

MINNESOTA STATE PATROL

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES SECTION (ISS)



FROM: Sergeant Tyler Milless

SUBJECT: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training

Drug Evaluation and Classification (DECP) training is a very comprehensive course that utilizes classroom, hands-on, and practical exercises to insure that Drug Recognition Evaluators candidates are well prepared to use the skills necessary to perform the duties of a DRE.

The classroom portion of training lasts nine days. During certification (practical) training, DRE candidates are required to perform twelve evaluations and receive lab confirmation of three drug categories. Because of this, the length of certification training can vary. DRE candidates must have the recommendation of two DRE instructors in order to be certified.

All of the equipment needed for the DRE candidates to complete the class and begin performing evaluations as a DRE officer are initially supplied by the program. The DRE officer's agency will need to bear the cost of replacement equipment once they are certified.

There is no cost for the class and the DRE candidate's housing and travel will be provided. The main cost to the candidate's agency is the officer's time and any other incidental expenses (meals, etc.).

DRE candidates must have successfully completed *Standardized Field Sobriety Testing* and *Drugs That Impair Driving/ARIDE* training prior to beginning DRE training.

Once certified, DREs must attend eight hours of continuing-education training and perform two instructor-witnessed evaluations annually to maintain their certification.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Milless".

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