

OREGON DRUG EVALUATION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM



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

2004 Overview

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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 40 states and the District of Columbia participating in the program. The DEC Program is under the national guidance and direction of the International Association of Chiefs 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 Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), the Oregon District Attorneys 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, 2004.**

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Captain Rodger Craddock, Coos Bay PD
Captain Terry Timeus, Lake Oswego PD
Lieutenant Linda Fisher-Lewis, West Linn PD
Lieutenant Alex Maich, Redmond PD
Sergeant John Bosley, Coburg PD
Sergeant William Caldera, Pendleton PD
Sergeant Kurt 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 Travis Ash, Prineville PD
Officer Kaylin Ayhan, Bend PD
Officer Pamela Bailey, Troutdale 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 Garon Boyce, Salem PD
Officer Rene Bravo, Hubbard PD
Officer Larry Buckingham, Grants Pass PD
Officer David Burleigh, Bend PD
Officer Charles Byram, Pendelton PD
Officer Douglas Carpenter, Scappoose PD
Officer Julian Carroll, Beaverton PD
Officer Hugo Cerda, McMinnville PD
Officer Wayne Chastain, Baker City 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 Steven Elmore, Salem PD
Officer David Enz, Tualatin PD
Officer Oscar Escalante, Lincoln City PD
Officer Michael Eskew, Tigard 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, Hermiston PD
Officer Karl Haeckler, Medford PD
Officer Neil Halttunen, Springfield PD
Officer Matt Harikian, Oregon City 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
Officer Michelle Isham, Lebanon PD
Officer William Johnson, Portland PB
Officer Justin Jones, Monmouth PD
Officer Gregory Kantola, Corvallis PD
Officer David Kempas, West Linn PD
Officer Kristina Knox, Salem PD
Officer Joshua Ladd, Portland PB
Officer Donald Lane, Medford PD
Officer John Lawrence, Bend 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 Tim McCall, Corvallis PD
Officer Brad McMurrin, Redmond PD
Officer Shawn Morgan, Florence PD
Officer Jeff Niiya, Portland PB
Officer Nicholas Parker, Bend PD
Officer Ronald Parker, Albany PD
Officer Ryan Postlewait, Independence PD
Officer Richard Rayniak, Beaverton PD
Officer Keith Rebman, Brookings PD
Officer Josi Roberts, McMinnville PD
Officer Jeff Rose, Hillsboro PD
Officer Angela San Miguel, Eugene 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

Officer Rick Spence, Ashland PD
Officer Sandy Strait, Port of Portland PD
Officer Jim Swanson, Medford PD
Officer Brian Tarvin, Umatilla PD
Officer KT Taylor, Sandy PD
Officer Theodore VanBeek, Gresham PD

Officer Michael Vanderlip, Ashland PD
Officer Curtis Whipple, Medford PD
Officer Mark Williamson, Salem PD
Officer Jerry Wilson, Reedsport PD
Officer Shane Wilson, Talent PD

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Sergeant John Koch, Washington Co. SO
Sergeant Monte Reiser, Multnomah Co. SO
Sergeant Robert Ruark, Polk Co. SO
Sergeant Paul Steigleder, Clackamas Co. SO
Sergeant Timothy Tannenbaum, Wash. Co. SO
Corporal Rodney David, Linn Co. SO
Corporal Ethan House, Douglas Co. SO
Deputy Ken Berry, Douglas Co. SO
Deputy David Boys, Lincoln Co. SO
Deputy Scott Bressler, Benton Co. SO
Deputy Ryan Burkeen, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Brandon Claggett, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Loren Deiter, Morrow Co. SO
Deputy Bruce Distler, Yamhill Co. SO
Deputy Charles Estes, Crook Co. SO
Deputy Toby Floyd, Coos County SO
Deputy Chris Green, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Starla Green, Jefferson Co. SO
Deputy Aaron Hoberg, Lane Co. SO
Deputy Matthew Jamison, Clackamas C. SO
Deputy Eric Jaroch, Marion Co. SO

