

# **TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT**

## ***Drug Evaluation and Classification School (aka DRE School)***

The Minnesota Traffic Law Enforcement Training Program is proud to announce the 2020-1 Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Training School; also known as DRE School. This training will be offered at the White Bear Lake Public Safety Training Facility under the direction of the Minnesota DRE Coordinator on October 28-November 1 and November 4-7, 2019.

The purpose of this course is to prepare POST licensed law enforcement professionals to distinguish whether an individual is under the influence of a drug(s) other than alcohol, under the combined influence of alcohol and other drugs, or suffering from an injury or illness that produces signs similar to alcohol/drug impairment, to identify the broad category or categories of drugs inducing the signs of impairment, to successfully obtain bodily fluid samples from DWI arrestees pursuant to Minnesota statutes, and to document the observations. Student-officers must successfully attend and complete all sections of the training curriculum to be certified and credentialed as a DRE. Annual recertification requirements must be met to maintain certification.

DRE candidates must have successfully completed *Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)* and *Drugs That Impair Driving (DTID)* or the classroom version of *Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)* training prior to beginning DRE training.

### **Course Outline**

#### Classroom Training

DEC training is a comprehensive, 72-hour course utilizing lecture, practical, and hands-on activities to prepare student-officers to perform the duties of a certified DRE. The course includes five quizzes, three inclusive tests, and an SFST proficiency check.

#### Certification Training

Student-officers will be required to perform twelve instructor-witnessed evaluations and receive lab confirmation of three drug categories. DRE candidates must have the recommendation of two DRE instructors in order to be certified. Certifications are scheduled for November 2019. Specific dates will be disseminated once final details are confirmed.

Training culminates in a comprehensive and detailed Certification Knowledge Exam that encompasses all facets of both classroom and certification training.

### **Timeline**

- Classroom training will take place October 28-November 1 and November 4-7, 2019. Student officers must attend all nine days of training.
- Certification training scheduling will be confirmed once the course attendees have been selected.

### **Objectives**

- Identify the seven categories of drugs and recognize their effects
- Describe and properly administer the psychophysical and physiologic assessments used in the DEC procedures
- Properly interpret the results of the examination
- Document the results of the Drug Influence Evaluation and prepare a detailed and technical narrative drug influence report
- Discuss appropriate procedures for testifying in typical drug evaluation and classification cases
- Maintain an up-to-date and relevant curriculum vitae
- Annually complete relevant classroom training (8 hours) and perform two instructor-witnessed evaluations

### **Cost**

This training program is funded by the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety with grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). There is no cost to the agency or officer for the training. Housing will be provided for the classroom portion. Housing and travel will be provided for certification portion of training. Agencies will be responsible for their officer's time and other personal expenses. Initial equipment and supplies will be provided. Agencies are responsible for replacement of equipment as needed. 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.

Interested officers should send an application (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/msp/about/Pages/law-enforcement-training.aspx>) and letter of endorsement from their agency command staff to:

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**Applications will be accepted until September 20, 2019 – Selections will be made by September 27, 2019**