

OREGON DRUG EVALUATION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM



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

2002 Overview

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The information contained in this annual report is a summary of the yearly accomplishments for 2002 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 36 states 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, 2002.**

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Captain Steve Corder, Albany PD
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 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 Barry, Central Point PD
Officer Jon Bohanan, North Bend 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 David Burleigh, Bend PD
Officer Douglas Carpenter, Scappoose PD
Officer Julien Carroll, Beaverton PD
Officer Hugo Cerda, McMinnville PD
Officer Wayne Chastain, Baker City PD
Officer Matthew Condon, Beaverton PD
Officer Andrew Connolly, Salem 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 Dale Jorgensen, Lake Oswego PD
Officer Matthew Kelly, Tillamook PD
Officer David Kempas, West Linn PD
Officer Kristina Knox, Salem PD
Officer Donald Lane, Medford PD
Officer Tom Larson, Portland PB
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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 Nicholas Parker, Redmond PD
Officer Ronald Parker, Albany PD
Officer Ray Rau, Sandy 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
Officer Rick Spence, Ashland PD
Officer Justin Stevenson, Dallas PD
Officer Sandy Strait, Port of Portland PD
Officer Jim Swanson, Medford PD

Officer Brian Tarvin, Umatilla PD
Officer Jorge Tro, Canby PD
Officer Michael Vanderlip, Ashland PD
Officer Julio Vidrio, Salem PD
Officer Robert Voepel, Portland PB

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Officer Mike Webber, Tigard PD
Officer Curtis Whipple, Medford PD
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Officer Shane Wilson, Talent PD

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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.
Sergeant Steven Warden, Yamhill Co. S.O.
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Deputy David Boys, Lincoln Co. S.O.
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Deputy James Chapman, Crook Co. S.O.
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Deputy Loren Deiter, Morrow Co. S.O.
Deputy John Diehl, Deschutes Co. S.O.
Deputy Bruce Distler, Yamhill Co. S.O.
Deputy Toby Floyd, Coos County S.O.
Deputy Chris Green, Multnomah Co. S.O.
Deputy Clifton Harrold, Lane Co. S.O.
Deputy Ethan House, Douglas Co. S.O.

Deputy Matthew Jamison, Clackamas C. 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 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 Timothy Tannenbaum, Wash. Co. S.O.
Deputy Sean Thomas, Marion Co. S.O.
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Sergeant Jeff Proulx, SP Central Point
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Sr. Trooper Joseph Craig, SP Bend
Sr. Trooper Richard Evans, SP Portland
Sr. Trooper James Hawkins, SP Springfield
Sr. Trooper Michael Howland, SP Salem

Sr. Trooper David Peterson, 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
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Trooper Lisa Boe-Fort, SP Portland
Trooper Cari Boyd, SP Newport

Trooper Joseph DelGreco, SP Tualatin
Trooper Ty Duby, SP Baker City
Trooper Freddie Dunlap, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Mark Duncan, SP Ontario
Trooper Scott Eberz, SP Gaming Division
Trooper Kyle Elmenhurst, SP Springfield
Trooper Jeff Fitzgerald, SP Grants Pass
Trooper Timothy Fox, SP Salem
Trooper Jo Gardiner, SP Coos Bay
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Trooper Jeremy Gunter, SP Milton-Freewater
Trooper Jeromy Hasenkamp, SP St. Helens
Trooper Jeff Hershman, SP Portland
Trooper Blaine Hlebechuk, SP Springfield
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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 2002, 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, and 5 percent (9 million) of drivers operated a motor vehicle within two hours after drug use with or without alcohol. ¹

According to the *National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA)*, in 2000, an estimated 14 million Americans (6.3% of the population aged 12 or older) had used an illicit drug in the past month. Marijuana, the most commonly used illicit drug, was used by about 76% of the illicit drug users (4.8 percent overall). 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 drugs 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 2002 Report reported that 176 people died from drug-related causes statewide. The 2002 drug related deaths in Oregon represent a notable increase in each major drug category from 2001. Heroin related deaths were up 6%, cocaine related deaths increased 21%, drug combination deaths increased 26% and methamphetamine related deaths increased 30% from 2001. ⁴

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Drug Evaluation Classification Program is considered one of the most effective programs in identifying and preventing drug impairment and in addressing the drugged driving problem. In a letter dated June 11, 2002, (see below) President George W. Bush commended the efforts of DREs nationwide for their commitment to improving the safety on our roadways and their efforts in promoting law and order throughout our society.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 2002

I send greetings to those gathered for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving.

