



Drug Recognition Expert Instructor School Application

California's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program leads the country with the largest number of certified DREs. Much of this success can be attributed to the quality and guidance given by California DRE Instructors during the classroom instruction and field certification processes. Because of the highly technical nature of the functions performed by the DRE, only persons experienced in the techniques of drug influence evaluations should become instructors in the DRE program.

Due to class size, the needs of the State, and quality of the DRE program, not all applicants are accepted. The DRE State Coordinator shall make the final determination as to whether a candidate shall be accepted into training as a DRE Instructor.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: DRE Instructor classroom training is conducted over five consecutive days. Candidate instructors are required to attend all sessions. Three days of training consists of classroom instruction, and two days require the student to practice teaching in the classroom environment. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on two written examinations (pre-test and final) and must demonstrate proficiency and a profound knowledge of the DRE curriculum in all practical exercises in order to progress to the certification phase.

CERTIFICATION PHASE: After successfully completing the academic portion, students are required to instruct for a minimum of two hours at a DRE school, and supervise the administration of not less than two drug influence evaluations performed by candidate DRE's at an approved certification training site; all while under the supervision of a certified DRE Instructor.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the California DRE State Coordinator regulate and certify California's DRE program. DRE Instructor certification is valid as long as the standards for DRE recertification are maintained, and the Instructor additionally instructs a minimum of eight hours at a DECP class or supervises at least ten evaluations at a certified DRE certification training site every two years. An Instructor may be decertified if they do not participate in drug recognition course instruction, demonstrate evidence of inadequate or improper performance, inconsistent findings, or other substantiated acts on the part of the instructor that brings discredit on the Drug Evaluation & Classification Program.



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Name: _____	DRE Number: _____
POST ID Number: _____	Agency Name: _____
Address: _____	City: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____	
Phone: _____	Fax: _____
Class Location and Dates: _____	

Important

You must be a currently certified DRE by the State of California with a minimum of two years of experience and be active in California's DECP program. Two California certified DRE Instructors must recommend you by sending an email to DRE@chp.ca.gov. You must also submit a copy of your DRE rolling log, be up to date in the National Tracking System, and submit a copy of your updated curriculum vitae. Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications, or applications without the required supporting documents, **WILL NOT** be considered.

Experience and proficiency:

Date first certified as a DRE: _____ Date of last re-certification _____

How many total evaluations have you conducted? _____

How many evaluations have you conducted in the past year? _____

How many of these were enforcement evaluations? _____

How many were training evaluations? _____

On a separate page, summarize your experience in teaching and instruction, and inform how you will use this training to benefit the DRE programs, your department, and the State of California.



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COMMANDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

California's Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) is an effective means of identifying and prosecuting drug impaired drivers. Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) have gained acceptance and approval throughout the world due to their accuracy and effectiveness. They are an integral part of the current prosecution model which is addressing the rise in Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID).

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has been designated as the statewide DECP coordinator for the State of California. The resources coordinated by the CHP on a statewide basis assists the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the expansion of the DECP to other states as well as within California by providing training in drug detection to law enforcement personnel.

As a DRE Instructor, your Officer will be tasked with instructing for all California agencies, participate in statewide training events, and maintain a profound knowledge of DRE protocol and current drug trends. Accomplishing this task requires tremendous support and flexibility from the DRE Instructor's agency.

There is no registration fee to attend the DRE Instructor course and all the training materials will be provided. During the class, students are required to wear collared shirts/slacks or equivalent business casual attire and bring a laptop that has PowerPoint capabilities. Additionally, for two classroom presentations court/business attire is required.

Acknowledging Commander's Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____, Date: _____

DRE Instructor Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____