



Louisiana Drug Recognition Expert School Applicant Summary

Name (Last, First)_____ Rank:_____

Agency:_____ Hire date:_____

Current Assignment:_____ Telephone#:_____

Agency Address:_____ Email Address:_____

The Louisiana Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program is a developing program nationally supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool in combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol impaired driving in our communities.

DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase:

ACADEMIC TRAINING: This phase is typically conducted over nine days (80 hours). It includes courses in physiology, vital signs, standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), and extensive material on each of the seven categories of the drugs of abuse. The training includes three written examinations, as SFST proficiency examination and five written quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations, and must demonstrate proficiency in administering SFST's in order to progress to the certification phase.

CERTIFICATION PHASE: After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within six months following 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; and attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log and submit a written 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) is the regulating and certifying body for the DEC Program. Certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DRE's must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log, and updated resume, and attend 8-hours of re-certification training.

To be considered for DRE training, the applicant must meet the following required criteria:

- Must have a minimum of two years of law enforcement service.
- Must be off probation with your agency.
- Must be working in patrol/traffic enforcement with your agency.
- Must be SFST, and Intoxilyzer 9000 certified.
- Must have a reasonable background and experience level of making DWI arrests.
- Must have an endorsement/recommendation from your local prosecutor.
- Must submit a minimum of two actual DWI arrest reports for review.

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the Louisiana DEC Program, please complete the following information:

Dates of SFST and Intoxilyzer 9000 training: _____

Number of DWI arrests in the last two years: _____

Number of drug impaired driving arrests in the last two years: _____

Number of Drug Possession arrests in the past 2 years: _____

Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DEC Program:

Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that may be related to, or may be of interest to, the DEC Program (EMT training, college, etc.):

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

Is there anything else you think the DRE Selection Committee should know about your interest to be a DRE?

List two DREs that would recommend you for DRE training: (Please provide contact number and address)

List a local prosecutor that will recommend you for DRE training: (Please provided contact number and address)

I have read and understand the listed requirements and see the benefits of utilizing DREs within my agency. I support the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program in Louisiana and recommend this officer for DRE training.

Supervisor's name (printed): _____

Supervisor's signature: _____

Commanding Officer's name (printed): _____

Commanding Officer's signature: _____

Date: _____

Return the completed form to:
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