

OREGON DRUG EVALUATION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM



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

2007 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. Currently there are 43 states, the District of Columbia, three branches of the military, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and several countries around the world participating in the DEC 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 complement of Drug Recognition Experts through December 31, 2007.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Chief John Bosley, Coburg PD
Captain Rodger Craddock, Coos Bay PD
Lieutenant Dave Henslee, Corvallis PD
Lieutenant Dale Jorgensen, Lake Oswego PD
Sergeant William Caldera, Pendleton PD
Sergeant Jeff DeBolt, Beaverton PD
Sergeant Loren Dieter, Boardman PD
Sergeant Kirk Flerchinger, Umatilla Tribal PD
Sergeant Karl Haeckler, Medford PD
Sergeant Justin Jones, Monmouth PD
Sergeant Greg Lemhouse, Medford PD
Sergeant David LeDay, Keizer PD
Sergeant Jason Malloy, Newport PD
Sergeant Russ Morris, Salem PD
Sergeant Robert Voepel, Portland PB
Sergeant Tim Weaver, Newberg PD
Sergeant Curtis Whipple, Medford PD
Corporal Dean Finnerty, Cottage Grove PD
Corporal Rich Hopkins, Sutherlin PD
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Detective Clint Burleigh, Bend PD
Detective Douglas Carpenter, Scappoose PD
Detective Kari Christensen, Hillsboro PD
Detective Anthony Frasier, Hood River PD
Detective Mike Herb, Forest Grove PD
Detective Manuel Hernandez, Gresham PD
Detective Archie Lidey, Grants Pass PD
Detective Nicholas Parker, Bend PD
Detective Ronald Parker, Albany PD
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Officer Kalin Ayhan, Bend PD
Officer Pamela Bailey, Troutdale PD
Officer Greg Bakken, Ontario PD
Officer Donald Ballou, Nyssa PD
Officer Jon Bohanan, North Bend PD
Officer Mathew Bohman, Springfield PD
Officer Larry Buckingham, Grants Pass PD
Officer Jason Buelt, Beaverton PD
Officer Scott Burke, Beaverton PD
Officer Charles Byram, Pendleton PD
Officer Julian Carroll, Portland PB
Officer Curtis Chambers, Redmond PD
Officer Wayne Chastain, Baker City PD

Officer Larry Crompton, Eugene PD
Officer Todd Crouse, Roseburg PD
Officer Ryan Cummings, Sweet Home PD
Officer Garrett Dow, Portland PB
Officer Jeffrey Durbin, Gresham PD
Officer Jeffrey Elias, Portland PB
Officer Steven Elmore, Salem PD
Officer David Enz, Portland PB
Officer Oscar Escalante, Lincoln City PD
Officer Brian Frazzini, Salem PD
Officer Steve Furst, Medford PD
Officer Brian Goss, Florence PD
Officer Victor Gutierrez, Hermiston PD
Officer Neil Halttunen, Springfield PD
Officer Robert Harley, Gresham PD
Officer Chris Harrison, Eugene PD
Officer Robert Hayes, Albany PD
Officer Travis Henson, Medford PD
Officer Kasey Hughes, Sunriver PD
Officer Darke Hull, Portland PB
Officer William Johnson, Portland PB
Officer William Jons, Hermiston PD
Officer Gregory Kantola, Corvallis PD
Officer Matt Kingsbury, Beaverton PD
Officer Joshua Ladd, Portland PB
Officer Donald Lane, Medford PD
Officer John Lawrence, Bend PD
Officer Mark Linville, Bend PD
Officer Steve MacLennan, Ashland PD
Officer Tim McCall, Corvallis PD
Officer Jed McGuire, Eugene PD
Officer Brad McMurrian, Redmond PD
Officer Tommy Miller, Oakridge PD
Officer Ryan Mills, Eugene PD
Officer Wesley Montgomery, Gladstone PD
Officer Shawn Morgan, Florence PD
Officer Michael Nork, Klamath Falls PD
Officer Jay Pinkerton, Salem PD
Officer Richard Rayniak, Beaverton PD
Officer Joshua Roberts, Hermiston PD
Officer Josi Roberts, McMinnville PD
Officer Jeff Rose, Hillsboro PD
Officer Ralph Sartain, Medford PD

Officer Donavon Schmidt, Grants Pass PD
Officer Brent Schneider, Tualatin PD
Officer Nathan Scott, Portland PB
Officer Heather Shaw, Portland PB
Officer Robert Short, Port of Portland PD
Officer Brian Slotte, Astoria PD
Officer Justin Smith, St. Helens PD
Officer Mark Smith, Gresham PD
Officer James Sorensen, Portland PB

Officer Rick Spence, Ashland PD
Officer Brian Tarvin, Umatilla PD
Officer KT Taylor, Sandy PD
Officer Theodore VanBeek, Gresham PD
Officer Kurt Van Meter, Hillsboro PD
Officer Scott Warren, Beaverton PD
Officer Kevin Webb, Lake Oswego PD
Officer Jennifer Williams, Albany PD
Officer Shane Wilson, Talent PD

