



MISSOURI SAFETY CENTER



Missouri Drug Impaired Driving & Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Programs

Courses, Certification, and Contacts

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About the MSC



The Missouri Safety Center (MSC) at the University of Central Missouri has been in operation since 1967 and provides education, research, and training to a multitude of audiences. The Missouri Safety Center is a Licensed Provider Organization for Continuing Education for the Missouri Department of Public Safety Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Program.

Our instructors come from diverse backgrounds including active and retired law enforcement, subject matter experts in an array of fields of study and practice, ACTAR board members, Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LETSAC) Board members, transportation and traffic professionals, tactical experts, researchers, and individuals serving the public safety and law enforcement community for years.

The Missouri Safety Center operates through grant activities involving a number of traffic safety related areas including statewide surveys for occupant protection, enforcement grant activities, impaired driving countermeasures for alcohol and drugs, and driver improvement programs.

The Missouri Safety Center also houses the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program with statewide oversight of basic and advanced rider courses, as well as 3Wheel courses.

Continuing education training is essential to maintain the safety of our communities and the safety of those professionals performing public safety functions. We are committed to education, training, research, public service, and publications to work towards injury and death prevention in the state of Missouri and throughout the nation.



DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)



A drug recognition expert (DRE), sometimes referred to as a drug recognition evaluator, is an individual who has successfully completed all phases of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program's (DECP) training requirements for certification as established by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

A DRE is skilled in detecting and identifying persons under the influence of drugs and in identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment.

The State of Missouri fully supports the DRE Program due to the number of lives that are lost each year at the hands of impaired drivers. Although a great number of police officers across the state are trained to detect alcohol-impaired drivers, a smaller number have received the DRE training that enables them to detect drug-impaired drivers.

Being a DRE requires a higher level of dedication and performance in highway safety issues. The training required to learn the skills of recognizing drug-impaired drivers and detect the drugs causing the impairment is strenuous and demanding.

It is expected of each DRE to not only perform evaluations of their own, but to assist, when possible, other nearby agencies in DRE evaluations.

DRE ELIGIBILITY

Time in Service:

- Three (3) years commissioned with a minimum of 36 DWI's or
- Under Three (3) years commissioned then 72 DWI's and

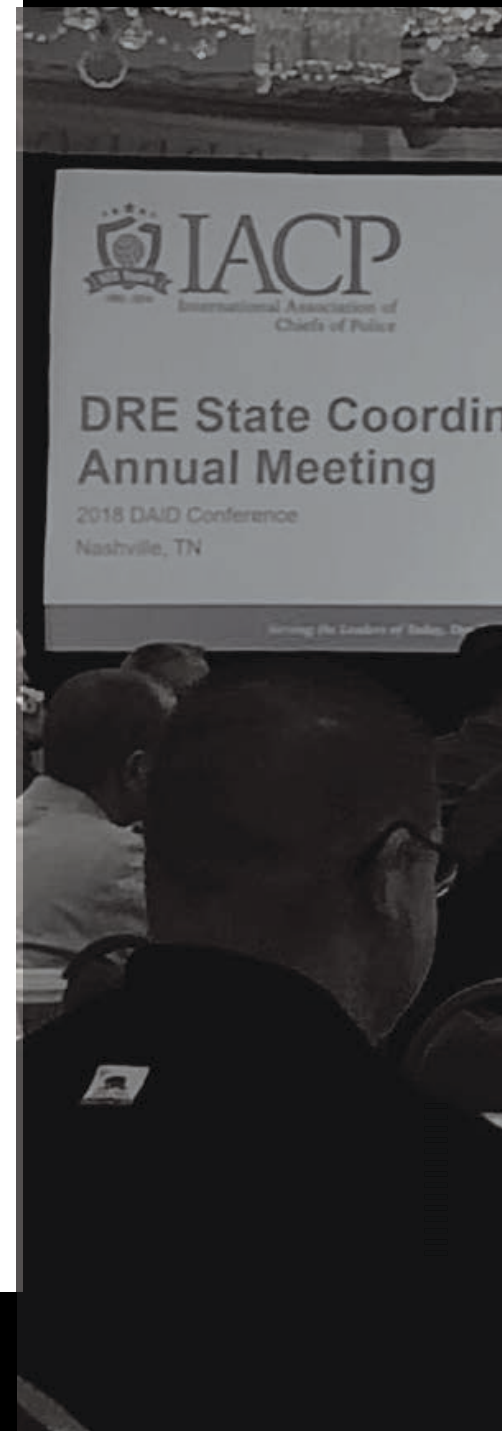
Previous Training:

- Attended a basic SFST course
- Attended an ARIDE course

NOTE: (ON-LINE COURSE DOES NOT MEET MO PREREQUISITE FOR DRE TRAINING)

Documents:

- Letter from Chief Law Enforcement Officer from your agency
- Completed DRE Application





DRE CERTIFICATION

Candidates for DRE must complete an application to be considered for DRE training. The application form provides detailed information about the applicants work history and involvement in impaired driving enforcement.

