



## **Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Arkansas Drug Recognition Expert Application Process**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Every year in Arkansas over 100 people die in alcohol/drug related crashes. The role of training new DREs and recertifying existing DREs is critical in Arkansas's fight to reduce alcohol/drug related fatalities and injuries.

That is why the process to select new DREs is stringent and requires a commitment from both the potential DRE candidate and his/her agency head. Before you make your decision, please consider your desire to take on this role, as well as discussing, with your agency Chief/Sheriff, the time commitment that will be required.

If you do not have a strong desire to participate in this program or your agency cannot make a time commitment for you to participate, please do not submit an application. Likewise, if you do have a strong desire to participate and your agency is prepared to allow your participation as required, we welcome you into the DRE Candidate training program and look forward to your support and involvement in the program. It should be noted that due to class size, the needs of the State, and budget constraints, not all applications are accepted.

The following items will be required to be submitted with your application:

- Signed DRE Commitment Pledge
- Student Resume
- One page cover letter explaining your reasons for wanting to be a DRE and why you feel you are qualified
- Copy of your SFST certification
- Copy of your ARIDE certification
- Letter of recommendation from your supervisor
- Letter of recommendation from a current DRE in good standing (recommended, but not required)

\*Exemplary performance by a DRE candidate, as well as other factors, in lieu of some of the application requirements, will be given consideration by the State DRE Coordinator during the DRE candidate application selection process.