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

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Sergeant Travis Ash, Baker Co. SO
Sergeant John Koch, Washington Co. SO
Sergeant Robert Ruark, Polk Co. SO
Sergeant Timothy Tannenbaum, Wash. Co. SO
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Deputy David Boys, Lincoln Co. SO
Deputy Michael Burke, Josephine Co. SO
Deputy Ryan Burkeen, Multnomah Co. SO
Deputy Brandon Claggett, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Lance Cummings, Lincoln Co. SO
Deputy Thomas Duenas, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Charles Estes, Crook Co. SO
Deputy Andrew Franklin, Linn Co. SO
Deputy Richard Geist, Yamhill Co. SO
Deputy Starla Green, Marion Co. SO
Deputy Ryan Groom, Jackson Co. SO
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Deputy Michael Hawkins, Klamath Co. SO
Deputy Aaron Hoberg, Lane Co. SO

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Deputy Kristin Knutson, Marion Co. SO
Deputy Shon Latty, Polk Co. SO
Deputy Brian Lister, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Craig Lyman, Linn Co. SO
Deputy Rod McAllister, Curry Co. SO
Deputy Brian McLeod, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Marcus Mendoza, Deschutes Co. SO
Deputy Tim Miller, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Dustin Newman, Polk Co. SO
Deputy Russ Olson, Lane Co. SO
Deputy Ryan Postlewait, Marion Co. SO
Deputy Jason Ritter, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Clayton Ruble, Douglas Co. SO
Deputy Nathan Sickler, Jackson Co. SO
Deputy Marc Smith, Hood River Co. SO
Deputy Stephen Steinberg, Clackamas Co. SO
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Deputy Joshua Wilson, Washington Co. SO
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OREGON STATE POLICE

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Sergeant Jeff Fitzgerald, SP Grants Pass
Sergeant Andrew Merila, SP Astoria
Sergeant Timothy Plummer, SP GHQ-Patrol
Sergeant Jason Stone, SP Enterprise
Sergeant Julie Wilcox, SP The Dalles
Detective Mark Banks, SP Pendleton
Detective Cari Boyd, SP Newport
Detective Elijah Chambers, SP Springfield
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Sr. Trooper Michael Iwai, SP Salem
Sr. Trooper Robin May, SP St. Helens
Sr. Trooper Dave Peterson, SP McMinnville
Sr. Trooper James Pierce, SP Astoria
Sr. Trooper Yvette Shephard, SP Portland
Sr. Trooper Kenneth Snook, SP Grants Pass
Sr. Trooper Jeff Spencer, SP Baker City

Sr. Trooper Steve Webster, SP Salem
Trooper Carlos Barrientos, SP Albany
Trooper David Chambers, SP Klamath Falls
Trooper David Corkett, SP Astoria
Trooper James Duncan, SP Tualatin
Trooper Freddie Dunlap, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Jo Gardiner, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Jeremy Gunter, SP Milton-Freewater
Trooper Cliff Hargis, SP Lakeview
Trooper Chris Holsworth, SP Grants Pass
Trooper Aaron Jackson, SP Portland

Trooper Alan Johnson, SP Burns
Trooper Nickodemus Johnson, SP OSU
Trooper Tyler Lee, SP Klamath Falls
Trooper Javier Marquez, SP Ontario
Trooper Mitch Meyer, SP Bend
Trooper Ryan Morehead, SP La Grande
Trooper Gregory Plummer, SP Newport
Trooper Jeffery Smith, SP OSU
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UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE-GRANTS PASS

Officer Sean Thomas

In 2007, Oregon had 194 Drug Recognition Experts. Of that 43 were DRE Instructors. There were 76 law enforcement agencies participating in the Drug Evaluation Classification Program.



INTRODUCTION

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

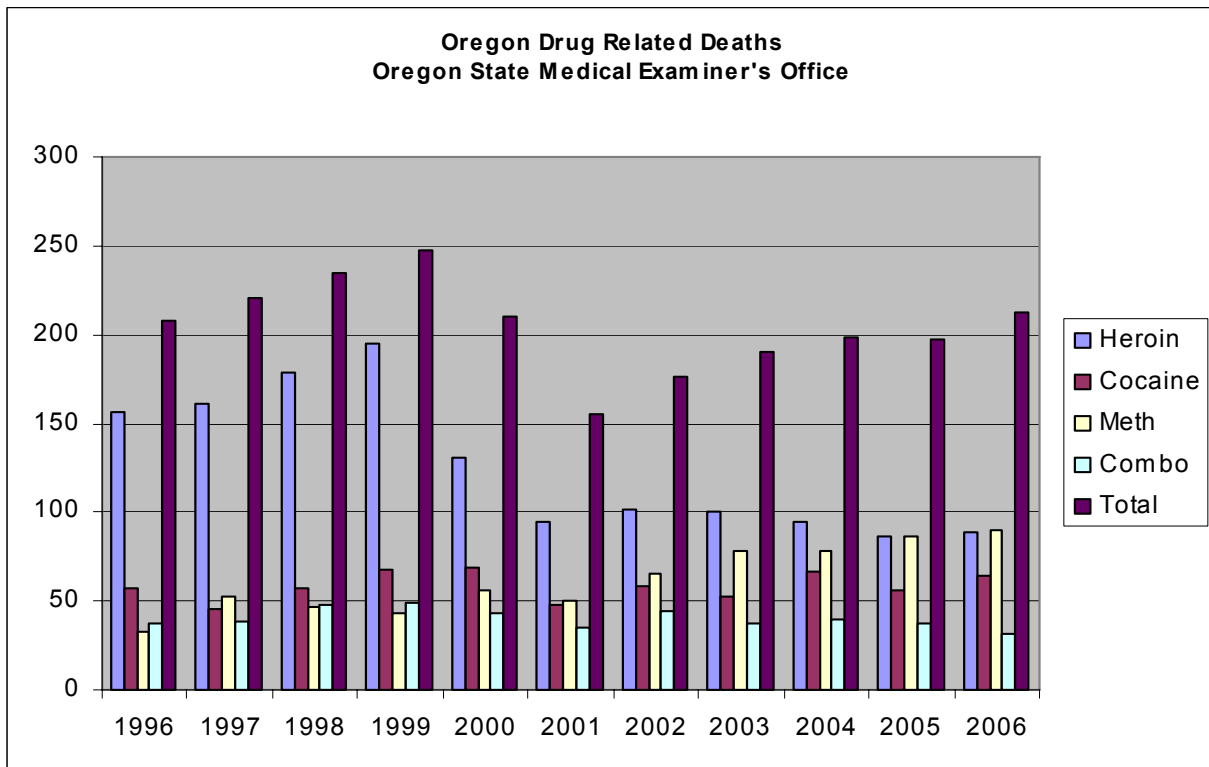
Driving after alcohol and drug use is a major factor in motor vehicle deaths and injuries and continues to be a problem plaguing modern society. The Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program remains one of the most effective tools available to law enforcement for detecting, apprehending, and adjudicating drug impaired drivers. In 2007, the DEC Program provided police officers with the knowledge, training, and confidence to recognize drivers impaired by drugs and to take appropriate action.

