

## **Drug Recognition Expert School**

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.

### **Perquisite:**

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

### **Cost:**

Cost is approximately \$3,000 per student which is provided through a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

### **Application:**

All applications must be submitted electronically to: [Rebecca.Cortez@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Cortez@wsp.wa.gov).

**The closing date to apply has been extended to 12 p.m., January 7, 2015.** A special application is required and student selection is competitive. This application can be located on the Washington State Patrol's public website at: [DRE School Application](#).

Selection for the DRE School is made by a committee comprised of experienced Drug Recognition Expert Instructors. The school selection criterion includes individual accomplishments, training, experience, and administrative and geographic needs. There will be heavy emphasis on agency support and command staff recommendations. The selection committee meets approximately one month before the beginning of the school and notifications of acceptance will be made the following day. Class size is limited and applicants are not guaranteed entrance.

### **Schedule:**

The DRE School will be February 23-March 6, 2015 at Clearwater Resort, Suquamish, WA. The DRE Field Certifications will be March 23-27, 2015 at Seattle Police Department's West Precinct.

### **Questions:**

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