff Rose, Hillsboro PD
Officer Chris Salsberry, Redmond PD
Officer Donavon Schmidt, Grants Pass PD
Officer Heather Shaw, Portland PB
Officer Nathaniel Sickler, Klamath Falls PD
Officer Brian Slotte, Astoria PD
Officer James Sorensen, Portland PB
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Officer Brian Tarvin, Umatilla PD
Officer KT Taylor, Sandy PD
Officer Michael Vanderlip, Ashland PD
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Officer Jerry Wilson, Reedsport PD
Officer Shane Wilson, Talent PD

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Sergeant Robert Ruark, Polk Co. S.O.
Sergeant Paul Steigleder, Clackamas Co. S.O.
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Deputy Ryan Burkeen, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Brandon Claggett, Clackamas Co. S.O.
Deputy Rodney David, Linn Co. S.O.
Deputy John Diehl, Deschutes Co. S.O.
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Deputy Bruce Distler, Yamhill Co. S.O.
Deputy Charles Estes, Crook Co. S.O.
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Deputy Chris Green, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Clifton Harrold, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Aaron Hoberg, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Ethan House, Douglas Co. S.O.
Deputy Matthew Jamison, Clackamas C. S.O.
Deputy Eric Jaroch, Marion Co. S.O.
Deputy Matthew Kelly, Tillamook Co. S.O.

Deputy Greg Lange, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy John Lawrence, Deschutes County S.O.
Deputy Lee Lillie, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Kenneth Link, Clackamas Co. S.O.
Deputy Mark Matsushima, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Robbyn Matsushima, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Timothy McCall, Harney Co. S.O.
Deputy Dustin Newman, Polk Co. S.O.
Deputy David Opel, Linn Co. S.O.
Deputy Boyd Rasmussen, Union Co. S.O.
Deputy Dean Reynolds, Benton Co. S.O.
Deputy Jason Ritter, Clackamas Co. S.O.
Deputy Jonathan Shaver, Washington Co. S.O.
Deputy Fred Swank, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Timothy Tannenbaum, Wash. Co. S.O.
Deputy David Thompson, Washington Co. S.O.
Deputy Steve Thompson, Washington Co. S.O.
Deputy Scott Timms, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Kurt Van Meter, Benton Co. S.O.
Deputy Carl Wilkerson, Lane Co. S.O.

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Sergeant Robert Cannon, SP Pendelton
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Sr. Trooper Kenneth Snook, SP Grants Pass
Sr. Trooper Jeff Spencer, SP Baker City
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Trooper Elijah Chambers, SP Springfield
Trooper Joseph DelGreco, SP Portland
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Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald, SP Grants Pass
Trooper Lisa Fort, SP Portland
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Trooper Robin Hall, SP St. Helens
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Officer Sean Thomas



INTRODUCTION

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

Driving after alcohol and drug use is the single greatest factor in motor vehicle deaths and injuries and continues to be a problem plaguing modern society. The Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program remains one of the most effective tools available to law enforcement for detecting, apprehending, and adjudicating drug impaired drivers. In 2003, the DEC Program provided police officers with the knowledge, training, and confidence to recognize drivers impaired by drugs and to take appropriate action.

In a 1999 collaborative study between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) entitled *“Driving After Drug or Alcohol Use”*, it was estimated that 23% (38 million) drivers used alcohol within two hours prior to driving. In 2001 there it is estimated that 3.6 percent (8 million) of drivers operated a motor vehicle within two hours after drug use with or without alcohol.¹ This was an increase from the rate of 3.1 percent in 2000.

According to the *National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)*, in 2002, an estimated 35 million Americans (17% of the population aged 12 or older) had used an illicit drug during the last year. Almost 11 million of these persons (31% of the illicit drug users) had driven after using an illicit drug.²

According to a 2002 survey among teen drivers conducted by SADD, Inc., (Students Against Destructive Decisions/Students Against Driving Drunk) and Liberty Mutual Group, driving after marijuana use is more prevalent (68%) than driving after alcohol use (48%). More than half the teens who reported illegal drug use also reported that they were not concerned about riding in a car with a driver who used illegal drugs (57%).³