The use of illegal drugs and alcohol robs men, women, and children of their dignity, hope, and often their lives. My National Drug Control Strategy is based on three core principles: stopping drug use before it starts, healing America's drug users, and disrupting the market for drugs in our country. This strategy is a community-based approach, recognizing the thousands of parents, educators, community activists, and law enforcement officials who share the goal of reducing drug use in America.

Among the many offenses related to substance abuse, driving a vehicle after using drugs often results in serious injury or death. As a Nation, we must continue to develop methods for keeping impaired drivers off the road, and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training is an important step in achieving this goal.

I commend DRE trained officers for your commitment to improving the safety of our roadways by identifying drivers who pose a risk to others. Your efforts save lives, help offenders seek rehabilitation, and promote law and order throughout our society.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for an enjoyable and productive conference.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George W. Bush".

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.

An unfortunate example of the deadly effects of drug-impaired driving was illustrated in an April 2002 crash that occurred on U.S. Highway 26 near Seaside. The crash occurred when a driver used methadone prior to the crash. As he was traveling on



Highway 101 south of Seaside, his vehicle crossed into the oncoming lane and forced a school bus partially loaded with children into the ditch. The bus driver was able to control the bus and avoid the collision. The suspect continued south on Highway 101 then proceeded east on Highway 26. As the driver approached a curve near MP 1 on Highway 26, his van crossed into the opposing lane and struck a vehicle head-on. The 73-year-old driver of the car and his 16-year-old granddaughter were killed instantly. The suspect was injured, but survived and later tested positive for methadone. He was also in possession of several prescription medications. **Senior Trooper Jim Pierce**, an Oregon State

Police Collision Reconstructionist and DRE reconstructed the crash. The case was presented to the Clatsop County Grand Jury and the suspect was charged with Manslaughter.

DRE TRAINING

During 2002, Oregon conducted two DRE schools, training a total of 36 officers as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The first was held in Monmouth at the Oregon Police Academy in April. Twenty-two Oregon police officers attended the training. Officers completing the training included seven troopers from the Oregon State Police, eight officers from city police departments, and seven sheriff's deputies. All 22 Oregon officers successfully completed the school and then completed the certification phase held in June in Portland, Oregon.

Oregon's second DRE school in 2002 was held in August with funding assistance from Oregon's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The school was held in Ashland training 16 officers. All 16 officers successfully completed the classroom training and the certification phase held in Portland during October.



**Oregon DRE Class #10
August 2002
Ashland, OR**

PROGRAM IMPACT AND RESULTS

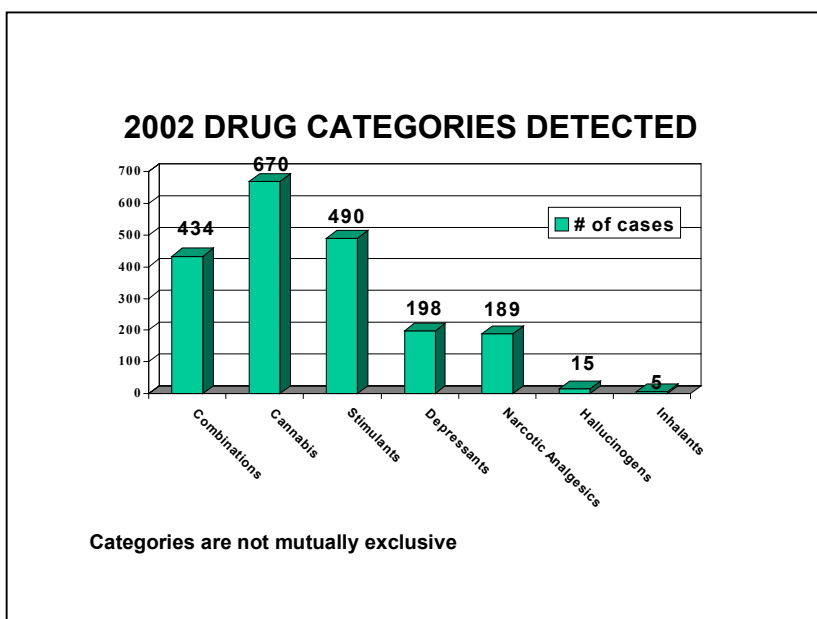
Crashes and highway deaths continue to be a problem in Oregon and throughout the nation. In 2002, there were 488 traffic deaths in Oregon and of those, 152 involved the use of alcohol. There were an additional 40 deaths involving drugs other than alcohol. The 2002 fatalities represent a decrease of 21 deaths from the previous three-year average. This decrease in traffic deaths can partially be attributed to the increase in DUII arrests, arrests for driving under the influence of drugs, and the impact of Oregon's DREs.