The results of the *2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)* shows that there were 10.2 million persons aged 12 or older who reported driving under the influence of an illicit drug during the past year. The rate was highest among young adults aged 18 to 25 (13%). In 2006, an estimated 30.5 million persons aged 12 or older (12.4%) drove under the influence of alcohol. An estimated 7.9% were 16 or 17 year olds, 19.7% were 18 to 20 year olds, and 27.3% were 21 to 25 year olds. Among persons aged 12 or older, males were nearly twice as likely as females (16.3 vs. 8.6 percent) to drive under the influence of alcohol in the past year.¹

According to the *2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*, an estimated 20.4 million Americans aged 12 or older were current (past month) illicit drug users (8.3%). This overall rate was similar to the rate in 2005 (8.1%), and has remained stable since 2002 (8.3%). Marijuana was the most commonly used illicit drug (14.8 million past

month users). In 2006, it was used by 72.8% of current illicit drug users. An estimated 52.8% of current illicit drug users used only marijuana, 20% used marijuana and another illicit drug, and the remaining 27.2% used only an illicit drug other than marijuana in the past month.¹

A report by the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office showed that 213 people died from drug-related causes statewide in 2006. This is an increase from 2005 when 197 people died from drug overdose. In the past years Heroin has been the most deadly drug. In 2005 this changed where Heroin and Methamphetamine tied for the most deadly drug with 86 deaths for each drug category. In 2006 there were 89 Heroin drug related deaths and 90 Methamphetamine drug related deaths. (See chart below).²



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 Preventable Death: Years of life lost before age 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.

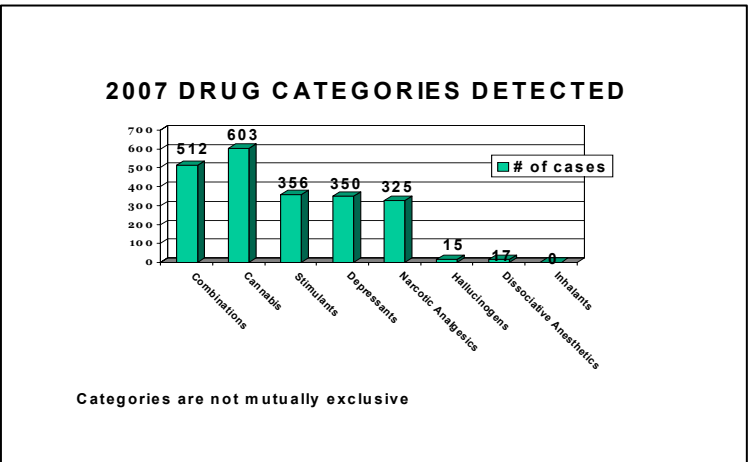
PROGRAM IMPACT AND RESULTS

In 2007, Oregon DREs conducted 1,218 drug evaluations. **Toxicology results confirmed that Oregon DREs correctly identified the category(s) of drugs in 85.3% 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 safely. Oregon DREs conducted a drug evaluation on 205 (16.8%) drivers that had been involved in motor vehicle crashes, of which 1 was a fatal crash. In 2007, Oregon DREs identified 37 drivers who were not impaired by drugs and/or alcohol, but were suffering from health related problems, classified as “medical rule-outs.”

In 2007, the single drug category most often detected through toxicology was marijuana, which was detected 603 times. The second most frequently detected category of drugs was CNS-Stimulants (Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, Cocaine, etc.) found in 356 of the cases. Methamphetamine represented 75.3% of the CNS-Stimulant cases.

Drug combinations continued to be common for Oregon DRE evaluations in 2007. Toxicology confirmed combinations of drugs in 512 cases. Marijuana and Methamphetamine were the most frequently detected combination (223 cases). The second most frequent combination was Depressants and Narcotics (197 cases). Low levels of alcohol (less than .08%) mixed with at least one drug was detected in 249 cases (20.4%).



Many of the drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs had drugs and/or drug paraphernalia in their possession when arrested (428 cases, or 35.1%).

