



Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Training Announcement



2018 Spring DRE School Announcement

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), through a federal SPF PFS II grant is providing funding for a 2018 Spring Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training program. The funding is being offered exclusively to the following select counties in Wisconsin (**Ashland, Dane, Douglas, Columbia, Eau Claire, Forest, Florence, Kenosha, Marinette, Menominee, Milwaukee, Oneida, Rock, & Vilas**). This grant allows Law Enforcement officers the opportunity to receive training to be certified as Drug Recognition Experts. This program trains officers to recognize the signs and symptoms of impairment from the seven categories of drugs by utilizing a twelve-step evaluation process. The training provides instruction in psychophysical testing, clinical indicators, and pupil size/reaction to drug use, pulse rate, blood pressure, body temperature and the pharmacology of drugs/use.

The Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program has received national acclaim for its success in identifying the drug-impaired driver. Officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders, and the training is an extremely valuable tool in combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol-impaired driving in our communities.

The DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed. The following summarizes each phase:

ACADEMIC TRAINING: This phase is typically conducted over nine days (72 hours). It includes courses in physiology, vital signs, standardized field sobriety testing (SFST), and extensive information on each of the seven categories of the drugs of abuse. The training includes three written examinations, an SFST proficiency examination and five written quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations, and must demonstrate proficiency in administering the SFST in order to progress to the certification phase.

FIELD CERTIFICATION PHASE: After successfully completing and immediately following the academic portion, the students must complete the certification phase. These requirements include conducting a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor; identifying subjects under the influence of four of the seven drug categories; and attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log and submit a curriculum vitae (resume). Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log (biannually), an updated CV, and attend eight hours of approved recertification training (annually).

Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Training Announcement

To be considered for the DRE School, the applicant must meet the following criteria prior to the start of the training:

- Must have a minimum of two years of law enforcement service
- Must be off probation with your agency
- Must be working in patrol with your agency
- Must be SFST trained and proficient in its use
- Must have a reasonable background and experience level in making DWI arrests.
- Must have an endorsement/recommendation from your local prosecutor.
- Must submit a minimum of two actual DWI arrest reports for review.
- Must have successfully completed the Drugs That Impair Driving (8 Hr. Drug Block) course and/or the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course, prior to the start of class.

The DRE training will be an accelerated training program. The program is scheduled for a total of 19 days/evenings of training in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The DRE candidate must be proficient in administering the SFST's and have strong history of traffic enforcement with an emphasis on impaired driving and experience in court testimony.

Wisconsin will be using an accelerated approach for both the daytime ACADEMIC TRAINING phase and the day and evening FIELD CERTIFICATION PHASE of the training. This will be accomplished by utilizing nine days and/or nights for each phase, and one additional day for the comprehensive final knowledge exam in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Milwaukee is a well-established DRE region. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Training Academy, and the Milwaukee Police Department have graciously allowed us the use of their facilities to expedite this training. Their facilities have proven to be highly successful in accomplishing these phases of training in the past. We anticipate a substantial reduction in manpower hours and cost saving factors with this approach.

For more information about the DEC Program, go to: (<http://dec.org/>)

Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Training Announcement

DRE School training dates & times:

April 10 th & 11 th :	DRE Pre-School (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Training Center 9225 S. 68 th St. Franklin, Wisconsin.
April 12 th & 13 th :	DRE 7-Day School (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Training Center 9225 S. 68 th St. Franklin, Wisconsin.
April 16 th through 20 th :	DRE 7-Day School (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Training Center 9225 S. 68 th St. Franklin, Wisconsin.
April 25 th through 29 th :	DRE School Field Certifications (7:00 PM to 3:00 AM) Milwaukee Police Department Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) Precinct 4715 W. Vliet St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
May 7 th through 11 th :	DRE School Field Certifications (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) Milwaukee Police Department Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) Precinct 4715 W. Vliet St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

***Note:** The Final Knowledge Exam will be administered May 9th: at MCSO Academy (8:00 AM to Completion)

For those who must travel 2-hours or less, check-In to the hotel will be the first day of each training session after 3pm with checkout before noon the last day of each session. For those who must travel more than 2-hours, check-In to the hotel will be the day before the first day of each training session after 3pm with checkout before noon the last day of each session.

Upon successful completion of the DRE Program, the agency must have a department email address and Internet access available for the DRE. The DRE will be responsible to enter drug evaluations into the national DRE web site database. (<https://dredata.nhtsa.gov>).

DHS will cover the costs associated with registration, lodging, and equipment issued; DRE kit bag, stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, electronic thermometer, penlight, pupilometer, manuals and books. Officers from the Milwaukee area attending the training will be expected to commute and will not be reimbursed for lodging. Agencies will be responsible for providing/issuing an acceptable Preliminary Breath Tester (PBT) for use by the DRE student during the Field Certification Phase of the training. Each officer will need a laptop computer (capable of processing Word documents and pdf files) to complete evaluations and narratives during the Field Certification Phase of the training. The hotel provides breakfast daily and an evening food bar three days a week (Tuesday-Thursday). All other meals will be the responsibility of the officer and/or agency. There are full kitchens in each suite and a grocery store a block away from the hotel. Transportation to and from the training is the responsibility of the individual officer/agency. Half of the officers attending will need to provide a squad car for use during the Field Certification Portion of the training. Unmarked squads are preferred, but it must have adequate emergency lighting to conduct a traffic stop if necessary.

Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Training Announcement

It is essential that officers attend all training sessions. This is an accelerated training program. Your prosecutor's office should be contacted, so arrangements can be made for scheduling of court cases. Agency administrators must be aware of the need/support to train additional officers in the eight-hour class, Drugs That Impair Driving or the preferred two-day class, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), to be included in the letter of support from the participating agency. This training supports the DRE program by providing patrol officers an understanding of drug impairment, how to recognize the signs and symptoms, and how and when to request the services of a DRE. Drugs That Impair Driving and ARIDE can be taught as an in-service training session. BOTS will provide instructors and manuals for both the Drugs That Impair Driving and ARIDE training *free of charge* to participating agencies. For more information in regard to setting up classes or training times and dates being offered please contact the WiDOT/BOTS DRE/SFST State Coordinator Steve Krejci.

Qualified officers that are interested in receiving this academically challenging and highly skilled expert training should complete and submit the three-part application packet included or attached with this announcement. Candidate's application packets will be processed as they are received until the deadline date. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance after the DRE Oversight Committee convenes and reviews the application packets, makes their final selections, and submits their recommendations for approval to the State DRE/SFST Coordinator. There will be a maximum of 24 candidates accepted into this class. The application packet will include the following information that is required from each applicant DRE candidate:

- Drug Recognition Expert Officer Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria
- Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Application
- Wisconsin DRE Commitment Pledge

Send Application Packets via email to skrejci911@earthlink.net or traditional mail to: Steve Krejci, DRE/SFST State Coordinator, WiDOT/BOTS, 10300 W. Juniper St, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

Please make sure that you have submitted all required documents no later than February 27th, 2018. Selection of student candidates will be completed on February 28th. If you have questions please call or email: Steve Krejci at Ph.# (414)-550-0979 or skrejci911@earthlink.net