In 2002, Oregon DREs conducted 1,328 drug evaluations. All but six were conducted on suspected drug-impaired drivers. Urine samples were collected in 92% of the cases. **Toxicology results confirmed that Oregon DREs correctly identified the category(s) of drugs in 85% 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 effect their ability to operate a motor vehicle. In 2002, Oregon DREs identified 122 drivers who were not impaired by drugs and/or alcohol, and were suffering from health related problems, classified as "medical rule-outs".

In 2002, the single drug category most often detected through toxicology was marijuana, which was detected 670 times. The second most frequently detected category of drugs was CNS Stimulants (Methamphetamine, Amphetamine and Cocaine) found in 490 of the cases.

Drug combinations continued to be common in Oregon DRE evaluations in 2002. Toxicology confirmed combinations of drugs in 434 cases in 2002. The combination of marijuana and methamphetamine was the most frequently detected combination (272 cases). Low levels of alcohol (less than .08%) mixed with at least one drug was detected in 348 cases (25%).



Of the 1322 traffic related drug evaluations conducted by Oregon DREs in 2002, 147 were the result of a traffic crash (11%).

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 (314 cases, or 24%).

Oregon, like many states is experiencing an increase in younger drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. In 2002, Oregon DREs conducted 223 drug evaluations on suspected drugged-impaired drivers under the age of 21 years (17%). The youngest driver evaluated was a 14 year old male arrested for DUI-Drugs, Possession of Marijuana and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in Cave Junction, in southern Oregon.

2002 Drug Evaluations by Month

MONTH	NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
JANUARY	92
FEBRUARY	95
MARCH	127
APRIL	100
MAY	129
JUNE	136
JULY	102
AUGUST	99
SEPTEMBER	131
OCTOBER	120
NOVEMBER	98
DECEMBER	99
TOTAL:	1,328

2002 Drug Evaluations by Law Enforcement Discipline

DRE EVALUATIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCIPLINE	
SHERIFF'S OFFICES	166
STATE POLICE	490
CITY POLICE DEPTS	672

2002 DEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2002, 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.

- In January, **Deputy Sheriff Tim McCall**, a Harney County Sheriff's Office DRE, conducted a drug evaluation on a 44 year-old female arrested for DUII by the Hines Police Department. The suspect was stopped for an equipment violation and on suspicion of DUII. The suspect performed poorly on SFST's and had a .00% BAC. The driver was suspected of purchasing large quantities of cold medicine from local stores. During the investigation, it was determined that she had consumed a number of bottles of cough medicine containing Dextromethorphan, Pseudoephedrine and Chlorpheniramine. She tested positive for both Dextromethorphan and Pseudoephedrine. Because both are non-controlled substances, she could not be charged with DUII.

- In February, **Trooper Aaron Olympius**, a State Police DRE from Central Point, conducted a drug evaluation on a driver arrested for DUII involved in a traffic crash near White City. Witnesses observed the driver hit a parked car in a parking lot and then detained the suspect. During the investigation, it was determined that the suspect had been involved in another hit and run crash in Eagle Point earlier in the day. The driver was arrested for DUII and had .00% BAC. Trooper Olympius' evaluation determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Celexa, Desipramine, Restoril and Vicodin.
- Also in February, a retired State Police officer witnessed a semi truck that was unable to maintain a single lane of travel on the freeway near Ontario. The driver was located by **Trooper Mark Duncan**, a State Police DRE from Ontario. He attempted to stop the driver, however, the driver continued approximately two miles without stopping. Once detained, the driver was arrested for DUII and during the arrest, a clear plastic straw and two razor blades in the ashtray were located along with a bottle of whiskey. The suspect had a .00% BAC and consented to a drug evaluation by Trooper Duncan. It was determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant and Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

