



## Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor Course

### Background:

Colorado'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.

DRE Instructors are tasked with instructing for all Colorado agencies, participating in statewide training events, and maintaining a profound knowledge of DRE protocol and current drug trends. Accomplishing this task requires tremendous support and flexibility from the DRE Instructor's agency.

### Course Description:

This course is a 40-hour classroom course, which is scheduled April 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Westminster Police Department, and includes instruction on:

- Concepts of Adult Learning and Teaching
- DECP Curriculum
- Teaching Preparation Techniques
- Basic Public Speaking
- Effective Classroom Presentations
- Managing a Live Alcohol Workshop

Students will be required to give one 20 minute and one 40-minute presentation during the classroom course. Once the classroom course is finished, the students will be required to teach a two-hour block at a DECP class. This must be completed within 90 days of the completion of the classroom course.

### Pre-requisites:

1. Candidate must have at least two years of experience as a DRE, must be active in the program, and must be in good standing.
2. List two certified DRE Instructors who recommend the candidate for DRE Instructor. Additionally, candidates must submit a copy of their DRE rolling log with all evaluations entered in the National Tracking System, submit a copy of their updated curriculum vitae, and submit all completed application documents to the attention of [Kimberly.Ferber@state.co.us](mailto:Kimberly.Ferber@state.co.us) no later than **Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.



### Fees & Costs:

The DRE Instructor School is free. CDOT will cover the cost of instruction, materials and lodging if you meet the criteria.

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 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 the 2021 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DRE Number: \_\_\_\_\_

POST ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**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? \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Colorado’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).

As a DRE Instructor, your Officer will be tasked with instructing for all Colorado 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 Supervisor’s Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DRE Instructor Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID Precautions**

CDOT in coordination with DRE Instructors will take into consideration governmental and county mandates and protocols, as necessary. Daily health screenings, sanitation stations, and social distancing will be practiced when possible.