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TO: Agency Head or Training Officer
FROM: Robert F. Ryan, D.R.E./S.F.S.T. Programs Project Supervisor
SUBJECT: Drug Recognition Expert – Instructor Development Course
DATE: March 8, 2024

The Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch is hosting the Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.) – Instructor Development Course (I.D.C.) in July 2024.

Location: T.B.D.

Date: July 15 – 19, 2024

Certified D.R.E. Instructors are responsible for observing, evaluating and verifying the performance of Candidate D.R.E.'s and D.R.E.'s by providing periodic update training.

In general, these instructors will be certified D.R.E.'s with experience performing Drug Influence Evaluations and providing Court testimony regarding drug impairment.

This training is provided at no cost to agencies. Lodging will be provided and per diem (meals and mileage) will be reimbursed for anyone whose duty station or residence, whichever is closer, is a minimum 35 miles from the training location.

All training materials and equipment will be provided to each D.R.E. Instructor Candidate at no cost to their agency. Those students who are selected and who successfully complete the classroom portion of the D.R.E. I.D.C. shall then be designated as Candidate Instructors.

Candidate Instructors must then teach a minimum of two (2) hours in the classroom portion of an approved Drug Recognition Expert training program. The Candidate Instructors will be assigned to the September 2024 D.R.E. School.

Candidate Instructors must also supervise the administration of not less than two (2) Drug Influence Evaluations performed by a Candidate D.R.E. during Field Certification Training. Candidate Instructors will be assigned to Field Certification training in November 2024.

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Candidate Instructors will be provided lodging and per diem (meals and mileage) if their duty station or residence, whichever is closer, is a minimum 35 miles from the training location.

Certified D.R.E.'s shall meet the following minimum requirements to attend the D.R.E. I.D.C.:

- 1 Be recommended by at least two (2) North Carolina certified D.R.E. Instructors, one (1) of whom is not from an agency affiliated with the applicant. These recommendations must be in writing and forwarded with the application.
- 2 Submit a copy of their complete and current Rolling Log.
- 3 Have all evaluations and supporting toxicology up to date in the National database.
- 4 Submit three (3) D.R.E. Narratives for review.
- 5 Submit a copy of their complete and current Curriculum Vitae.
- 6 D.R.E. Instructor Applicant's Agency Commitment (Available via Acadis Document Library)

Certified Drug Recognition Experts can apply for the D.R.E. I.D.C. by accessing their North Carolina Justice Training and Certification Portal. Access "Academy Resources" along the left edge of your Acadis Homepage then click on "Webforms".

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Impaired Driving Advisory Committee (I.D.A.C.). All applicants will be advised of I.D.A.C.'s decision.

The application and all required supporting documents must be submitted via Acadis no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday April 30, 2024.

Incomplete applications or those lacking required prerequisite courses or documentation will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robert Ryan at (919) 291-6083 or email at robert.ryan@dhhs.nc.gov.