- In March, a 72 year-old driver was arrested for suspicion of DUII when he nearly hit a highway flagger in a construction zone on Highway 101 near Gold Beach. The suspect was located and failed SFST's, arrested for DUII and later provided a breath test of .00%. The arresting officer requested that a DRE assist with the investigation. **Trooper J.J. DelGreco**, a State Police DRE responded and conducted an evaluation and determined that the suspect was not impaired, but was actually suffering from a medical condition and fatigue.

- In April, State Police troopers arrested a 40 year-old female driver for suspicion of DUII after receiving numerous reports of her poor driving near Grants Pass. She was located and arrested for DUII. A post arrest search of her vehicle revealed 406 Soma tablets, 9 tablets of Alprazolam, 19 tablets of Xanax, 33 tablets of Darvocet, 108 tablets of Valium, and 69 Codeine capsules. The suspect also had three different prescriptions for various medications. The suspect later admitted that she had purchased the majority of the medications in Mexico. **Trooper Scott Holsworth**, a State Police DRE, conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined that she was under the influence of a CNS Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Alprazolam, Codeine and Darvon.
- Also in April, **Sergeant Bill Caldera**, a DRE from the Pendleton Police Department, conducted a drug evaluation on a driver arrested for DUII and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Officers had responded to a reported car prowl at a local apartment complex and located the 33 year-old suspect trying to leave the area in a stolen vehicle. The suspect was very animated and displayed signs of stimulant influence. After the suspect provided a .00% BAC, Sergeant Caldera conducted a drug evaluation on the suspect, which revealed that he was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine.

- In May, **Deputy Sheriff David Boys**, a DRE from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, arrested a driver for DUII after receiving complaints about the driver on U.S. Highway 101 near Waldport. The suspect was witnessed making bad passes and crossing over double yellow lines. Deputy Boys located the suspect south of Waldport traveling over 90 mph. The suspect admitted using Methocarbamol and had a medical marijuana card from California. The suspect performed poorly on SFST's and was arrested for DUII. He later gave a .00% BAC and consented to a drug evaluation by Deputy Boys. The evaluation determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Depressant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Marijuana.

- Also in May, **Senior Trooper Larry Purdy**, a State Police DRE from LaGrande, conducted a drug evaluation on a 17 year-old male who had been arrested for Recklessly Endangering after he shooting two fellow campers with a pistol. The suspect admitted smoking marijuana with his camping partners prior to the shootings. The evaluation confirmed that the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Marijuana.

- In June, **Sergeant Bill Caldera**, a DRE with the Pendleton Police Department conducted drug evaluations on the same 21 year-old suspect 12 hours apart. The first evaluation was conducted at 1:30 a.m. after the suspect was arrested for DUII by OSP Trooper Tony Atkins. Sergeant Caldera determined that the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis. Twelve hours later, the same suspect was arrested again for DUII by a Pendleton PD officer when he drove to the police department and struck a rock wall in the parking lot. Sergeant Caldera again performed a drug evaluation on the suspect and determined that he was again under the influence of Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Marijuana in both cases.

- Also in June, **Deputy Sheriff Scott Pierce**, a DRE with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, conducted a drug evaluation on a 53 year-old female semi-truck driver. She was arrested for DUII when she was located behind the steering wheel of her semi-truck blocking traffic on a county road. The suspect claimed that she was "stuck in the snow" and couldn't move. However, the temperature was in the 80's during the summer. The suspect was arrested for DUII and had a .00% BAC. The evaluation by Deputy Pierce determined that she was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine.

- In July, **Trooper Jeremy Gunter**, a State Police DRE in Milton-Freewater, conducted a drug evaluation on a 38 year-old female who had been arrested for DUII and for illegally entering homes in Pendleton. One of the homes the suspect entered was the father of a Pendleton State Police trooper. The suspect drove to another nearby residence and also entered it without permission. The homeowner found the suspect in his living room and detained her until officers could arrive. Trooper Hasenkamp determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Depressant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Amitriptyline, Wellbutrin, Fiorinal, Vicodin, OxyContin, and Darvon.