The Oregon State Medical Examiner’s Annual 2003 Report reported that 190 people died from drug-related causes statewide. The 2003 drug related deaths in Oregon represent a notable increase in each major drug category from 2002. Heroin related deaths were relatively stable at 100 deaths in 2003 and 101 in 2002. There has been a decrease of 9% in cocaine related deaths at 53 in 2003. Deaths from methamphetamine increased 20% to 78 in 2003 from 65 in 2002. Deaths from a combination of drugs decreased 15% to 37 deaths in 2003 from 44 in 2002.⁴

OREGON BENCHMARKS

The Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program plays an important role in the effort to prevent deaths and injuries related to drug and/or alcohol use. The DEC Program provides a direct link to the following Oregon Benchmarks:

#45. Infant mortality rate per 1000: The DEC Program has proven 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, reducing the number of fatal crashes and deaths.

DRE TRAINING

During 2003, Oregon conducted one DRE school, training a total of 22 officers as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The school was held in May at the Oregon Military Academy in Monmouth. The training included four troopers from the Oregon State Police, twelve officers from city police departments, and six sheriff's deputies. All 22 Oregon officers successfully completed the school and then completed the certification phase held in June in Portland, Oregon.



**Oregon DRE Class #11
May 2003
Monmouth, OR**

PROGRAM IMPACT AND RESULTS

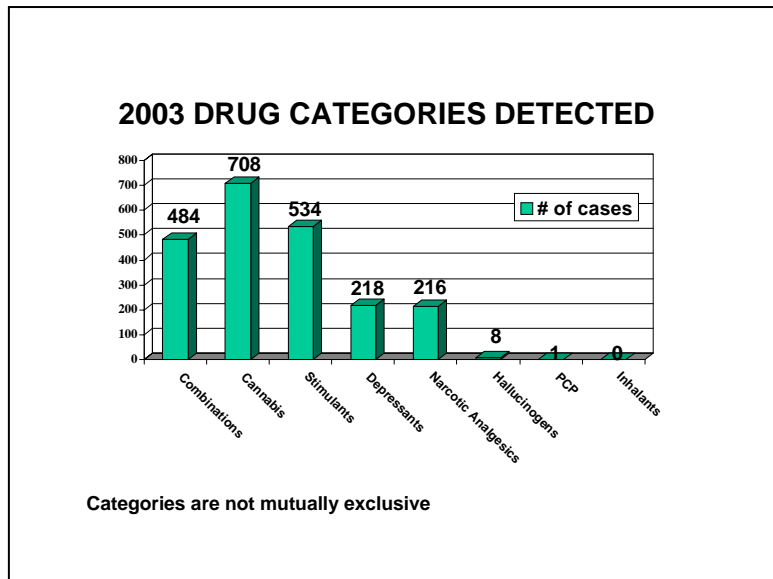
Crashes and highway deaths continue to be a problem in Oregon and throughout the nation. In 2003, there were 517 traffic deaths in Oregon and of those, 168 involved the use of alcohol. There were an additional 24 deaths involving drugs other than alcohol and 18 where drugs and alcohol were used in combination. The 2003 fatalities represent an increase of 29 deaths from the previous year. This increase in traffic deaths can partially be attributed to the decrease in police officers available to arrest persons for DUII. Arrests for Impaired driving dropped from 25,097 in 2002 to 23,070 in 2003.

In 2003, Oregon DREs conducted 1,396 drug evaluations. **Toxicology results confirmed that Oregon DREs correctly identified the category(s) of drugs in 87.1% of the evaluations.**

The DEC Program trains officers to identify drug and/or alcohol impaired drivers. The training also assists DREs in identifying drivers suffering from medical or mental conditions that can affect their ability to operate a motor vehicle. Oregon DREs conducted a DRE evaluation on 165 drivers that had been involved in motor vehicle crashes, of which 10 were fatal crashes. In 2003, Oregon DREs identified 33 drivers who were not impaired by drugs and/or alcohol, but were suffering from health related problems, classified as “medical rule-outs”.

In 2003, the single drug category most often detected through toxicology was marijuana, which was detected 708 times. The second most frequently detected category of drugs was CNS Stimulants (Methamphetamine, Amphetamine and Cocaine) found in 534 of the cases. Methamphetamine represented 82.4% of the CNS Stimulant cases.

Drug combinations continued to be common for Oregon DRE evaluations in 2003. Toxicology confirmed combinations of drugs in 484 cases. Marijuana and methamphetamine were the most frequently detected combination (272 cases). Low levels of alcohol (less than .08%) mixed with at least one drug was detected in 314 cases (22%).