Deputy Greg Lange, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Lee Lillie, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Kenneth Link, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Craig Lyman, Linn Co. SO
Deputy Mark Matsushima, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Robbyn Matsushima, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Tim Miller, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Dustin Newman, Polk Co. SO
Deputy David Opel, Linn Co. SO
Deputy Boyd Rasmussen, Union Co. SO
Deputy Dean Reynolds, Benton Co. SO
Deputy Jason Ritter, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Clayton Ruble, Douglas Co. SO
Deputy Marc Smith, Hood River Co. SO
Deputy Matthew Swanson, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Steve Thompson, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Scott Timms, Multnomah Co. SO
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Deputy Carl Wilkerson, Lane Co. SO
Deputy Jeremiah Worledge, Tillamook Co. SO

OREGON STATE POLICE

Lieutenant Dale Rutledge, NW Region HQ
Lieutenant Richard Evans, SP Portland
Sergeant Jason Bledsoe, SP Portland
Sergeant Robert Cannon, SP Pendleton
Sergeant Mark Duncan, SP Ontario
Sergeant Timothy Fox, SP Salem
Sergeant Michael Howland, SP Pendleton
Sergeant Eric Judah, SP Albany
Sergeant Andrew Merila, SP Astoria
Sergeant Dave Peterson, SP Salem
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Sr. Trooper James Pierce, SP Astoria
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 Cari Boyd, SP Newport
Trooper David Chambers, SP Klamath Falls

Trooper Elijah Chambers, SP Springfield
Trooper Joseph DelGreco, SP Portland
Trooper Freddie Dunlap, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Scott Eberz, SP Gaming Division
Trooper Kyle Elmenhurst, SP Springfield
Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald, SP Grants Pass
Trooper Lisa Fort, SP Portland
Trooper Jo Gardiner, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Jeremy Gunter, SP Milton-Freewater
Trooper Robin Hall, SP St. Helens
Trooper Tom Harrison, SP Portland
Trooper Jeromy Hasenkamp, SP St. Helens
Trooper Chris Holsworth, SP Grants Pass
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Trooper Mike Iwai, SP Salem
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Trooper Javier Marquez, SP Ontario
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Trooper Randy Ogle, SP McMinnville
Trooper Gregory Plummer, SP Newport
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Trooper Shawn Swisher, SP Salem
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UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE-GRANTS PASS

Officer Sean Thomas

In 2004, Oregon had 202 Drug Recognition Experts. Of that 43 were DRE Instructors. There were 80 law enforcement agencies participating in the Drug Evaluation Classification Program.



INTRODUCTION

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

Driving after alcohol and drug use is a major 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 2004, the DEC Program provided police officers with the knowledge, training, and confidence to recognize drivers impaired by drugs and to take appropriate action.

Approximately one in six high school seniors in the United States admitted driving under the influence of marijuana, according to a recent analysis of Monitoring the Future data, and 41 percent of teens surveyed by SADD/Liberty Mutual said they were not concerned about driving after using drugs. Estimates based on Monitoring the Future and Census Bureau data also show that of the nearly 4 million high school seniors in the United States, approximately one in six (600,000) drive under the influence of marijuana, a number nearly equivalent to those who drive under the influence of alcohol (640,000). Additionally, an estimated 38,000 of these students reported in 2001 that they crashed while driving under the influence of marijuana and 46,000 reported that they crashed while driving under the influence of alcohol.¹

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), in 2003, an estimated 19.5 million Americans age 12 or older had used an illicit drug during the

last year. An estimated 10.9 million persons (55% of the illicit drug users) had driven under the influence of an illicit drug.²

Slightly more than one-fifth of youths under the legal drinking age—more than 4 million persons age 16 to 20—reported driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or illicit drugs in the past year, according to data from the 2002 and 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Seventeen percent reported driving under the influence of alcohol, 14% reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs, and 8% reported driving under the combined influence of alcohol and illicit drugs. Older persons were more likely than younger ones to report driving under the influence. For example, 20-year-olds were nearly three times more likely to have driven under the influence than 16-year-olds.³

The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Annual 2004 Report reported that 198 people died from drug-related causes statewide. This is a 4% increase from 2003 when 190 people died from drug overdose. Heroin remains the most deadly drug even though the related deaths dropped by 6% in 2004 when there were 94 deaths compared to 100 deaths in 2003. There was an increase of 24% in the number of cocaine related deaths in 2004 when there were 66 deaths; there were 53 deaths in 2003. Deaths from methamphetamine remained stable with 78 deaths in both 2004 and 2003. Deaths associated with a combination of drugs rose 8% to 40 deaths in 2004 from 37 in 2003.⁴

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:

#41. 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.