- In August, **Sergeant Bill Caldera** of the Pendleton Police Department conducted a drug evaluation on a 44 year-old male subject who ran a stop sign while operating a bicycle. The arresting officer also noticed that the suspect was holding a 24-oz. bottle of beer at the time of the violation. The suspect was detained and failed sobriety tests. He was also in possession of methamphetamine. His breath

test was a .00%, and a drug evaluation by Sergeant Caldera determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine.

- In September, **Sergeant P.J. Steigleder** of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and **Lieutenant Terry Timeus** of the Lake Oswego Police Department conducted



a drug evaluation on 29 year-old female school bus driver arrested for DUII after crashing her bus. The driver was on her morning route and was suppose to be picking up school children, when she somehow got about six miles off her route and crashed (refer to photo). After the crash, the suspect failed SFST's, was arrested for DUII and later gave a .00% BAC. The DRE evaluation by Sergeant Steigleder and Lieutenant Timeus determined that she was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine. She plead guilty to the DUII charge.

- Also in September, **Trooper Chris Holsworth**, a State Police DRE from Grants Pass conducted a drug evaluation on a 14 year-old male who was arrested by Josephine County deputies for DUII, Possession of Marijuana and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in Cave Junction. The juvenile suspect was observed driving his fathers stolen van. When the deputy tried to stop the vehicle, the suspect, with his three male juvenile passengers, drove into a ditch and fled on foot. The suspect was apprehended and found to be in possession of marijuana. The evaluation by Trooper Holsworth confirmed that he was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

- In October, **Officer Rich Hopkins**, a DRE with the Sutherlin Police Department conducted a drug evaluation on a 38 year-old female who was arrested for DUII by Roseburg PD. Witnesses had reported that the suspect had driven to a local business and fell when trying to exit her car. The suspect got back into her car and minutes later stopped in the middle of a major intersection nearby. When officers arrived, the suspect was very animated and failed SFST's. She was arrested for DUII and had a .00% BAC. A search of her vehicle revealed approximately \$3,000 in cash and a baggy of marijuana and two bindles of methamphetamine. The drug evaluation by Officer Hopkins determined that she was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine and Marijuana.

- In November, **Trooper Nick Neville**, a State Police DRE from The Dalles, conducted a drug evaluation on a 45 year-old driver arrested for DUII after being reported as a “wrong way” driver on the freeway near The Dalles. The suspect was located parked in the westbound lanes of I-84 facing east. After the suspect gave a .00% breath test, Trooper Neville was requested to conduct a drug evaluation, which determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Depressant, a CNS Stimulant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Lorazepam and Methamphetamine.
- Also in November, **Trooper Jo Gardiner**, a State Police DRE from Coos Bay, arrested a 23 year-old male driver for DUII after observing him driving at a high rate of speed. After failing SFST’s, the driver was arrested for DUII and later gave a breath test of .00%. Trooper Gardiner also located a baggy of psilocybin mushrooms, a concealed dagger and sword. A drug evaluation was conducted by **Officer Jon Bohanan**, a DRE from the North Bend Police Department. Officer Bohanan determined that the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed by toxicology.

- In December, **Trooper Eric Judah**, a State Police DRE in Albany conducted a drug evaluation on a 32 year-old female arrested for DUII resulting from a domestic disturbance complaint in Sweet Home. Sweet Home PD officers had responded to the domestic disturbance and determined that both the suspect and her husband were “tweaking” from methamphetamine use. The suspect was trying to leave the residence when officers arrived. However, due to her condition, she was advised not to drive. After clearing from the complaint, Sweet Home PD remained in the area and a short time later observed her driving from the residence. Officers attempted to stop her, however, a 30-minute pursuit ensued until her vehicle was evidently disabled with the use of spike strips. The suspect was arrested for DUII and Attempting Too Elude and a drug evaluation requested. Trooper Judah determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Marijuana and Methamphetamine.
- Also in December, **Lieutenant Dale Rutledge**, a State Police DRE assigned to the Northwest Region Headquarters in Wilsonville conducted a drug evaluation on a 38 year-old male driver arrested for DUII. The suspect had stolen a motorcycle and when officers from Canby PD attempted to stop him, he intentionally crashed the motorcycle into one of the Canby PD patrol cars. The suspect was in possession of methamphetamine and marijuana and was charged with Attempted Aggravated Murder, 1st Degree Criminal Mischief, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Resisting Arrest and DUI-Drugs. Lieutenant Rutledge determined that the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Marijuana and Methamphetamine.

