



Minnesota Drug Recognition Evaluator School Application



Name: _____ Date: _____

Appointment Date: _____ Current Agency: _____

Current Rank/Assignment: _____

Work Telephone # _____ E-mail: _____

The Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) Program has received international acclaim for its success in identifying the drug-impaired individual. Although the focus of the DRE curricula is on the identification of the drug-impaired driver, DRE skills are applied to many different law enforcement activities including health and safety enforcement and public education. Additionally, DREs are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool for combating the adverse impact of drugs on the communities we serve.

DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed.

Academic Training: This 9-day phase includes courses in physiology, vital signs, standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), as well as extensive material on each of the seven drug 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 SFSTs in order to progress to the certification phase. The academic training is conducted utilizing creative, participant-centered teaching techniques.

Certification Phase: After successfully completing the academic portion, students move to Certification training (out-of-state travel required). Students are teamed up with an Instructor to evaluate drug-impaired subjects. The instructor scrutinizes their observations and opinions. Each student is required to conduct a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor. Each student has to identify subjects under the influence of three of the seven drug categories. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log, and submit a quality curriculum vitae. Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination and obtain the endorsement of two certified DRE Instructors.

All costs for training equipment, supplies, housing, and travel expenses (approximately \$4,000 initially and \$500 annually) are covered by Minnesota's DEC Program grant. Personal expenses for the student-officer are the responsibility of the agency. Due to the large expenses incurred by the DECP grant and the time commitment to achieve and maintain certification, the Minnesota DEC Program requests a *minimum 3-year commitment* for sustaining DRE certification.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Minnesota DRE Coordinator are the regulating and certifying organizations for the DRE program. In order to maintain certification, DREs must annually conduct a minimum of two instructor-witnessed drug influence evaluations, maintain and submit a rolling log from the National DRE Tracking Site database, an updated and current curriculum vitae, and attend eight hours of continuing education classroom training.



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The number of driving while under the influence of alcohol arrests last year: _____

The number of driving while under the influence of drugs arrests last year: _____

Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DRE program:

Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience and training that may be related to, or may be of interest to, the DRE program:

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



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Summarize your experience in courtroom testimony (number of times testifying, type of cases, recognition as an expert witness, etc.)

Is anything else you think the DRE program should know about your interest in the DRE program:

List two certified DREs that will recommend you for DRE school: (optional)

If you have further questions, contact:

Sergeant Tyler Milless at (763)-279-4005 or e-mail at Tyler.Milless@state.mn.us

Submit the following documents:

- Completed application
- Copy of your SFST certificate
- Copy of your ARIDE certificate
- A letter of endorsement from your agency command staff