#45 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.

PROGRAM IMPACT AND RESULTS

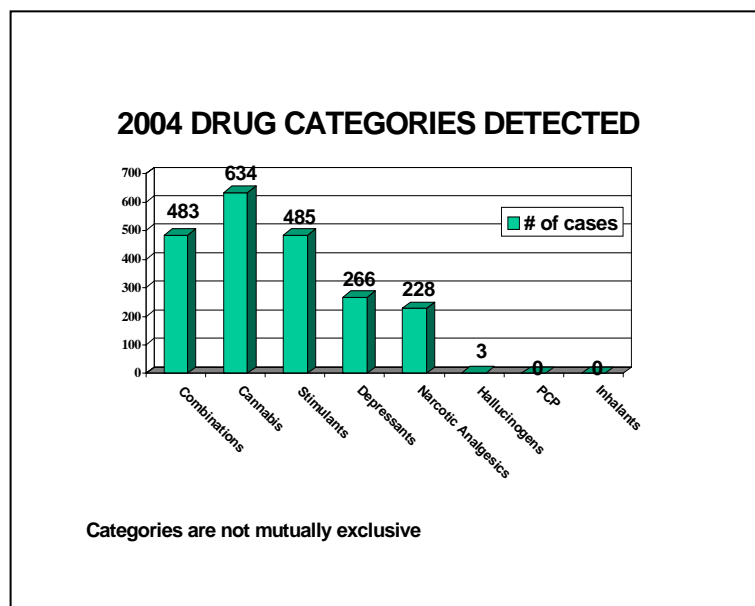
In 2004, Oregon DRE's conducted 1,258 drug evaluations. **Toxicology results confirmed that Oregon DREs correctly identified the category(s) of drugs in 87.6% of the evaluations.**

The DEC Program trains officers to identify drug and/or alcohol impaired drivers. The training also assists DRE's in identifying drivers suffering from medical or mental conditions that can affect their ability to operate a motor vehicle. Oregon DRE's conducted a DRE evaluation on 178 drivers that had been involved in motor vehicle crashes, of which 3 were fatal crashes. In 2004, Oregon DRE's identified 39 drivers who were not impaired by drugs and/or alcohol, but were suffering from health related problems, classified as "medical rule-outs".

In 2004, the single drug category most often detected through toxicology was marijuana, which was detected 634 times. The second most frequently detected category of drugs was CNS Stimulants (Methamphetamine, Amphetamine and Cocaine) found in 485 of the cases. Methamphetamine represented 83% of the CNS Stimulant cases.

Drug combinations continued to be common for Oregon DRE evaluations in 2004. Toxicology confirmed combinations of drugs in 483 cases. Marijuana and methamphetamine were the most frequently detected combination (244 cases). Low levels of alcohol (less than .08%) mixed with at least one drug was detected in 241 cases (19.2%).

Of the 1,258 drug evaluations conducted by Oregon DRE's in 2004, 178 were the result of a traffic crash (14.1%).



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 (215 cases, or 17.1%).

Oregon, like many states is experiencing an increase in younger drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. In 2004, Oregon DRE's conducted 205 drug evaluations on suspected drugged-impaired drivers under the age of 21 years (16.3%).

2004 Drug Evaluations by Month

MONTH	NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
JANUARY	108
FEBRUARY	133
MARCH	101
APRIL	103
MAY	98
JUNE	101
JULY	107
AUGUST	107
SEPTEMBER	110
OCTOBER	95
NOVEMBER	98
DECEMBER	97
TOTAL:	1,258

2004 Drug Evaluations by Law Enforcement Discipline

<i>DRE EVALUATIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCIPLINE</i>	
SHERIFF'S OFFICES	228
STATE POLICE	371
CITY POLICE DEPTS	650
U.S. FOREST SERVICE	7

DRE TRAINING

During 2004, Oregon conducted one DRE school, training a total of 23 officers as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The school was held in May at the Oregon Military Academy in Monmouth. The training included three troopers from the Oregon State Police, eleven officers from city police departments, seven sheriff's deputies, and two officers from Alaska police agencies. All 23 officers successfully completed the school, and then the 21 officers from Oregon completed the certification phase held in May in Portland, Oregon. During the certification phase, 156 DRE evaluations were completed.



