

Drug Recognition Expert School



Washington State Patrol Impaired Driving Section Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School trains and certifies law enforcement officers to conduct examinations of drug-impaired drivers. This class is completed in three phases. The first phase is an 80-hour classroom training which covers a large amount of complicated materials. Students will need to be prepared to work hard and study often to successfully complete this course. The second phase is a 40-hour Field Certification process. Students get hands-on practice with subjects suspected to be under the influence of drugs. The third phase is the comprehensive written examination which will be scheduled at a later date. This program requires a substantial commitment on the part of both the student and the student's agency. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and certifying organization for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for a two-year period after which the DRE can seek re-certification by meeting criteria established by IACP and the WA State DRE Coordinator.

Prerequisite:

Current employment as a commissioned law enforcement officer and successful completion of both the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course and the DUI Detection & Standardized Field Sobriety Testing course.

COST: FREE

Date and Location:

The DRE School is scheduled July 25-August 5, 2016 at the Icicle Village Resort, Leavenworth, WA. The DRE Field Certifications will be held August 8-12, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ.

Application:

The closing date to apply is June 1, 2016. A special application is required and student selection is competitive. This application can be located on the Washington State Patrol's [Impaired Driving Section \(IDS\) Training website](#); listed under DRE Training.

All applications must be submitted electronically to Ms. Rebecca Cortez, IDS Training Coordinator at: Rebecca.Cortez@wsp.wa.gov.

The selection criterion includes individual accomplishments, training, experience, and administrative and geographic needs with a focus on agency support and command recommendation. Class size is limited and all applicants are not guaranteed entrance.

Questions:

Please contact Sergeant Mark Crandall, DRE/SFST State Coordinator at Mark.Crandall@wsp.wa.gov or 206-720-3018.