Oregon, like many states, continues to have a problem with younger drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. In 2007, Oregon DREs conducted 162 drug evaluations on suspected drugged-impaired drivers under the age of 21 years (13.3%) which was a 1.6% increase from 2006.

2007 Drug Evaluations by Month

MONTH	NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
JANUARY	120
FEBRUARY	114
MARCH	119
APRIL	111
MAY	109
JUNE	97
JULY	113
AUGUST	110
SEPTEMBER	72
OCTOBER	74
NOVEMBER	88
DECEMBER	91
TOTAL:	1,218

2007 Drug Evaluations by Law Enforcement Discipline

<i>DRE EVALUATIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCIPLINE</i>	
SHERIFF'S OFFICES	313
STATE POLICE	279
CITY POLICE DEPTS	615
U.S. FOREST SERVICE	10

DRE TRAINING

During 2007, Oregon conducted one DRE school, training a total of 26 officers as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The school was held in May at the Oregon Military Academy in Monmouth. The training included 4 troopers from the Oregon State Police, 15 officers from city police departments, and 7 sheriff's deputies. All 26 officers successfully completed the school.

The certification phase was held in Portland, Oregon. This year Oregon hosted 12 students from Idaho. During the certification phase, 245 DRE evaluations were completed in 8 days to certify the 26 students from Oregon as well as 12 students from Idaho. Also during this time 11 new DRE Instructors were certified.



Oregon DRE Class #15
May 2007
Monmouth, OR

DEC PROGRAM 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 2007 included:

DRE/SFST Train the Trainer:

During the month of February the Oregon DEC Program held a combined DRE and SFST Train the Trainer Course. Twenty officers representing state, county and city law enforcement agencies attended the training. Eleven officers completed the training to become DRE Instructors and nine for SFST Instructors.

Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP):

Oregon DREs trained as ***Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)*** instructors provided basic drug training designed for school teachers, administrators, and school nurses. In 2007 Oregon DITEP instructors conducted six DITEP training courses in the state. They included the Roseburg area School District, Siuslaw Middle School, Huntington School District, Dallas High School, Three Rivers School District, Oregon City School District, Nestucca School District, and Tualatin School District training school nurses, principals, student managers, campus security, superintendents, school counselors and intervention specialists. Additionally DRE Instructors provided "Drug Impairment Recognition Training" to 50 supervisors of the Wah Chang Corp. in Albany, Oregon.

PROTECTING LIVES SAVING FUTURES:

During March 2007 The Oregon Department of Justice, The Oregon District Attorneys Association, the Oregon Department of Transportation – Traffic Safety Division and Oregon DRE Instructors provided ***Protecting Lives – Saving Futures*** training to 38 prosecutors and police officers from varying venues around Oregon.

Other Training:

March 2006 brought new breath testing equipment to Oregon, the Intoxilyzer 8000. Oregon DRE/DRE Instructors were trained as Intoxilyzer 8000 Instructors. DRE/DRE Instructors teamed up with Lab Specialists from the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division to provide Intoxilyzer 8000 Operator Certification training. 2007 concluded the initial training sweep through the state with over 880 officers certified, this brought the number of officers trained by DRE/DRE Instructors to over 4,680 in a 21 month period of 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 2007, Oregon DREs and commercial motor vehicle inspectors teamed up to conduct two **Operation Trucker Checks**. Trucker Check XII was conducted at the Woodburn Port of Entry, I-5 milepost 274 southbound, April 10-12, 2007, and Trucker Check XIII was held at the Cascade Locks Port of Entry, Interstate 84 milepost 44 eastbound, September 18-20, 2007.

These efforts resulted in 1,017 trucks being inspected with 904 drivers checked by DREs for impairment. There were 184 drivers placed out-of-service and 109 trucks placed out-of-service because of equipment violations. Three drivers were arrested for DUI-Drugs. Seven inspections revealed that the operator and/or co-driver were in possession of Controlled Substance. Fourteen inspections revealed that the operator and/or passenger were in possession of alcohol in the occupant area of the truck. In addition to those operators arrested for DUI-Drugs, ten complete drug evaluations were conducted on suspected impaired operators. Two of the evaluations resulted in medical aid being summoned due to a diabetic condition. Six were determined to be fatigue and two no impairment.

As part of the 2007 Operation Trucker Checks, DREs collected voluntary, anonymous urine samples as part of a study to determine the extent of substance use in the commercial motor vehicle carrier population.

Below is a summary of the results.

Trucker Check XII

491 drivers were requested to provide urine samples. Of those, four drivers (less than one percent) declined to participate. Following are the analysis results of the 487 urine samples obtained:

- 8 (1.64%) drivers tested positive for the presence of amphetamines.
- 18 (3.70%) tested positive for the presence of cannabinoid (marijuana).
- 2 (0.41%) tested positive for the presence of methadone.
- 16 (3.29%) tested positive for opiates (e.g., oxycodone).
- 3 (0.62%) tested positive for propoxyphene (synthetic opiates).
- 5 (1.03%) were positive for more than one drug category.
- Overall, 41 (8.42%) of 487 drivers provided urine which tested positive in at least one drug category.