Of the 1,396 drug evaluations conducted by Oregon DREs in 2003, 165 were the result of a traffic crash (11.9%).

Many of the drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs had drugs in their possession when arrested and were also charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (274 cases, or 20%).

Oregon, like many states is experiencing an increase in younger drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. In 2003, Oregon DRE's conducted 227 drug evaluations on suspected drugged-impaired drivers under the age of 21 years (16.4%).

2003 Drug Evaluations by Month

MONTH	NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
JANUARY	133
FEBRUARY	109
MARCH	100
APRIL	93
MAY	138
JUNE	125
JULY	158
AUGUST	119
SEPTEMBER	121
OCTOBER	96
NOVEMBER	101
DECEMBER	103
TOTAL:	1,396

2003 Drug Evaluations by Law Enforcement Discipline

<i>DRE EVALUATIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCIPLINE</i>	
SHERIFF'S OFFICES	171
STATE POLICE	517
CITY POLICE DEPTS	707
U.S. FOREST SERVICE	1

2003 DEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2003, there were many noteworthy DRE cases around the state. The following cases illustrate some of the more interesting evaluations and demonstrate how effective the DEC Program is in the fight to combat drug-impaired driving and drug-related crime.

January

In January, a vehicle being driven by a 40 year-old male was stopped for not maintaining his lane of travel. A consent search of the vehicle was obtained and a portable methamphetamine lab was located in the back of the pickup and a plastic bag of methamphetamine was located underneath the driver seat. The suspect was taken into custody and given a breath test of a .00% which was not consistent with the degree of impairment. **Sergeant William Caldera**, a DRE from the Pendleton Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined he was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant and Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

Officer Robert Hayes, a DRE from the Albany Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on a 45 year-old male who was arrested for DUII by Oregon State Police. The suspect was stopped for not maintaining his lane of travel and he gave a breath test of .00%. A search of his vehicle revealed 43+ grams of marijuana, \$6,000 in US currency, and a plastic bag with numerous ends of marijuana roaches and rolling papers. The drug evaluation by Officer Hayes determined the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of marijuana.

February

In February, **Trooper Jo Gardiner**, a State Police Trooper and DRE from Coos Bay, conducted a drug evaluation on a 60 year-old male. Myrtle Point Police Department stopped him for speeding and weaving in his lane of travel. He was in possession of a medical marijuana card. The suspect had a large sandwich baggie filled with marijuana and a marijuana cigarette in his possession. He stated he smokes marijuana to help control his back and nerve pain. The evaluation done by Trooper Gardiner determined that he was under the influence of Cannabis which toxicology confirmed.

Sergeant William Caldera, a DRE with Pendleton Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on a 42 year-old male, and determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant and Cannabis which toxicology confirmed. The same

individual also had DUII arrests and drug evaluations conducted in June 2003 by **Trooper Mark Banks**, a DRE with the Oregon State Police Pendleton office, in August 2003 by **Officer Brian Tarvin**, a DRE with Umatilla Police Department, and again in September 2003 by **Sergeant William Caldera**.

A 35 year-old female was involved in an accident after she dropped her daughter off at school. She went to the high school to use the phone. While on the phone, she fell asleep and was unable to be awakened by the office staff. **Officer Clint Burleigh**, a DRE from the Bend Police Department, conducted the drug evaluation and determined she was under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and CNS-Depressant, which was confirmed by toxicology.

March

Sergeant Krissi Martes, a DRE from Eugene Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on a 23 year-old male. The suspect was contacted after he was involved in a crash where the pickup truck he was driving struck and killed a 17 year-old girl walking home from high school. The suspect has muscular dystrophy and was unable to complete a drug evaluation. However, the investigation led police to suspect that the driver had been using drugs. Toxicology confirmed the presence of cocaine and methamphetamine. The suspect pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide.

Also in March, **Deputy John Lawrence**, a DRE from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, conducted a drug evaluation on a 40 year-old female who had been arrested for DUII. A search of her vehicle revealed 18 marijuana plants and equipment used for growing marijuana. The driver later provided a breath sample of .01% BAC. The evaluation determined that the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

April

In April, **Corporal Rodney David**, a DRE from the Linn County Sheriff's Office, conducted a drug evaluation on a 20 year-old male. The suspect was involved in a crash where the vehicle went into Foster Lake by the dam. The passenger disappeared. The suspect was contacted at the emergency room and showed indications of smoking marijuana. He had a .05% BAC. The evaluation determined he was under the influence of cannabis which toxicology confirmed. The passenger was located deceased three days later by rescue divers. The driver was subsequently charged with Manslaughter and is awaiting trial.

