

Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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Drug Recognition Expert Training

October 28-November 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Decatur Conference Center & Hotel

4191 US 36 West Decatur, IL 62522

Meets the criteria for the following mandated training: Procedural Justice, Civil Rights, Constitutional Use of Authority, & Law Updates

<u>ABOUT THE CLASS</u>: The Drug Evaluation and Classification program has received national acclaim for its success in identifying drug-impaired drivers. Officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (D.R.Es) are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. Their training is an extremely valuable tool in combatting the adverse impact of drug/alcohol-impaired driving in our communities.

On-site housing and food service is available for the attendees.

The DRE school is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a D.R.E., three phases of training must be completed. The following is a summarization of each phase:

Phase I: Pre-school – October 28-29, 2024

This phase includes Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and introductory information on the seven categories. Students must pass a SFST proficiency test and achieve at least an 80% on the pre-school exam. Please note: <u>Any student</u> <u>unable to meet these standards will not be permitted to attend the DRE school</u>.

Phase II: DRE School – October 30-November 7, 2024

This phase includes detailed instruction regarding physiology, vital signs, eye examinations, and their relationship to the seven drug categories. Students will learn how to conduct a 12-step evaluation on a drug-impaired subject. There are five written quizzes and a final written exam. <u>Students must achieve a minimum passing score of 80% on the final exam</u> in order to progress to the certification phase.

Certification Phase: November 8-9, 2024, + 3 additional weekends if needed.

After successfully completing the academic portion of the program, students must complete the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within six months of completing the DRE school. These requirements include conducting a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor; identifying subjects under the influence of three of the seven drug categories; attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. Additionally, students must maintain a progress log, rolling log, and submit a curriculum vitae (CV).

Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

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DRE certification is valid for two years from the date of initial certification. DREs must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log, an updated CV, and attend 8 hours of approved recertification training.

Non-Member Tuition: There is no tuition for attending this class as it is funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

To Register: There is no formal registration. The application must be completed and returned and will be reviewed by the Illinois Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Coordinator. Officers accepted to the program will be notified.

Cancellation: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often. Cancellations will also be posted to our mailing list and our Facebook and Twitter accounts.