Trucker Check XIII

477 drivers were requested to provide urine samples. Of those, nine drivers (1.9%) declined to participate. Following are the analysis results of the 468 urine samples obtained:

- 9 (1.92%) drivers tested positive for the presence of amphetamines.
- 2 (0.43%) tested positive for benzodiazepines.
- 1 (0.21%) tested positive for cocaine.
- 19 (4.06%) tested positive for the presence of cannabinoid (marijuana).
- 14 (2.99%) tested positive for opiates (e.g., oxycodone).
- 3 (0.64%) tested positive for propoxyphene (synthetic opiates).
- 5 (1.07%) were positive for more than one drug category.
- Overall, 42 (8.97%) of 468 drivers that provided urine tested positive in at least one drug category.

2007 DEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2007, 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 6, 2007, at about 4:19am, **Officer Lisa Fort** a DRE with the Portland Police Bureau responded to a call of a 32-year-old female passed out behind the wheel of a running motor vehicle. During the contact it was determined that the female was intoxicated. She was taken into custody for DUII. During the investigation the female was found to be in possession of a mixed alcoholic drink in a McDonald's cup, a "Phillies" cigar filled with marijuana and 48 tablets of suspected ecstasy. The female operator's BAC was .07%. Officer Fort conducted a drug evaluation and determined the female to be under the influence of ETOH and Cannabis. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of cannabis. The female was charged with DUII – Controlled Substances and Possession of Controlled Substance.

On January 08, 2007, at about 2:30am Officer Dennis Burge with the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety responded to a crash where the 18-year-old male driver had crashed his vehicle into a tree, left the scene and then crashed into a ditch. Officer Burge conducted an investigation for DUII and found the male operator to be impaired. During the investigation the operator was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The operator's BAC was .00%. The operator admitted to taking Lithium, Lexipro, Vicodin and smoking Marijuana. **Officer Archie Lidey** a DRE with the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety conducted a drug evaluation and determined that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and Cannabis. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant, CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis.

Officer Johnson with the Stayton Police Department responded to a motor vehicle crash that had happened in the parking lot of a local grocery store on January 28, 2007, at about 4:50pm. Upon arrival Officer Johnson discovered that the 25-year-old female driver had a blank stare and was very slow to respond. Officer Johnson conducted an investigation for DUII. The operator performed poorly on SFSTs and was arrested for DUII. The operator had a BAC of .00%. **Deputy Kristin Knutson** a DRE with the Marion County Sheriff's Office conducted a drug evaluation and determined that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic. The operator admitted taking Oxycodone, Percocet, Lamictal, Phentermine, Soma, Abilify, Cymbalta, Seraquil, Xanax, Albeuterol, Methamphetamine and Marijuana. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of CNS-Depressant, CNS-Stimulant, Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis. In addition to being charged with DUII the operator was also cited for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

February

February 4, 2007, at about 11:00pm Trooper Chris Walker with the Oregon State Police, Central Point Area Command, was dispatched to an attempt to locate on a reckless driver driving north bound in the south bound lanes of Interstate 5 near Rogue River. The 45-year-old female driver failed to yield to emergency vehicle and “spike stripes” were deployed to stop the vehicle. Based on the observations made by Trooper Walker of the operator’s demeanor he conducted an investigation for DUII. The operator performed poorly on the SFSTs and was arrested for DUII. The operator’s BAC was .03%. **Officer Trevor Arnold** a DRE with the Medford Police Department conducted a drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and ETOH. The operator admitted to taking Trazadone, Lorazepam and consuming three glasses of wine before driving. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant.

At about 8:20am on February 13, 2007, **Officer Josh Ladd** a DRE with the Portland Police Bureau was working seatbelt enforcement overtime grant when he was dispatched to a three vehicle crash. Officer Ladd noticed that one of the operators, a 51-year-old male adult appeared to be “staggering and stumbling” as he approached him. Upon contact with this operator Officer Ladd noticed he had thick, slurred speech and a dry mouth. Officer Ladd conducted an investigation for DUII and determined that the operator was impaired and arrested for DUII and Reckless Driving. Located in the operator’s vehicle was seven empty bottles for Methadone. The operator’s BAC was .00%. Officer Ladd conducted a drug evaluation and concluded that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and Narcotic Analgesic. The operator admitted to taking Xanax, Lexapro, Phenergan, Methadone, Vicodin and Soma. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of Alprazolam, Carisprodol, Citalopram, Hydrocodone, Meprobamate, Methadone, Promethazine and Trazodone. The Operator was charged with DUII-Controlled Substance, Reckless Driving, Following too Close and Careless Driving.

March

On March 6, 2007, at about 3:53pm, Officer Villanti with the Portland Police Bureau was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash. The 44-year-old female adult operator appeared very relaxed, slow thick, slurred speech and droopy eyelids. Officer Villanti had the subject perform SFST which she did poorly. The operator was arrested for DUII and provided a breath sample with results of .00%. **Officer William Johnson** a DRE with the Portland Police Bureau conducted a drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant, a CNS-Stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicological exam confirmed his opinion. The operator admitted to taking “triple her prescription medication, Heroin and Methamphetamine.”

At about 11:00pm on March 31, 2007, Officer Kevin Tinter with the Hillsboro Police Department stopped a vehicle for failing to drive within a lane. Officer Tinter watched the vehicle drive over the double yellow center lines and the white fog line into a bike lane. The vehicle was traveling at speeds that varied from 15mph to 30mph. Officer Tinter stopped the vehicle and conducted an investigation for DUI. The operator, a 41-year-old male adult, admitted consuming two beers with dinner and three wine coolers prior to dinner. The operator performed poorly on SFSTs and had a BAC of .00%. **Officer Kari Christensen** a DRE with the Hillsboro Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined that the operator was suffering from a diabetic medical condition. Officer Christensen summoned paramedics who measured the operator's blood sugar. The operator had a blood sugar reading of 500 mg/dl and was transported to the local area hospital where he was treated.