The DRE Candidate must be:

- Recommended/Approved from home agency for DRE training
- Approved by a DRE Regional Coordinator and State Coordinator

Some DRE training centers also require a board interview prior to being accepted



DRE CERTIFICATION PHASES

The Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program includes the following phases:

Phase One: The 16-hour DRE Pre-school, which includes an overview of the DRE evaluation procedures, the seven drug categories, eye examinations and proficiency in conducting the SFSTs. (2.5 days)

Phase Two: The 56-hour DRE School which includes an overview of the drug evaluation procedures, expanded sessions on each drug category, drug combinations, and examination of vital signs, case preparation, courtroom testimony, and Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) preparation. At the conclusion of the 7-days of training, the officer must successfully complete a written examination before moving to the third and final phase of training. (7.5 days)

Phase Three: During this field certification phase, the DRE candidate must complete a minimum of 12 drug evaluations under the supervision of a trained DRE instructor. Of those 12 evaluations, the officer must identify an individual under the influence of at least three of the seven drug categories and obtain a minimum 75% toxicological corroboration rate.

The officer must pass a final knowledge examination with 100% and be approved by two DRE instructors before being certified as a certified DRE.

The State Coordinator approves and certifies the new DRE then submits documentation to IACP for the credentialing documents.





DRE RECERTIFICATION

As specified in the IACP International Standards of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, all drug recognition experts must be recertified every two years following original certification.

To recertify a DRE shall demonstrate continuing proficiency by:

- Performing a minimum of four (4) acceptable evaluations since the date of last certification, all of which shall be reviewed and approved by a certified DRE instructor and one (1) of which shall be witnessed by a certified DRE instructor. *NOTE: These evaluations may be performed on subjects suspected of drug and/or alcohol impairment or during classroom simulations; and*
- Completing a minimum of eight hours of recertification training since the date of the DRE's most recent certification, which may alternatively be presented in two sections of no less than four hours and which shall be consistent with any IACP standards for such training; and
- Presenting an updated Curriculum Vitae and rolling log to the appropriate coordinator or his/her designee for review.

All evaluation reports must be entered in the DRE Tracking website.

DRE INSTRUCTOR

IDREs may be eligible to become DRE instructors with the following requirements:

- Good standings with DRE program
- Minimum of two (2) years certified as a DRE
- Minimum 25 drug evaluations (not including the 12 from certification training)
- Recommended by Regional Coordinator
- Letter from Chief Law Enforcement Officer from your agency
- Completed application to the Regional Coordinator
- Possibly an interview by the Regional Coordinator
- Approved by State Coordinator





THE TECHNICAL PANEL (TAP)

Purpose

The Missouri DRE/SFST Technical Panel (Technical Panel - TAP) was created to provide guidance to the State DRE/SFST Coordinator (State Coordinator) on all issues related to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DEC) (including ARIDE and DITEP classes) and the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Program, including, but not limited to, the requirements for becoming certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), DRE Instructor, or SFST Instructor in this state and maintaining any such certification.

Scope of Authority

The Technical Panel may make recommendations to the State Coordinator on all issues related to the DEC or SFST Programs. The State Coordinator will consider these recommendations when making decisions about the programs. Because the State Coordinator acts under the authority of the Missouri Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic and Highway Safety (Highway Safety) or its designee, it maintains final decision making authority with regard to all issues related to the DEC and SFST Programs.

For more information regarding the TAP, please contact the Statewide Coordinator.



Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)

This course is designed for law enforcement officers who meet the NHTSA/IACP SFST Program Standards, including a proficiency test, and who have successfully completed a NHTSA/IACP approved SFST training course.

The officer must be able to administer and interpret the HGN test. The participant should be fully conversant with the procedural "mechanics" of HGN with the three clues of HGN and with the interpretation of those clues for assessing alcohol impairment.

A major focus of this course is on the examination of a drug-impaired subject's eyes. The procedures for those eye examinations derive largely from HGN procedures.





Drug Impaired Training for Education Professionals (DITEP)

This program is designed primarily for administrators, teachers, school resource officers, counselors, nurses and education trainers in the academic setting. The participant who attends and completes the two-day program must be able to administer and interpret the horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) test for impaired individuals.

The participant should be fully conversant with the procedural mechanics of HGN, with the clues of HGN, and with the interpretation of clues for assessing impairment. A major focus of this program is on the examination of the impaired individual's eyes, and the procedures for those eye examinations are derived largely from HGN procedures.

The purpose of the program is to improve an individual's ability to (1) recognize those who may be under the influence of drugs other than alcohol and (2) to take appropriate action when encountering such behavior. Note that the purpose of this program does not require the attendees to develop the ability to distinguish what type of drug is responsible for the observed impairment.

The participants should become more adept at recognizing the possible presence of some drug category other than alcohol, or a medical condition, and at conveying a credible basis for that suspicion.





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