Also in April, **Officer Ray Rau**, a DRE from Sandy Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on a female after she had crashed her vehicle into a power pole. She performed poorly on SFST's and had .01% BAC. The evaluation determined

she was under the influence of a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Methadone, Cannabis, Xanax, Benadryl, Amitriptyline, and Flexeril.

May

In May, a vehicle was observed stopped at an intersection with the motor and lights turned off. When approached, the driver was asleep at the wheel. A baggy of methamphetamine was under the driver's feet. **Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald**, a State Police DRE in Grants Pass, conducted a drug evaluation and determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant which was confirmed by toxicology. As part of follow-up investigation a search warrant was obtained. Officers located two illegal sawed-off shotguns at the suspect's residence.

Also in May, an 18 year-old female was stopped for speeding. A consent search located a marijuana pipe in the vehicle and mushrooms in her purse. **Sergeant William Caldera**, a DRE from the Pendleton Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation and determined the driver to be under the influence of Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cannabis.

June

In June, **Sergeant William Caldera**, a DRE from the Pendleton Police Department received a call from a local market about somebody coming into the store buying a large quantity of ephedrine cold tablets. The suspects car was stopped and after a consent to search was given, he located in the vehicle a baggie of methamphetamine, two cans of Prestone starter fluid, two boxes of 96-count Sudafed, and a bag of urine underneath the driver's seat. The suspect brought a clean urine sample with him in case he had to give his probation officer a urine sample. Sergeant Caldera did a drug evaluation and determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant which toxicology confirmed.

Also in June, an Oregon State trooper arrested a driver after receiving complaints on a vehicle, which he located. The vehicle did not stop when the Trooper tried to stop the vehicle. The driver was driving all over the roadway and was throwing items out of the vehicle's windows. When the suspect finally stopped, he was naked and non-compliant. The suspect got back in the car, drove a few miles and got out of the car but the car kept going with no driver and crashed. The suspect had a BAC of .00%. **Officer Robert Hayes**, a DRE from Albany Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined he was under the influence of a CNS Depressant, Hallucinogen, and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cannabis. Although we were unable to conduct toxicology for hallucinogens, the subject admitted to taking mushrooms and his behavior was consistent with a hallucinogen.

July

In July, early in the morning, **Senior Trooper James Hawkins**, a State Police DRE from Springfield, conducted a drug evaluation on a 19 year-old male and determined he was under the influence of a Hallucinogen and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cannabis. Later in the evening of the same day, the suspect was involved in a crash where his vehicle hit the side of a residence. **Officer Larry Crompton**, a DRE from the Eugene Police Department, conducted the second evaluation. It was determined that the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis which toxicology confirmed.

Also in July, a corrections officer observed the suspect drive up to the front door area of the jail and smacked into the curb. It was learned that she was there to visit her husband who was an inmate. She gave a .00% BAC, which was inconsistent with her level of impairment. **Captain Terry Timeus**, a DRE from the Lake Oswego Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined she was under the influence of a Narcotic Analgesic and a CNS Depressant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Oxycodone, Methadone, and Methamphetamine.

August

In August, **Sergeant Linda Fisher-Lewis**, a DRE from the West Linn Police Department, responded to a pursuit of a vehicle traveling as fast as 70 mph in a posted 45. The pursuit ended when the suspect pulled over, jumped out of the car and proned himself out. He then got back up, ripped off his shirt and advanced towards the police officers making obscene gestures and screaming at them. After the suspect was taken into custody, Sergeant Fisher-Lewis conducted a drug evaluation and determined the suspect was under the influence of Hallucinogens and Cannabis which toxicology confirmed.

Also in August, **Officer Wayne Chastain**, a DRE from Baker City Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on an 18 year-old male. The suspect's vehicle was parked in the middle of the street with the engine running and the lights on and he was asleep at the wheel. The evaluation determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant and an Inhalant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine.

