

The Mission of the DRE Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police

In 1992, the IACP governing body approved the creation of the IACP Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Section. The primary purpose of this section is to serve as a coordinating body among the various DRE associations or chapters within states, to serve as a resource, and to respond to the views and needs of the membership. Drug recognition, a growing profession in law enforcement, is an effective means of identifying and prosecuting drug-impaired drivers. The DRE Section provides a unique opportunity for professionals already associated with drug recognition to share common management, training, administrative, and practicing concerns. Issues such as the annual DRE training conference; re-certification training; continuing and advanced education; creative teaching techniques for instructors; product evaluations (pen lights, protective gloves, etc.); certification problems and solutions; and the development and sharing of databases are addressed by the DRE Section. DREs, the practitioners of drug influence recognition, and the program coordinators have an ongoing forum for discussion of needs and concerns through membership in the DRE Section.

The DRE Section's official Web site is: <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Section>

Membership is open to members of the IACP who support the mission of DRE training. The yearly section dues are \$25. For more information, contact the IACP.

Past DRE Section Chairs

1994 - 1995 Thomas Page, CA
1995 - 1996 Joe Klima, AZ
1996 -1997 Paul Helzer, CO
1997 - 1998 Doug Paquette, NY
1998 - 1999 Chuck Hayes, OR
1999 - 2000 Doug Thooft, MN
2000 - 2001 William Tower, MD
2001 - 2002 Gary Fief, CA
2002 - 2003 Joseph Turner, IN
2003 – 2004 Dan Webb, TX
2004 – 2005 William Morrison, MD
2005 – 2006 Evan Graham, Canada
2006 - 2007 Darrell Fisher, NE
2007 - 2008 Robert Jenkins, FL

2008 - 2009 Thomas Woodward, MD
2009 - 2010 Timothy Plummer, OR
2010 - 2011 Donald Marose, MN
2011 - 2012 Jim Maisano, OK
2012 - 2013 Joseph Abrusci, NJ
2013 – 2014 Michael Iwai, OR
2014 – 2015 Elizabeth Earleywine, IL
2015 – 2016 Kyle Clark, FL
2016 – 2017 Don Decker, MA
2017 – 2018 Chuck Matson, SD
2018 – 2019 Matt Myers, GA
2019 – 2020 Jim Roy, VT
2020 – 2021 Glen Glaser, CA
2021 – 2022 Paul Batcheller, IA

DRE Ambassador and Emeritus Recognitions

To honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program, the DRE Section bestows three recognitions annually at the Drugs, Driving and Impaired Driving (DAID) training conference. The DRE Ambassador is awarded to an individual who, while never having been certified as a DRE, has made a significant contribution to the DEC Program. The DRE Emeritus is awarded to a formerly certified DRE who has served the purposes of the DEC Program with honor and the highest integrity. This individual is no longer eligible, either through retirement or a job promotion, to maintain active DRE certification. The Karen Tarney-Bookstaff DRE-of-the-Year Award is presented annually to a certified DRE who demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the DEC Program and in deterring impaired driving for that calendar year. Full details regarding these recognitions is available at <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Section>. Individuals honored by the DRE Section for their hard work and dedication through the years include:

DRE Ambassador Recipients

Eugene Adler	Paul Helzer	Robert Pannone, O.D.
Dr. Donald Alves	Karen Herland	Michael Rehberg
Beth Barnes	Kammy Huneke	Bridget Reutter
Dr. Douglas Beirness	Wayne K. Jeffery	David Sandler
Dr. Eugene "Bob" Bertoli	Jennifer Kochanski	Fergus Savage
Marcelline Burns, Ph.D.	Kathy Laetzsch	Karen Sprattler
Karl Citek, O.D., Ph.D., FAAO	Dr. Barry Logan	Ron Skwartz
Carolyn Cockroft	Teri Long	Stephen Talpins
Jim Cox	Dennis Lusk	Dick Tarney
Lorie Dankers	Charlie Marsh	Karen Tarney
Ernest Floegel	Amy Miles	Cliff Vanell
Constantine "Gus" Forkiotis	Edmund "Ted" Minall	Chip Walls
Elaine Hagseth	Richard Nuse	Robert E. Weltzer
Aaron Harder	John F. Oates, Jr.	Zenon Zuk
Edmund Hedge	William O'Leary	

DRE Emeritus Recipients

Vern Alley	Gene Gunter	Mike Pryor
Nicolaas Aussems	Ian Hall	David Radford, Jr.
Kenneth Authier	Robert Halliday	Thomas Reagan
Sam Bejar	Johnnie Harris	David Rencken
Patricia Berry-Russell	Arthur Haversat	Sandra "Sandy" Richardson
Paterson Bjorkland	Edward Hawkins	Dr. Jack Richman
John Blea	Robert Hohn	John Rydel
Hank Boland	Larry Horne	Don Schuck
Jack Brewer	Steven Johnson	B. Wayne Scott
Eddie Buffaloe	William Kaiser	Terry Sills
John Burrigh	Joseph Klein	Robert Smedes
John Butler	Joseph Klima	Charles Smith
Daven Byrd	James Kuznieski	Dr. Richard Smith
Michael Campbell	Baron Laetzsch	Kenneth Snook
Ramsey Lee Campbell	Timothy Lafferty	Robert Sparks
Ken R. Clark	Charles "Doug" Laird	Bruce Stanford
Jeff Collier	Danny Lamm	Richard "Dick" Studdard
Robert M. Crain	Paul Lamb	Robert Targosz
George Crum	Len Leeds	Dr. Forrest Tennant
Felix D'Amico	Joseph Marcantonio	Gary Tetzlaff
Glenn Davis	Stephen McAndrew	Nathan "Nate" Thompson
Milt Dodge	Donald McDonald	Jerry Tidwell
Helen Dunkin	Jerry McFarland	Steve Toland
Toby Dyas	Paul Milne	Timothy Tomczak
John Emrick	James Mock	T. William Tower
David Ennis	Michael Murray	Ed Tuttle
Richard Evans, Jr	James Neeley	Larry Voelker
Darrell Fisher	Bill Niles	Robert Ward
Linda Fisher-Lewis	Frank Novakowski	Claudia Warner
Christine Frank	Jerry Oldsen	Timothy Weaver
Mark George	Thomas Page	Dan Webb
Regina Georgitso	J. Steven Park	Robert Wertman
Emmett Goodson	John Patla	James Williamson
Evan Graham	Frank Pedersen	Steve Willis
Gordon Graham	Craig Porter	Richard Yost
Travis Greenlee	Lowell Porter	Ronald Zuber

Karen Tarney-Bookstaff DRE-of-the-Year Recipients

2008 - Tim Gaffney, Arizona Department of Public Safety

2009 - Travis Herbert, California Highway Patrol

2010 - David Andrascik, Pennsylvania State Police

2011 - Donald Decker, Nahant Police Department, Massachusetts
2012 - Scot Esmay, California Highway Patrol
2013 - Daven Byrd, Arizona Department of Public Safety
2014 - Christopher Glenn, Idaho State Police
2015 - Joseph "Joey" Koher, Huntington Police Department, West Virginia
2016 - Steve Krejci, Milwaukee Police Department, Wisconsin
2017 - Glen Glaser, California Highway Patrol
2018 - Christopher Robbins, Pennsylvania State Police
2019 - Eric Franke, Orange County California Prosecutors Office
2020 - Frank Enko, Baltimore County Police Department, Maryland

DRE Section Membership Information: <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Section>

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