April

On April 4, 2007, at about 9:23am Senior Trooper Robert Banks with the Oregon State Police, Coos Bay Area Command, stopped a vehicle for driving out of the lane of travel, across the fog line and onto the shoulder of the highway. Upon contacting the 59-year-old male driver, Senior Trooper Banks noticed indicator of impairment. The operator had such extreme impairment that he had to lean against his vehicle for support and could not complete all of the SFSTs. The operator's BAC was .00%. **Trooper Freddie Dunlap** a DRE with the Oregon State Police, Coos Bay Area Command, conducted the drug evaluation and determined that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicological exam confirmed the presence of Diphenhydramine, Carisoprodol, Meprobamate and Oxycodone.

On April 7, 2007, Officer Oscar Rosas with the Roseburg Police Department had arrested a 58-year-old male adult for DUI. Officer Rosas was dispatched to a vehicle crash where the above operator had crashed his vehicle into a mobile home knocking the mobile home approximately five feet from its foundation. **Officer Todd Crouse** a DRE with the Roseburg Police Department conducted a drug evaluation and concluded that the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicological exam confirmed his opinion. The operator admitted to taking the following drugs prior to driving: Zolpidem, Desipramine, Hydrocodone, Venlafaxine, Klonopin, Methadone and Mirtazapin.

May

At about 12:52pm on May 3, 2007, Officer Tim Knea with the Bend Police Department responded to a vehicle crash where the 32-year-old female operator had been involved in two separate vehicle crashes in a short period of time. Officer Knea noticed that the operator was extremely impaired; she had droopy eyelids, appeared drowsy and was staggering as she walked. The operator admitted to Officer Knea that she had "taken 9 Xanax tablets prior to driving." The operator submitted to SFST and showed marked

impairment. Her BAC was .00%. **Officer Kalin Ayhan** a DRE with the Bend Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant. The operator admitted to Officer Ayhan that she had consumed "10 Xanax tablets" between that am and noon. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Xanax, Cocaine and Cannabis.

Officer Vollrath with the Medford Police Department stopped a vehicle being operated by a 31-year-old male adult on May 18, 2007, for failing to yield to traffic. When he contacted the operator he noticed that he was nervous and sweating, his eyes appeared blood shot and watery, with droopy eyelids and constricted pupils. The operator consented to SFSTs and was arrested for DUII. Officer Vollrath's search of the vehicle incident to arrest revealed a small amount of crystal methamphetamine and 70.2 grams of dried marijuana and an Oregon Medical Marijuana card. **Officer Don Lane** a DRE with the Medford Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator was under the influence of a CNS-Depressant, Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of a CNS-Stimulant, Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis.

June

On June 3, 2007, Deputy Jim Hubble with the Union County Sheriff's Office contacted a 21-year-old male adult who parked his vehicle on a sidewalk. Deputy Hubble reported that when he made contact with the subject his breath smelled of gasoline. The subject performed very poorly on the SFSTs and was arrested for DUII. Because of the odor of gasoline no breath sample could be successfully obtained. **Sergeant Jason Stone** a DRE with the Oregon State Police, La Grande Area Command, was summoned to conduct a drug evaluation. Sergeant Stone determined that the subject was under the influence of an Inhalant. Urine toxicology test confirmed the presence of several CNS Depressants (Diphenhydramine, Fluoxetine, Temazepam, Olanzapine) and Cannabis.

Officer Shore with the Eugene Police Department was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash at about 4:47am on June 10, 2007. During the investigation Officer Shore discovered that a commercial motor vehicle driven by a 26-year-old female had left about 80 yards of skid marks, leaving the road coming to rest under the guide wire of a utility pole. While contacting the operator she noticed that the operator's speech was slurred, her eyes were blood shot and watery and she had an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her breath. Officer Shore reported that the operator performed poorly on SFSTs and was arrested for DUII. Located on the operator was a small amount of suspected methamphetamine and a drug pipe. The operator provided a breath sample with a BAC result of .06%. **Deputy Russ Olson** a DRE with the Lane County Sheriff's Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and ETOH. Urine toxicology confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine.

July

A 33-year-old female was contacted by Officer Michael Shaffer with the Coos Bay Police Department on July 4, 2007, at about 1:45am because she crashed her vehicle. Officer Shaffer asked the subject to perform SFST and she performed poorly. The subject was subsequently arrested for DUII with a breathe test result of .04%. **Trooper Freddie Dunlap** a DRE with the Oregon State Police, Coos Bay Area Command, was asked to conduct the drug evaluation. Trooper Dunlap determined the subject to be under the influence of CNS-Depressant, Narcotic Analgesic and ETOH. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Alprazolam, Diphenhydramine, Fluoxetine and Promethazine.

On July 17, 2007, Deputy Simons with the Lane County Sheriff's Office had arrested a 47-year-old male adult who had stolen a vehicle and was involved in a hit and run crash and then a second crash where he was located by deputies. Deputy Simons conducted an investigation for DUII and determined the subject to be impaired. The subject's breath test results were .00%. **Officer Ryan Mills** a DRE with the Eugene Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant, CNS-Stimulant and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Venlafaxine, Methamphetamine and Cannabis.

