

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

A collection of various drugs and laboratory equipment including pills, a syringe, a spoon, and a foil-wrapped substance.

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Grow Your
Influence

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- A drug recognition expert or drug recognition evaluator (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) coordinates the International Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) originated the program in the early 1970s when LAPD officers noticed that many of the individuals arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) had very low or zero alcohol concentrations.
- In September 2010, the Ohio Technical Advisory Committee adopted the standards for the creation of the Ohio DRE program. In October the program standards were approved by the International Association of Chiefs of Police DRE Technical Advisory Panel (TAP).

The Ohio Difference

➤ Partnerships

- 92 law enforcement agencies have a DRE
- Over 200 DRE's statewide
- Extensive e-notification call out system
- Working with private groups that share a common goal of traffic safety

➤ Education and Training

- Investing in DRE Instructors with advanced training
- Using technology and tablets for DRE evaluations
- ARIDE Training (over 8,880 officers trained since 2011)
- Educating Judges and Prosecutors

➤ Technical Advisory Committee / Ohio Traffic Safety Office

- Advisory board to modify DRE State Standards
- Funding

Impact:

- Supporting local law enforcement agencies with local training and DRE post arrest services.
- Expert reports to support successful prosecution
- Advancing the future of impaired driving enforcement and chemical testing
- Purpose driven enforcement

Questions:

