



Oregon Drug Recognition Expert School Applicant Summary

Name (Last, First) _____ Rank: _____ DPSST#: _____

Agency: _____ Hire date: _____

Current Assignment: _____ Work Telephone#: _____

The Oregon Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program has received national acclaim for its success in identifying the drug-impaired driver. Officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool in combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol impaired driving in our communities.

DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase:

ACADEMIC TRAINING: This phase is typically conducted over nine days (72 hours). It includes courses in physiology, vital signs, standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), and extensive material on each of the seven categories of the drugs of abuse. The training includes three written examinations, an SFST proficiency examination and five written quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations, and must demonstrate proficiency in administering SFST's in order to progress to the certification phase.

CERTIFICATION PHASE: After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within six months following the DRE School. These requirements include: conducting a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor; identifying subjects under the influence of four of the seven drug categories; and attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log and submit a written curriculum vitae (resume). Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating body for the DEC Program. Certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log, an updated curriculum vitae (resume), and attend 8-hours of re-certification training.

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

- Must have a minimum of two years of law enforcement service.
- Must be off probation with your agency.
- Must be working in patrol with your agency.
- Must be SFST, D.I.D. (Drugs That Impair Driving) and intoxilyzer certified.
- Must have a reasonable background and experience level of making DUII arrests.
- Must have a written endorsement/recommendation from your local prosecutor.
- Must submit a minimum of two actual DUII arrest reports for review.

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the Oregon DEC Program, please complete the following information:

Date and type of SFST training (Date): _____ 16 hours or 24 hours of training.

Number of DUII arrests in the last 2 years: _____

Number of Possession of a Controlled Substance (PCS) arrests in the past 2 years: _____

Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DEC Program:

Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that may be related to, or may be of interest to, the DEC Program (EMT training, college, etc.):

How do you expect DRE training to benefit you and your Department?

Is there anything else you think the DRE Selection Committee should know about your interest to be a DRE?

List two DREs that would recommend you for DRE training: (They will be contacted if listed.)

List the local prosecutor that gave you a written recommendation (attach) for DRE training:

I have read the listed requirements and I recommend this officer for DRE training.

Supervisor's signature: _____

Commanding Officer's signature: _____

I understand and agree that any certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) with our agency will be available to other law enforcement agencies to perform a DRE Evaluation. If overtime is accrued, the DEC overtime grant will pay for the callout. _____ (Commanding Officer's initials)

Date: _____

**Return the completed form to:
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Oregon State Police
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503-934-0267**