

**FLORIDA DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT SCHOOL**  
Applicant Summary

Name:(Last, First)\_\_\_\_\_ Rank:\_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Hire Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

DRE's are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool for combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol impaired driving.

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), as well as extensive material on each of the seven categories of the drugs of abuse. The training includes two written examinations, an SFST proficiency examination and five written quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the two examinations (Pre-School Post Test & DRE School Post Test) and must demonstrate proficiency in administering SFST's in order to progress to the next stage of training. Students who cannot successfully pass this testing cannot continue in the program.

**CERTIFICATION PHASE:** After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within three months following the DRE school. 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 three 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. Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and certifying organization for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DRE's must conduct a minimum of four evaluations within the two years, submit a rolling log and current curriculum vitae, and attend eight hours of recertification training.

**To be considered for DRE training, the applicant must meet the following required criteria:**

- Must have a minimum of three years of service (excluding Reserve time).
- Must be off probation with your agency
- Must be working in patrol with your agency
- Must be SFST trained and proficient
- Must have a reasonable background and experience level of making DUI arrests.
- Must have a written endorsement/recommendation from your local prosecutor
- Must submit a minimum of two actual DUI arrest reports for review
- Must be willing and able to appear before an oral interview board who will assess your background and qualifications
- Must have attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (A.R.I.D.E.) (16 hours)

To assist in the selection of quality personnel for the Florida DRE training, please complete the following information:

Date and type of SFST training (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ 16 hrs \_\_\_\_\_ 24 hrs

Date of A.R.I.D.E. training (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of DUI arrests/ Possession of Controlled Substances in the last year: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Summarize your prior assignments related to, or of interest to, the DRE program:

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Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that may be related to, or may be of interest to, the DRE program (EMT training, college, etc.):

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How do you expect DRE training to benefit you and your Department?

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If there is anything else you think the DRE Unit should know about your interest in the DRE program, use this space:

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List two DREs that recommend you for DRE training:

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\*\*List a local prosecutor that will recommend you for DRE training (with a letter of recommendation attached):

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I have read the requirements of this training program and I recommend this officer for Drug Recognition Expert training.

Supervisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding officer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the completed form and attachments to:

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