**Oregon DRE Class #12
May 2004
Monmouth, OR**

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 2004 included:

Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP):

36 Oregon DREs trained as *Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)* instructors provided basic drug training designed for schoolteachers, administrators, and school nurses. In 2004, Oregon DITEP instructors conducted eight DITEP training courses in the state. They included the Burns, Pendleton and Albany School Districts, and Hood River Valley High School, Claggett Creek Middle School, Southridge High School, Reynolds High School and Glide High School. In all, over 200 school administrators, teachers, school nurses and staff received the training.

Prosecuting the Drugged Driver:

During February 2004 The Oregon Department of Justice, The Oregon District Attorneys Association and Oregon DRE Instructors provided *Prosecuting the Drugged Driver* training to 26 prosecutors representing 26 venues around Oregon.

Protecting Lives – Saving Futures:

In May 2004 The Oregon Department of Justice, The Oregon District Attorney Association and Oregon DRE Instructors provided *Protecting Lives – Saving Futures* training to 12 prosecutors representing 11 venues and 17 police officers representing 15 police agencies from around Oregon.

Other Training:

A class regarding Drugs that Impair Driving was given to a citizens academy held at the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Three presentations were given to a Prosecution Clinic held at the University of Oregon Law School.

Twelve presentations regarding drug and alcohol abuse were given at several conferences held at the University of Oregon with approximately 30 in attendance each time.

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 drug, speed and fatigue related crashes. 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).

This 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 2004, Oregon DRE's and commercial motor vehicle inspectors teamed up to conduct two **Operation Trucker Checks**. The June operation was conducted at the Klamath Falls Port of Entry along Highway 97 in Southern Oregon. The September operation was conducted at the Farewell Bend Port of Entry along Interstate 84 in Northeastern Oregon. The effort resulted in 584 trucks being inspected and 329 drivers checked for impairment. During the operation 83 drivers were placed out-of-service and 68 trucks were placed out-of-service because of equipment violations. Ten inspections revealed that the operator and/or co-driver were in possession of Controlled Substances. Four drivers were placed out-of-service for driving with a suspended driver's license.

One driver was arrested for DUI-Drugs. This driver was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Continued investigation found the co-driver to also be in possession of methamphetamine. Both were arrested and lodged in the local area jail.

2004 DEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2004, 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

On January 5, 2004, at about 3:14pm, a 27-year-old female was operating a 2001 Dodge Durango along Foster Road in Portland, Oregon. Traffic in both westbound lanes had stopped at the intersection of SE 54th Avenue to allow two pedestrians to cross the road. The operator of the Durango passed the stopped traffic on the right hitting and killing the two pedestrians a 34-year-old female and her 3-year-old son. The Durango continued west striking two parked vehicles before coming to a stop. **Officer James Sorensen and Officer Jeff Niiya** of the Portland Police Bureau participated in conducting a drug evaluation on the offending driver. They determined that the female operator was under the combined influence of ETOH and Cannabis. The operator told officers “that she was trying to get around a guy who had flipped her off.” She also told officers she had been drinking; she “was celebrating her sister’s upcoming childbirth.” In the vehicle with the operator was her 3-year-old son. Neither the operator nor her son was injured. Toxicological results confirmed a BAC of .08% and the presence of Cannabis. The operator was charged with First Degree Manslaughter, DUII and Reckless Driving.

On January 16, 2004, **Deputy David Boys** and **Reserve Deputy Bruster** of the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to locate a reported DUII driver. The dispatch center had received multiple reports of the vehicle’s bad driving including almost hitting a pedestrian. Oregon State Police **Sgt. Scott Lorimor**, of the Newport Patrol Office, located and stopped the vehicle. The 54-year-old female performed poorly on Field Sobriety Tests and was arrested for DUII. The operator provided a breath test of .00%. **Deputy Boys** conducted a drug evaluation and determined that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and Narcotic Analgesic. The operator reported taking five 100mg pills of Trazodone, three 200mg pills of MS Contin, one 40mg pill of Lipitor, one 40mg pill of Paxil, two 4mg pills of Klonopin and used her Advair inhaler all between 9:30am and 11:00am. Toxicological results confirmed the presence of Narcotic Analgesic and CNS-Depressants.

