Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

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DEC Programs

- SFST School (16-24 hours)
- ARIDE (16 hours)
- DITEP (8-16 hours)
- DRE (102 hours)
DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT PROGRAM
OVERVIEW
Drug Recognition Expert Prerequisites

- SFST Class (16-24 Hours)
  - Proficiency
- ARIDE (16 Hours)
  - SFST Proficiency
  - 7 Drug Categories
Phase I (DRE Pre-School)

24 hours classroom

- Psychophysical Tests
- Eye Exams
- Alcohol as a Drug
- Live Alcohol Workshop
  - SFST Proficiency
  - Written Exam
Phase II – DRE School

56 hours classroom

- 7 Drug Categories / Signs and Symptoms
- Physiology
- 12 Step Evaluation Process
- Vital Signs
- Drug Combinations
- 5 quizzes, mid term, final exam
Standardized DRE 12
Step Process

1. Breath Test
2. Interview of A/O
3. Preliminary Exam (1st Pulse)
4. Eye Examinations - equal tracking - HGN/VGN and LOC
5. Psychophysical Tests
6. Vital Signs (2nd Pulse)
7. Dark Room - room light, near-total darkness and direct light
8. Muscle Tone
9. Injection Sites (3rd Pulse)
10. Interview of subject
11. Opinion of DRE
12. Toxicological Examination
7 Drug Categories

- Cannabis
- CNS Stimulants
- CNS Depressants
- Hallucinogens
- Dissociative Anesthetics
- Narcotic Analgesics
- Inhalants
Other Learning Domains

Terms:
- Homeostasis
- Downside effects
- Metabolism
- Tolerance
- On the Nod
- Addiction
- Dilated pupils
- Constricted pupils
Field Certifications

32 hours

- 12 Hands on Drug Evaluations Exams
- 9 Must be supported by toxicology
- 3 Categories must be identified
- Within 90 days of DRE classroom
- Comprehensive knowledge exam
Re-Certifications

Bi-annually

- 8 hours of classroom training
- Updating of Curriculum Vitae
- 4 Hands on Drug Evaluations Exams
  - 1 Must be in front of DRE Instructor
- Supported by toxicology
California’s Drug Recognition Expert Program

- Total number of DEC Classes held:
  - Since passage of Prop 64
- SFST Trained Personnel: 1,759
  - 96 classes
- ARIDE Trained Personnel: 5,882
  - 133 classes
- DRE’s Trained Personnel: 535
  - 18 classes
California’s Drug Recognition Expert Program

- Total Number of DREs 2014: 1215
- Total Number of DREs 2015: 1469
- Total Number of DREs 2016: 1654
- Total Number of DREs 2017: 1743
California’s Drug Recognition Expert Program

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) States by Year
Number of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) per State

(1,743) California stats as of 01/2018

Year Admitted DREs per State

* LAPD DRE program - 1980

As of June 30, 2015