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 2002 included:

Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP):

Ten Oregon DREs trained as *Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)* instructors provided basic drug training designed for schoolteachers, administrators, and school nurses. In 2002, 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.

Many other DREs provided basic drug impairment training during the year. One DRE, **Senior Trooper Jeff Spencer**, with the Oregon State Police in Baker City, conducted four Drug Impairment Recognition Training (D.I.R.T.) programs training over 670 students and facility members in Baker City.

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 the year, Oregon DREs and commercial vehicles inspectors teamed up together for two **Operation Trucker Check (OTC)** events. The first was conducted in July on Interstate 5 at the Woodburn Port of Entry. The 48-hour inspection resulted in the arrest of three drivers for DUI-Drugs. Additionally, 76 drivers and/or their vehicles were placed out of service for various violations.

The second OTC was held in October on U.S. Highway 97 at the Klamath Falls Port of Entry. Two commercial drivers were arrested for DUI-Drugs. A total of 56 drivers and/or their vehicles were placed out of service in Oregon during the 48-hour operation that included joint operations by the California Highway Patrol, Washington State Patrol, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in British Columbia.



There were also two drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. One of the commercial vehicle drivers arrested was also in possession of methamphetamine, a sawed-off shotgun, an open can of beer and an open bottle of whiskey (refer to photo at left). The driver admitted using methamphetamine at a truck stop in Northern California about an hour prior to entering the Trucker Check operation at Klamath Falls and being detected by DREs.

Drivers Education Training:

During the year several Oregon DREs provided specialized alcohol and drug training during high school and college Drivers Education training courses. In Albany, **Trooper Eric Judah** was a regular presenter/instructor for the Linn Benton Community College Driver's Education classes. Trooper Judah presented five 3-hour sessions to college students on how various drugs can impair a driver's ability to operate a vehicle safely.

Emergency Medical Services Training:

Several of Oregon's DREs provided drug impairment training to various emergency medical service (EMS) personnel throughout the state. EMS personnel frequently encounter suspected drug impaired persons and DREs provide them with the knowledge and skills to identify such people and to take appropriate action.



Senior Trooper Tim Plummer of the Oregon State Police conducted three 4-hour training sessions for the Roseburg Med-Com Ambulance EMS and the Douglas County Fire District II EMS staff. Also during the year, **Officer Tim Lenihan**, a DRE with the Myrtle Creek Police Department provided basic drug detection and identification training to 30 EMT/Fire students of the Umpqua Community College.

DRE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

In 2002, 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 2002 were:

Sergeant William Caldera, Pendleton Police Department



In 2002, Sergeant Caldera of the Pendleton Police Department conducted 81 drug evaluations, highest among any Oregon DRE. The number of drug evaluations he conducted is remarkable considering his other duties as a supervisor for Pendleton PD. His dedication to deterring impaired driving combined with his own individual accomplishments provided an outstanding example for his fellow officers and his agency.

Deputy Scott Pierce
Josephine Co. Sheriff's Office (Retired)



Deputy Pierce conducted 18 drug evaluations in 2002 and was one of the leaders in his agency in impaired driving enforcement. Deputy Pierce was scheduled to attend DRE Instructor School, however, it was determined that he would have to take a medical retirement due to a knee injury. Ironically, his career ending injury occurred during a foot chase of a suspected impaired driver. His dedication to DRE and impaired driving enforcement was an example for fellow officers and his community.

Senior Trooper Ken Snook
Oregon State Police – Grants Pass



Senior Trooper Snook has been involved in the Oregon DEC Program since its inception in 1995. He continues to be one of the cornerstones of the program and his efforts in 2002 were no exception. During the year he conducted 30 drug evaluations and arrested 86 impaired drivers. He also served as the Course Manager for Oregon's first HIDTA sponsored DRE School in Southern Oregon. He was also instrumental in the certification and re-certification of 20 DREs in the southern area of the state.

SUMMARY

Once again in 2002, 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 could 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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