On January 25, 2004, an 18-year-old male was operating a stolen vehicle at a high rate of speed. **Sgt. Carlson** of the Sherwood Police Department located the vehicle. **Sgt. Carlson** detained the vehicle, observed the subject’s behavior and believed him to be under the influence. The subject consented to SFST's and performed poorly. Search of the vehicle revealed suspected methamphetamine and a glass pipe.

Officer David Enz of the Tualatin Police Department conducted a drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and CNS-Depressant. The subject told **Officer Enz** that he had smoked \$40-\$50 worth of methamphetamine prior to driving, and that he had swallowed about a gram of meth after being stopped by the police. The subject also told **Officer Enz** that he had been using meth since he was about 12 years old. Toxicological results confirmed the presence of CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis.

February

Officer Matthew Baldwin with the Albany Police Department stopped a vehicle for failing to stop for a red light. The 25-year-old female driver had her 8-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son as passengers with her. The operator was described as being animated, bouncing around in the car with very exaggerated movements. **Officer Ron Parker** with the Albany Police Department conducted a drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant. During the interview the subject reported not "using Meth in the last two days, but her days tend of run together." The subject also admitted that her lifestyle would eventually cause her to loose her children. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of a CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis.

On February 3, 2004, a 15-year-old male was stopped by **Deputy Ruhl** of the Washington County Sheriff's Office for speeding up, slowing down and weaving over lane lines. The operator displayed obvious signs of impairment. The subject submitted to a breath test with a .00% result. **Deputy Steve Thompson** with Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted a drug evaluation and determined that the subject was under the influence of Cannabis. Toxicological results confirmed the presence of Cannabis. During the interview with the subject he reported smoking "about five bowls" of marijuana about half an hour before being stopped, that he smoked a "bubbler and one blunt cigar." He was also reported taking Lexapro and Trazadone for depression.

March

March 9, 2004, at 10:15pm, **Officer Mark Croll** with the Salem Police Department stopped a 33-year-old female driver for running a red light. **Officer Croll** reported that the operator had an odor of an alcoholic drink on her breath and displayed signs of impairment. The operator resisted arrest. **Trooper Shawn Swisher** of the Oregon State Police Salem Patrol Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of ETOH and CNS-Depressant. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant, Cannabis and a BAC of .01%. The operator reported taking Prozac, Zoloft, Lorazepam, Albuterol Inhaler, St. John's Wart, Mug Wart and Lysine.

March 31, 2004, at about 2:15pm, **Senior Trooper Bill Matson** of the Oregon State Police Central Point Office was dispatched to a vehicle crash. Once on scene he

discovered that a 48-year-old female had driven her vehicle off the road and damaged a vehicle tire. A passing motorist helped her repair the tire; she then drove a short distance from the first crash scene and drove off the road a second time. Field Sobriety Tests were conducted and the subject arrested for DUII. She provided a breath sample of .00%. **Officer James Swanson** of the Medford Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined that the operator was under the influence of CNS-Depressants. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant. The operator reported taking Trazadone, Paxil and Alprazolam about 7:00 that morning.

On March 31, 2004, at about 7:45am, **Officer Ira Swanson** with the Rainer Police Department attempted to stop a motorcycle for failing to use a turn signal. The operator attempted to elude and finally stopped after being stuck in a marsh. The operator then fled on foot. He was captured after a short foot pursuit. After being taken into custody the operator submitted to Field Sobriety Tests and performed poorly. **Trooper Robin Hall** Oregon State Police St. Helen's Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of a CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis. The operator was found in possession of crystal methamphetamine.

April

Senior Trooper Don Wagner of the Oregon State Police Madras Office received a driving complaint of a vehicle driving on a flat tire and passing other vehicles at over 70mph. **Senior Trooper Wagner** followed the trail of shredded tire debris to the vehicle and stopped it. The 47-year-old male driver was arrested for DUII. **Officer Travis Ash** with the Prineville Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

Senior Trooper Scott Vaughn of the Oregon State Police Prineville Office drove upon a motor vehicle crash, the vehicle was overturned and the 24-year-old male operator was rummaging through the vehicle while his four minor children sat on the curb. The operator told the Trooper that he and his children were alright and did not need his help. The Trooper could see a large cut on the operator's face as well as a cut on the face of one of the children. All of the vehicle occupants were transported by ambulance to the local area hospital. **Trooper Shawn Swisher** of the Oregon State Police Salem Office conducted the drug evaluation and concluded that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis and was confirmed by toxicology. The operator was charged with Possession of a controlled substance, DUII-Controlled Substance, Four counts Reckless Endangerment and Fail to Maintain a Lane.