August

Officer King with the Astoria Police Department was called to a local medical clinic on August 14, 2007, at about 3:30pm to help with an investigation of possible child abuse. When he arrived he learned from a nurse at the clinic that a 40-year-old female adult had driven her daughter to the clinic and appeared to be impaired. The female submitted to field sobriety test and performed poorly and was arrested for DUII. Her BAC results were .00%. **Senior Trooper Robin May** with the Oregon State Police, St. Helens Worksite, was called to conduct the drug evaluation and concluded the subject to be under the influence of a CNS-Stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of a CNS-Stimulant, CNS-Depressant, Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis. The subject told the DRE that she had taken Heroin, Methadone, Methamphetamine, possibly Vicodin and had smoked Marijuana prior to her arrest.

On August 29, 2007, at about 10:50am **Senior Trooper James Pierce** a DRE with the Oregon State Police, Astoria Area Command, was dispatched on an attempt to locate for a vehicle reported to be "all over the road." While responding to the area, another call was received that "the vehicle needed to be stopped immediately or there was going to be a collision." About one minute later the vehicle was involved in a near head-on collision. During the crash investigation Senior Trooper Pierce noticed that the 59-year-old female at fault operator had "bloodshot eyes, constricted pupils, droopy eyelids, and she appeared on the nod." The operator admitted to taking Oxycontin. The operator submitted to SFSTs and performed poorly. She was arrested for DUII,

Reckless Driving and Recklessly Endangering Another. Search of the operator's vehicle revealed the following medications: Dextroamphetamine, Triazolam, Diclofenac-SOD, Lorazepam, Lunesta, Hydrocodone, Neurontin, Oxycodone, Effexor and Seroquel, all of which were prescribed to the operator. The operator produced a breathe test with results of .00%. Senior Trooper Pierce conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of CNS-Depressants and Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence CNS-Depressants and Narcotic Analgesics.

September

In the early morning hours of September 2, 2007, Oregon State Police Trooper William Duran with the Bend Area Command stopped a vehicle for weaving in a lane and "erratic" vehicle movements. Upon Contact with the 17-year-old female driver he noticed the driver was "twitching and made rapid continuous movements, her speech was rapid and pupils dilated." The operator consented to perform SFSTs and appeared impaired. She was reported to have lost all perception of time and forgot the instructions to the tests. Her BAC results were .00%. **Officer Mark Linville** a DRE with the Bend Police Department conducted the evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of a Hallucinogen. Toxicology confirmed the presence of MDA, MDMA and Methamphetamine.

Sergeant Taylor with the Turner Police Department responded to a report of a semi truck being followed by an off duty officer. The report was that the semi was "driving off the road" and was possibly intoxicated. Sergeant Taylor was able to locate and stop the vehicle. Sergeant Taylor noticed that the 45-year-old male driver had slurred speech and very poor balance. Sergeant Taylor had the driver perform SFSTs and determined he was impaired. The subject was taken into custody for DUII and provided a breath test, results of .00%. **Deputy Kristin Knutson** a DRE with the Marion County Sheriff's Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the driver to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic. The driver admitted to taking Oxycodone with Percocet and Diazepam. Toxicology confirmed the presence of a CNS-Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic.

October

At about 12:42pm on October 3, 2007, Officer McMahon with the Lake Oswego Police Department was dispatched to a report of a "hit and run" that had occurred in the Portland area. While en route to locate the involved vehicle Officer McMahon was notified that the same vehicle was involved in another crash and had left the scene. Officer McMahon located the vehicle in the parking lot of an apartment complex. The 48-year-old male driver was located in his apartment. The driver was described as "falling asleep, having balance problems and constricted pupils." The driver admitted to injecting heroin while in Portland and then driving home. The driver was arrested for DUII and Hit and Run. The driver provided a BAC of .04%. **Lieutenant Dale Jorgensen**

a DRE with the Lake Oswego Police Department was asked to conduct the drug evaluation. Lieutenant Jorgensen determined the subject to be under the influence of ETOH and a Narcotic Analgesic. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Cyclobenzaprine, Heroin, Codeine and Morphine.

In the evening hours of October 24, 2007, Recruit Trooper Jason Ledbetter with the Oregon State Police, Roseburg Area Command, stopped a vehicle for exceeding the speed limit. Upon contact with the 50-year-old male operator Trooper Ledbetter noticed that the operator had slurred speech and balance problems. The operator consented to SFST and performed poorly. A narcotic K-9 was called to the scene and alerted to the vehicle. Search of the vehicle revealed 3.5 pounds of dried marijuana under the vehicle seats. The operator provided a breath test with results of .02%. **Trooper Freddie Dunlap** a DRE with the Oregon State Police, Coos Bay Area Command, and the K-9 handler conducted the drug evaluation and determined the operator to be under the influence of ETOH, a Narcotic Analgesic and Cannabis. Toxicology confirmed the presence of Diphenhydramine, Cannabis, Cocaine, Codeine, Methadone and Morphine.

November

On November 5, 2007, Deputy Tracy Weiland with the Klamath County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle crash where a 34-year-old female had driven her vehicle off the road and was stuck in a ditch. The driver told Deputy Weiland that she was taking Hydroxyzine, Hydrocodone, Methadone, Carisoprodol, Seroquel and had smoked some Marijuana. The driver submitted to SFSTs and performed poorly. She was arrested for DUII and produced a breath test result of .00%. **Officer Michael Nork** a DRE with the Klamath Falls Police Department responded to conduct the drug evaluation and determined the driver to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant which was confirmed by toxicology.

