



MINNESOTA DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT SCHOOL APPLICATION SUMMARY



Name: _____ Date: _____

Appointment Date: _____ Current Department: _____

Current Rank/Assignment: _____ Work Telephone # _____

E-mail: _____

The Drug Recognition Expert (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. These activities include health and safety enforcement and public education. In addition 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 phase is conducted over 9 days. It 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, the students return to the Certification training. Students are teamed up to look for drug-impaired subjects. Students with an instructor will complete an evaluation on that subject. The instructor then 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 four of the seven drug categories. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log, and submit a quality resume. Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE Instructors.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Minnesota DRE Coordinator are the regulating and certifying organizations for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must conduct a minimum of two evaluations witnessed by a DRE Instructor, submit a rolling log and current resume, and attend eight hours of recertification training annually.

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 department?

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

If there is anything else you think the DRE program should know about your interest in the DRE program, use this space:

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

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found at: www.mspta.com/dre

If you have further questions, contact:

Sgt. Don Marose at 651-297-7132 or e-mail at don.marose@state.mn.us

Return completed application and, a copy of your SFST training and Drugs That Impair Driving training certificates to:

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