May

DRE **Chuck Hayes** with IACP and **Officer Jeff Niiya** with the Portland Police Bureau conducted an evaluation on a 47-year-old male two days apart. On the first occasion the subject was stopped by Oregon State **Trooper Derek Bischoff** for nearly sideswiping a semi truck. The operator stated he was driving from a job site in Oregon headed home to Washington. The subject was stopped while driving south near Woodburn. On the second occasion, two days later, the subject was stopped for bad driving by a citizen. At the end of the evaluations it was determined that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Heroin, Codeine, Diazepam, Methadone, Morphine, Promethazine, Temazepam, and Noriazepam.

While on patrol **Deputy Denton** with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office watched a vehicle approach an intersecting road and come to a stop. When the 29-year-old male driver saw the marked patrol car he drove his vehicle backwards for nearly 300 yards, attempted to turn into a driveway striking some garbage cans and a fence. **Officer James Swanson** with the Medford Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

A 20-year-old male was involved in a crash when he drove his vehicle off the road and into a large post. **Deputy Greg Romans** with the Malheur County Sheriff's Office responded to the crash and discovered that the operator had taken a hammer to his own vehicle smashing the windows. The operator told him that "a guy in camouflage clothing told him to do it." **Officer Greg Bakken** with the Ontario Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant, which was confirmed by toxicology. During the evaluation the operator admitted to swallowing a gram in Twin Falls, and had never been "this high before".

June

Officer John Beck with the Bend Police Department responded to a local area high school for a vehicle crash. The vehicle crashed at the entrance of the high school. The operator reported going too fast for the corner, driving into the rocks and thought she hit another person. **Officer John Beck** determined that the 38-year-old female operator was impaired. **Officer Kalin Ayhan** with the Bend Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and concluded that the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant, which was confirmed by toxicology. The operator admitted taking Zanax for anxiety/panic attacks.

Oregon State **Trooper Erich Timko** of the John Day Patrol Office stopped a vehicle operated by a 34-year-old male as a result of a menacing complaint. It was reported that the operator accused a gas station attendant of stealing his marijuana. The vehicle was also reported as almost striking a highway worker in a construction zone.

The operator submitted to SFST's and was arrested for DUII. **Senior Trooper Larry Johnson** conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of Cannabis. This was confirmed by toxicology. The female passenger in the vehicle was found to be in possession of marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms.

July

Oregon State **Senior Trooper Ken Snook** of the Grants Pass Patrol Office saw a vehicle squeal its tires as it accelerated from a traffic light. The operator was stopped and the 39-year-old male operator consented to SFST's. As the operator got out of the vehicle **Senior Trooper Snook** could see a large number of nitrous oxide containers on the drivers floor. Once the operator was arrested for DUII his vehicle was searched. Located in the vehicle was over an ounce of marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, numerous nitrous oxide containers and a commercial whip cream dispenser. **Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald** of the Grants Pass Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of ETOH (BAC .03%), CNS-Depressant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cannabis, Cocaine, Diazepam, Methamphetamine and Psilocybin.

Corporal Moore with the Salem Police Department investigated a motor vehicle crash where a 47-year-old man crashed his vehicle into a car, a bicycle and a utility pole. The subject admitted to driving over the speed limit and passing other vehicles on both the right and left. **Corporal Andrew Connolly** with the Salem Police Department conducted an evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine.

August

Oregon State **Trooper Dave Randall** of the Roseburg Patrol Office was dispatched to a report of a 43-year-old male who had jumped in the bed of a moving pickup truck and would not get out. The female operator of the pickup truck stayed on the phone with the dispatch center until **Trooper Randall** was able to get behind her. The male subject had been driving his semi truck and "freaked out", saying "don't kill my wife". He stopped his semi, got out and started flagging down traffic. When the pick up slowed down he jumped into the bed. **Deputy Clayton Ruble** with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of both.

Oregon State Police **Lieutenant Rich Evans** of the Portland Patrol Office conducted an evaluation on a 48-year-old male adult who had been involved in a non-injury motor vehicle crash. **Lt. Evans** determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of CNS-Depressants. Five days later **Officer Matt Harikian** with the Oregon City Police Department conducted a drug evaluation on the same subject after he was arrested

for DUII. **Officer Harikian** determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant, CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis.