September

In September, **Officer Jeff Niiya**, a DRE with Portland Police Bureau, conducted a drug evaluation on a 23 year-old male after he was involved in a rear end crash. The evaluation by Officer Niiya determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Depressant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Carisoprodol, Methamphetamine and Propoxyphene. Three weeks earlier in August, **Lieutenant Dale Rutledge**, a DRE with Oregon State Police, conducted a drug evaluation on the same individual and determined he was under the influence of a CNS Depressant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Carisoprodol, Methamphetamine and Oxycodone. The same individual had also been stopped in July and **Senior Trooper Yvette Shephard**, a DRE with Oregon State Police, she also conducted a drug evaluation and determined the suspect under the influence of a CNS Depressant. Toxicology again confirmed the presence of Carisoprodol, Hydrocodone and Oxycodone.

Also in September, an Oregon State Trooper from Roseburg stopped a vehicle for VBR 75 in a 55. When the Trooper activated his lights, the suspect slammed on his brakes almost causing the Trooper to rear end his vehicle. From the first contact with the suspect, he was out of control. As the Trooper handed the suspect the citation, the suspect started a fight. During the altercation, the Trooper broke his leg in two places but was able to tackle the suspect and take the suspect into custody with the assistance of a private citizen. A small bundle of Methamphetamine was found on the suspect. **Senior Trooper Tim Plummer**, an Oregon State Police DRE from Roseburg, conducted the evaluation on the suspect and determined he was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology found Methamphetamine.

October

In October, **Officer Jeff Durbin**, a DRE with Gresham Police Department, while off duty, observed a 32 year-old female in a vehicle bouncing around flailing her arms wildly and driving erratically. She eventually pulled into a mini-market and parked in the lot. Officer Durbin called dispatch and an officer greeted the suspect as she came to her car. She was very spastic and could not stand still. The suspect provided a BAC of .00%. Officer Durbin conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined she was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant which toxicology confirmed.

Also in October, a 42 year-old woman nearly crashed head on with another car when she crossed over the centerline, and then crashed into several mailboxes and parked her car. She provided a BAC of .00%. **Deputy Timothy Tannenbaum**, a DRE with Washington County Sheriff's Office, conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined she was under the influence of a CNS Depressant and Narcotic Analgesics. Toxicology confirmed the presence of CNS Depressants.

November

In November, an off duty Oregon State Trooper reported that he was following a car that was driving erratically. The female suspect had swerved into the oncoming lane of traffic, had almost caused two separate accidents and she had almost ran off the road numerous times. **Sergeant Rodger Craddock**, a DRE with Coos Bay Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on an 83 year-old female. The suspect provided a BAC of .00%. The driver admitted to numerous medical problems. The evaluation by Officer Craddock determined the suspect was unable to operate a motor vehicle safely due to her medical problems.

Also in November, a male suspect was stopped for speeding through a school zone. The suspect almost struck the crossing guard and several children when he did not stop at the crosswalk in front of the Elementary School. When stopped he was in possession of a bag of Marijuana and a small bag of methamphetamine. **Deputy Jason Ritter**, a DRE with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined he was under the influence of Cannabis.

December

In December, **Officer Jeff Niiya**, a DRE with Portland Police Bureau, conducted a drug evaluation on a 49 year-old male. The suspect's vehicle left the roadway, went up onto the sidewalk, which struck and killed a pedestrian, then back into the roadway where he struck another vehicle. The suspect provided a BAC of .00%. The suspect appeared to be on the nod and clinical indicators were consistent with the suspect taking a Narcotic Analgesic. The suspect stated he had taken 3 or 4 vicodin earlier in the day, however, he was on the downside of a cocaine binge. Toxicology showed the presence of Cocaine.

Also in December, **Officer Matthew Harrington**, a DRE with Milton-Freewater Police Department, was called to do an evaluation on what appeared to be an impaired driver. Officer Harrington was able to determine the suspect was diabetic which was causing him to fade in and out of consciousness. EMS was dispatched and treated the man who had a blood sugar of 542.

DRE SPECIAL PROJECTS

Oregon DREs used their special drug-impairment training skills in a variety of ways and are valuable resources in their communities. Some examples of special projects DREs were involved in during 2003 included:

Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP):

34 Oregon DREs trained as *Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)* instructors which provided basic drug training designed for schoolteachers, administrators, and school nurses. In 2003, Oregon DITEP instructors conducted five DITEP training courses in the state. They included the Burns and Clatskanie School Districts, and Head Start Programs for Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties. In all, over 200 school administrators, teachers, school nurses and staff received the training. In addition to the five in-state courses, **Deputy Tim McCall** of the Harney County Sheriff's Office and **Sergeant Tim Weaver** of the Newberg Police Department conducted a DITEP course for the Sitka, Alaska School District.