Deputy Kevin Dodds with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office stopped a commercial motor vehicle for unsafe lane change and speeding on November 29, 2007, at about 11:50pm. During the contact with the 42-year-old male driver Deputy Dodds reported that he could smell the odor of marijuana on the driver and on his documents. The driver presented indicators of impairment and performed poorly on SFSTs. The driver was also found to be in possession of less than an ounce of dried marijuana. The driver provided a breath sample with results of .00%. **Deputy Ethan House** a DRE with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office conducted the drug evaluation and determined the driver to be under the influence of Cannabis. His opinion was confirmed by toxicology.

December

On December 4, 2007, at about 10:00am Recruit Trooper Will Brindza with the Oregon State Police, Tualatin Worksite, responded to an attempt to locate on a complaint of a vehicle "driving all over the road southbound on Interstate 5." Before he could locate the vehicle, the vehicle crashed into another car. When Trooper Brindza contacted the offending driver, a 41-year-old female, he noticed her eyes "appeared glazed over, she looked drowsy, tired, had poor balance and kept nodding off, falling asleep during the contact." Trooper Brindza had the driver perform SFSTs which she did poorly. BAC of .00%. **Officer Brent Schneider** a DRE with the Tualatin Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and determined the driver to be under the influence of a CNS-Depressant. During the interview with the driver, she admitted to taking Adderall, Prozac, and Ambien. Toxicology confirmed the presence of CNS-Depressants.

Officer Robert Harley with the Gresham Police Department responded to a local residence where a citizen and an off duty Portland Police Bureau Officer had followed a 42-year-old female driver after she had been involved in two separate crashes and left the scene. On December 6, 2007, at about 8:00pm Officer Harley arrived on scene where the suspect vehicle had been driven into the garage of the residence hitting an upright freezer. When he first made contact with the driver, he reported that "she was unable to stand without falling and was so unsteady he had to terminate SFSTs for her safety." BAC results of .00%. **Officer Pam Bailey** a DRE with the Troutdale Police Department conducted the drug evaluation and concluded that the driver was under the influence of a Depressant. The driver admitted to Officer Bailey that she takes Lorazepam, Celexa, Zofran and Seroquel. Toxicology confirmed the presence of CNS-Depressants.

DRE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

In 2007, 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 2007 were:



**Officer Trevor Arnold
Medford Police Department**

Officer Trevor Arnold received the award for his dedication to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program and his commitment in prosecuting the impaired driver. Officer Arnold is currently assigned to the Patrol Division in his agency as a Narcotic K-9 handler. In addition to his regularly assigned duties Officer Arnold is active in apprehending impaired drivers, drug search investigations and volunteered his time to speak at the local high school educating students on the adverse effects and dangers of drug use. Using his skills as a DRE he has established a reputation as a reliable resource for law enforcement and his community.



**Deputy Russ Olson
Lane County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Russ Olson received the award for providing leadership through dedication in the removal of the impaired driver. During 2007 Deputy Olson handled a large volume of calls for service, arrested on average two DUII drivers for each work day, he participated in nearly all the counties "Victim's Impact Panel" sessions in addition to training a recruit deputy.



**Trooper Freddie Dunlap
Oregon State Police
Coos Bay Area Command**

Trooper Freddie Dunlap is a two time recipient of this award due to his dedication and support of the Oregon DEC Program. With Trooper Dunlap's background as a nurse, his commitment to removing the impaired driver from the road, along with his willingness to assist other officers in the same endeavor and using his DRE skills in road side drug possession investigations he has set himself apart as the DRE Officer-of-the-year once again.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



**Senior Trooper James Pierce
Oregon State Police
Astoria Area Command**

Senior Trooper James Pierce received the Maria Mignano Dedication to Duty award. Senior Trooper Pierce is active in multiple programs dedicated to making the roads in Oregon safer. These programs include the DEC Program, Collision Reconstruction Unit, and Driving Under the Influence Program. He has been called to testify as an expert witness in numerous cases in these specialized fields and has been recognized by the District Attorney's Office for his professionalism and dedication. Senior Trooper Pierce has been a mentor to other officers as a DRE Instructor, SFST Instructor, Intoxilyzer 8000 Instructor, and Collision Reconstructionist Instructor. Senior Trooper Pierce is also active in his community delivering numerous presentations on Reconstruction and Alcohol Issues for the U.S. Coast Guard, Victims Impact Panel, other local organizations and businesses. He has also been a liaison to high school students preparing senior projects for DUII Fatality Reenactment and Alcohol Awareness Week.



**Senior Trooper Michael Iwai
Oregon State Police
Salem Area Command**

Senior Trooper Michael Iwai received the DUII Trainer-of-the-Year award for his leadership, professionalism, and dedication. Senior Trooper Iwai instructs Standardized Field Sobriety Testing to Basic Police Recruits, instructed DRE classes in Wyoming and Louisiana, and Drug Impairment Training for the Educational Professionals. He also teaches DUII and Traffic law in a local high school and at Mt. Hood Community College. He does all this while still maintaining his primary duties with the Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program of the Oregon State Police.

SUMMARY

Once again in 2007, 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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