September

Oregon State **Troopers Tony Atkins and Brandi Zeckman** of the Pendleton Patrol Office were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles that had been speed racing. Both operators, a 19-year-old male and a 17-year-old male, were arrested for DUII. **Officer William Caldera** with the Pendleton Police Department conducted both evaluations and determined both operators to be under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

While participating in "Operation Trucker Check VII" at the Farewell Bend Port of Entry, Oregon State **Senior Trooper Jeff Spencer** of the Baker City Patrol Office, contacted a 25-year-old male semi truck driver. The truck driver displayed signs of impairment and failed SFST's. **Senior Trooper Spencer** conducted a drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of methamphetamine. The co-driver was found to be in possession of three glass pipes and approximately three grams of methamphetamine and arrested for such.

October

Deputy Burk with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office stopped a 14-year-old female driver for speeding, erratic driving and failing to drive in a lane. The operator first gave false information about having a driver's license and later admitted to having the vehicle without permission. **Officer Donavon Schmidt** with Grants Pass Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cannabis.

Officer Brian Antone with the Coburg Police Department was in his patrol vehicle sitting stationary along the roadside. A vehicle operated by a 41-year-old male pulled along side his vehicle, stopped then backed up, getting sideways in the road and then pulling in behind the patrol car. The operator reported being chased on the freeway by several other vehicles. The only description the subject could provide was the vehicles had no windows. **Sergeant John Bosley** with the Coburg Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the combined influence of a CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cannabis, Cocaine and Methamphetamine.

November

Officer Ron Parker of the Albany Police Department conducted an evaluation on a 32-year-old female who was involved in an animal abuse case. The subject was reported to have hit two ducks with her vehicle and then fled the scene. **Officer**

Parker determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis; this was confirmed by toxicology.

Sergeant Mike Helton with the Sandy Police Department contacted a 30-year-old male who had stopped his vehicle in the traveled portion of the road. The subject was “slumped” over the steering wheel upon contact. Oregon State **Trooper Thomas Harrison** of the Portland Patrol Office conducted the drug evaluation. He concluded the subject to be under the combined influence of a CNS-Depressant, a Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis. This was confirmed by toxicology.

December

Officer Villanti with the Portland Police Bureau responded to a vehicle crash where a 42-year-old female had hit four parked cars with her Expedition and drove down the road and stopped. The subject performed poorly on SFST's. She had a BAC of .04%. **Officer Josh Ladd** with the Portland Police Bureau conducted the drug evaluation and concluded the operator to be under the combined influence of ETOH and a CNS-Depressant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant, a Narcotic Analgesic and ETOH.

Officer Kohnke with the Portland Police Bureau investigated a hit and run crash involving a 31-year-old female. The female had struck another car then fled on foot. **Officer Jeff Niya** with the Portland Police Bureau conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine. The female operator was charged with DUII, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver, Reckless Driving, Driving with a Suspended License, Driving Uninsured, Switched Vehicle License Plates and an outstanding warrant out of Clackamas County.

2004 Noteworthy Court Cases

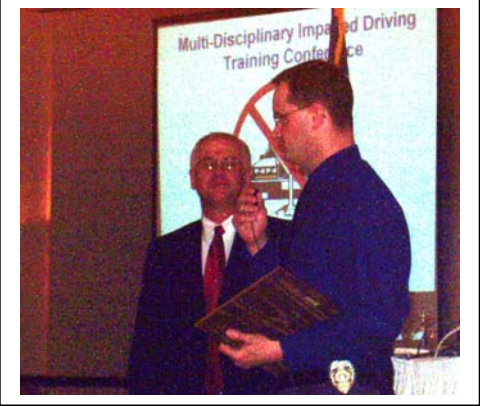
On April 24, 2004, **Officer Mike Mahler** with the Sutherlin Police Department responded to a reported motor vehicle crash. The investigation revealed that a 37-year-old male had rammed the rear of a vehicle being operated by an ex-girlfriend with his vehicle. The male rammed the vehicle and continued to push it through an intersection and into a parking lot hitting two parked vehicles. The male operator then drove his vehicle into the victims vehicle again, driving it into the side of a building and pinning it there. Once the vehicles were stopped the suspect continued to race his motor and spin his tires wedging the victim's vehicle between his and the building. This incident started as the result of an earlier contact where the suspect confronted the victim in her driveway. The suspect left, drove down the road and waited for the victim to drive past. Oregon State Police **Senior Trooper Timothy Plummer** conducted the drug evaluation and determined the suspect to be under the combined influence of ETOH (BAC .06%), CNS-Depressant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of CNS-Depressant and Cannabis. On September 13, 2004,

