



ARKANSAS DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT Applicant Summary

Name:		Rank:		Badge#:	
SS#:		Years in Law Enforcement:			
Agency:		Hire Date:			
Agency Address:		Work Phone:			
City, Zip:					
Home Phone:		Cellular Phone:			
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. DREs are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders and can identify drivers who may be impaired on various types of drugs. To receive certification as a DRE, three phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes the phases:

Academic Training: This phase is typically conducted over nine days and is broken down into two separate segments, the DRE Pre-school and 7-day school. It includes topics in physiology, vital signs, standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), as well as extensive material on each of the seven drug categories. The Pre-school requires a candidate to satisfactorily complete SFST proficiency tests and score a minimum of 80% on the post-test administered on the last day of the Pre-school before proceeding to the 7-day School. On the last day of the 7-day school, an examination is given and students must score a minimum of 80% to proceed to the certification phase of training.

Certification Phase: After successfully completing the academic portion, the students begin the Certification training. Students, with an instructor, will complete an evaluation on a 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 at least 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 fourth examination, a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE Instructors. This must be completed within 90 days of completing the 7-day school. An extension of an additional 90 days can be approved by the State Coordinator for a maximum of 6 months to complete certification.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and certifying organization for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must conduct a minimum of four evaluations within the two years, submit a rolling log and current curriculum vitae, and attend eight hours of recertification training.

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the Arkansas DRE training, please complete the following information. *(Only applications with complete and thorough answers will be considered):*

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing certification and completion of an Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course are prerequisites for this course. There will be NO exceptions.

24 hr. NHTSA SFST Training Date: _____

Number of DWI/ alcohol arrests in the last two years: @ _____

Number of DWI/drug arrests in the last two years: @ _____

DRE officers often handle suspects who are drug addicts, or they have other ailments. It is often necessary to come into close contact with these subjects, including the collection of urine samples. Do you feel you can manage this?

Yes No

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 (EMT training, college, etc.):

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

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

DREs who recommend you for DRE training:

I have read the requirements of this training and I recommend this officer for the Drug Recognition Expert training.

Supervisor's Name and Title: (Please Print) _____

Supervisor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Chief's/Sheriff's Signature: _____

Date: _____