Operation Trucker Check:

The Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have identified various problem high-volume commercial vehicle crash locations on several of the major interstate and state highways. Many of these locations have been designated as "Truck Safety Corridors", due to numerous crashes drug, speed and fatigue related. To assist in identifying impaired and/or fatigued drivers, the State Police, working in partnership with ODOT, implemented a unique program entitled, "Operation Trucker Check" (OTC).



The specialized enforcement program uses commercial vehicle inspectors and DREs working together inspecting commercial vehicles and their drivers in one designated location.

DREs conduct a preliminary check of the commercial driver, which includes horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN), vertical gaze nystagmus (VGN), Walk and Turn,

One-Leg Stand and a check of the driver's internal clock. If the driver is fit for driving, commercial vehicle inspectors conduct a "Walk-Around" inspection. If the initial inspection determines that a more comprehensive inspection is needed, a Level I inspection is conducted. If out-of-service violations are identified, the vehicle and/or the driver are placed out-of-service.

During September 2003, Oregon DREs and commercial vehicle inspectors teamed up together for **Operation Trucker Check (OTC)**. The operation was conducted at the Cascade Locks Port of Entry. The effort resulted in 203 trucks inspected and 207 drivers checked for impairment. During the operation 21 drivers were placed out of service due to log book violations and 25 trucks were placed out of service because of equipment violations. As the operation was concluding operations a van entered the scale area of the Port of Entry looking for directions. The driver was arrested for DUII.



There were two drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. One of the drivers had in his possession methamphetamine. When the company was called they indicated they would send another driver to get the truck and load. It was learned that the previous driver of the same truck had also been arrested for drugs.

In another case a truck driver was stopped and it was discovered that he had a female juvenile in the vehicle with him. In addition the sleeper portion of the vehicle had a large quantity of pornography. The family of the juvenile was called and the case was turned over to Services to Family and Children.

DRE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

In 2003, many Oregon DREs did an outstanding job of deterring drug impaired driving and drug abuse. In selecting the DRE Officers of-the-Year for municipal, county and state police agencies, many factors were considered, including the number of drug evaluations, the accuracy of their opinions and their contributions to the DEC Program. The three officers selected as DREs of the year for 2003 were:

**Officer Jeff Niiya,
Portland Police Bureau**



In 2003, Officer Jeff Niiya from the Portland Police Bureau conducted 15 drug evaluations. In addition he is a DRE Instructor and teaches at the DRE School, he teaches DITEP and is the Agency Coordinator for the Portland Police Bureau. Officer Niiya has taken the lead to improve the DRE Reports and procedures for the Portland Police Bureau.

**Deputy Tim Tannenbaum
Washington County Sheriff's Office**



Deputy Tim Tannenbaum received the DRE of the Year Award for Sheriff's Offices due to his efforts to remove impaired drivers from the road. Deputy Tannenbaum conducted 12 DRE evaluations in 2003. In addition he trained members of his Department by conducting eight inservice training sessions on DUII including Drugged Driving. The Washington County Sheriff's Office received the Enforcement Agency of the Year for Sheriff's Departments for the second year in a row after recording a 22% increase in DUII arrests from 2002.

**Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald
Oregon State Police – Grants Pass**



Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald from the Grants Pass Office conducted 25 DRE Evaluations in 2003 despite being one of 129 troopers laid off due to budget cuts. He missed approximately three months of work due to the lay off and returned to work to continue his efforts to remove impaired drivers from the road. For his efforts he was awarded the Oregon State Police DRE of the Year award at the annual DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Conference in April.

SUMMARY

Once again in 2003, the Drug Evaluation Classification Program continued to make a positive impact to Oregon's transportation safety. The Program effectively reduced traffic fatalities, injuries, and property damage on our highways, city streets, and county roads. The successes of the Oregon DEC Program would not be possible without the dedication and professionalism of the many DREs devoted to the program and without the continued support and partnership provided by the **Oregon Department of Transportation – Transportation Safety Division**.

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