the suspect was convicted of two counts of Assault in the Second Degree with a weapon, two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, and DUII. He was sentenced to five years and ten months in the State Penitentiary.

On October 29, 2004, a female was convicted of two counts of Manslaughter in the Second Degree and DUII. These charges stemmed from a motor vehicle crash that happened on March 5, 1996. The female was operating a vehicle with two male passengers. She turned her vehicle to the left in front of an oncoming pickup truck. Both male passengers were killed. The female operator was transported to the hospital. Oregon State Police **Trooper Tim Plummer** contacted her and determined she was under the influence of ETOH (BAC .05% three and a half-hours after the crash) and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Hydrocodone and Cannabis. The female fled the state and was going by an assumed alias to avoid prosecution. Early in 2004 she was located in Florida and extradited back to Oregon. Working in concert with the Oregon State Police Crash Reconstructionists and DRE **Trooper Tim Plummer** the prosecution was able to overcome all of the defendant's arguments. She was sentenced to six years and three months in the State Penitentiary.

DRE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

In 2004, 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 2004 were:

<p>Officer Jeff DeBolt Beaverton Police Department</p>	 <p>Officer Jeff DeBolt received the award for his dedication in assisting other police officers throughout the county making himself available to conduct DRE evaluations and training. Officer DeBolt also conducted local impaired driving training and assisted with DUII training at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth. Officer DeBolt is a member of the Washington County Technical Advisory Panel for DUII and the DUII Multi-Agency Traffic Team.</p>
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Deputy Aaron Hoberg
Lane County Sheriff's Office



Deputy Aaron Hoberg received the award for his 166 DUII arrests in 2004 and for conducting 28 drug evaluations. He also taught alcohol and drug impairment classes to several local high schools and assisted with the training officers in DUII detection at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth.

Trooper Scott Holsworth
Oregon State Police – Grants Pass



Trooper Scott Holsworth was selected for his dedication and support of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program and for his commitment to deterring drugged driving. During 2004 he conducted 32 drug evaluations, arrested 51 impaired drivers and continually made himself available to assist other officers in his area of the state with drug impaired driving investigations.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Lieutenant Dale Rutledge
Oregon State Police



Lieutenant Dale Rutledge received the Maria Mignano Dedication to Duty award. During 2004 Lieutenant Rutledge was involved in impaired driving enforcement, education and prevention, and devoted to reducing impaired driving in Oregon. He became an impaired driving instructor, was a member of the OLCC Alcohol Server Advisory Board, and was the Drug Evaluation Classification Program State Coordinator for Oregon until he retired on December 31, 2004. Lieutenant Rutledge was noted for his availability day and night and for never saying no to anyone who needed his assistance.

Oregon State Police **Trooper Michael Iwai** out of the Salem Patrol Office was presented with the Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award for his quick actions which saved the life of a six-day old infant in August 2004. **Trooper Iwai** who is a DRE Instructor responded to a medical aid call involving a six-day old infant boy on Highway 51 outside of Independence, Oregon. Upon arrival, the infant's mother told **Trooper Iwai** that her baby had stopped breathing. A quick evaluation indicated the small boy infant had stopped breathing and had a weak pulse. Trooper Iwai immediately began rescue breathing using an "ambu bag" and continued until paramedics arrived and took over.

On the way to the Salem Memorial Hospital, the infant stopped breathing again and was resuscitated by paramedics. The infant survived and further medical treatment indicated he was born with a breathing condition. Emergency doctors commended **Trooper Iwai** for his efforts and attributed the trooper's actions as part of the reason for the infant's survival.



Trooper Mike Iwai
Oregon State Police - Salem

SUMMARY

Once again in 2004, the Drug Evaluation Classification Program continued to make a positive impact to Oregon's transportation safety. The Program effectively reduces 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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