

**INVEST IN YOUR CAREER,
Join the DRE Section**



**DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)
SECTION MEMBERSHIP
Justification Kit**

Invest in Your Career as a Drug Recognition Expert with the IACP

This document is intended to support you in communicating the value of membership in the IACP and the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Section to your supervisor or other decision makers in your agency.

In a recent IACP member survey, we heard that nearly **70% of our members' agencies pay for their annual membership dues**. Helping your supervisor or other agency leader understand the value and significance of the IACP and how it will benefit not only you, but also your organization and community, means they will be more likely to cover the cost of your membership.

Membership in the DRE Section and the IACP will provide you with the tools you (and your agency) need to succeed!

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What is the IACP?

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders. **With more than 30,000 members in 150 countries, the IACP is a recognized leader in global policing.** Since 1893, the association has been speaking out on behalf of law enforcement and advancing leadership and professionalism in policing worldwide.

The IACP is known for its commitment to shaping the future of the police profession. Through timely research, programming, and unparalleled training opportunities, the IACP is preparing current and emerging police leaders to succeed in addressing the most pressing issues, threats, and challenges of the day.

The IACP is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. The IACP is the publisher of *The Police Chief* magazine, the leading periodical for law enforcement executives and host of the IACP Annual Conference, the largest police educational and technology exposition in the world.

What is the DRE Section?



The DRE Section provides a unique opportunity for professionals associated with drug recognition to share common management, training, administrative, and practice concerns. Key elements addressed by the section include:

- Re-certification training
- Continuing and advanced education
- Creative teaching techniques for instructors
- Product evaluations
- Certification problems and solutions
- Development and sharing of databases

DRE Section membership is open to all active and associate members of the IACP who are either current or previously certified DREs; have a professional interest in the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program; or support traffic safety efforts and the goals of the DRE Section.

Isn't the IACP just for chiefs?

No. The IACP is committed to shaping the future of the policing profession. IACP membership is open to law enforcement professionals of all ranks, as well as nonsworn leaders across the criminal justice system.

Benefits of IACP membership

- Network of more than 30,000 members from more than 150 countries worldwide
- Subscription to the Lead, IACP's daily news brief
- Subscription to *Police Chief* magazine
- Access to model policies, training keys, and other member-only resources
- Reduced rates for IACP conferences
- Ability to participate in IACP working groups such as the DRE Section to develop reports, white papers, or infographics to be released to the membership.
- Discounts on electronics, travel, car insurance, and more through the IACPpreferred program

View a full list of member benefits at
www.theIACP.org/membership

“If you want to get involved, being part of the DRE Section is one of best decisions you can make. When you attend the meetings, you get a behind the scenes look at the program including discussions of upcoming Conferences (including discounted registration rates), special access to periodic webinar training, and networking with the top people and colleagues from around the world. You feel like you are truly making a difference, and your voice matters. I would highly recommend joining the section to any DRE who is serious about the program.”

– IACP DRE Section Member

Benefits of DRE Section Membership

As an IACP member, when you join the DRE Section for just \$50 more, you will also receive these great benefits, which include:

- Access to new peer reviewed research, such as scientific studies, that expands the knowledge of the DRE
- Timely access to the most current curriculum updates for the SFST, DRE, and ARIDE schools
- Access to court cases that support the validity of the DRE program when challenged in court
- Reduced rates for the IACP Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving (DAID)
- The DRE online community where fellow DREs share best practices and resources
- Opportunity to engage with state coordinators and the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) at section meetings to help shape enforcement rules for impaired driving

“As a Drug Recognition Expert practitioner and a State DEC Program Coordinator, being an IACP DRE Section member has allowed me to feel a sense of belonging to the broader law enforcement community and how to make the best decisions to assist others in furthering their knowledge and experience in the realm of impaired driving. It has also afforded me the opportunity to network with and learn from impaired driving experts so that I may function as a better leader and follower.”

- IACP DRE Section Member and a State DEC Program Coordinator

Membership Types

ACTIVE MEMBERS \$190 Chiefs and superintendents of police **as well as command-level police officers** in public law enforcement agencies.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Sworn Officers \$75 Sworn, non-command personnel.

General \$190 Those working in or with law enforcement not outlined in another Associate Membership category, including: civilians working in law enforcement, private and corporate security, private detectives, associations and nonprofits, and medical/psychological professionals.

DRE Section Savings!

DRE Section dues are \$50 per year and many DREs qualify for the Associate Membership for \$75 per year. For \$125 dollars, you can join the IACP and the DRE Section and immediately begin receiving the benefits of both. IACP members who are part of the DRE Section can also receive a savings off the regular registration rate to the DAID conference. Your membership will pay for itself when you join the IACP and attend IACP conferences!

For more information on the IACP and the IACP DRE Section, please visit www.theIACP.org. Additional information about the IACP Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) can be found at www.decp.org.

To Join

Visit www.theIACP.org/membership

If you have any questions, contact the membership team at

membership@theIACP.org or 800-THE-IACP

Dear

In order to further my professional development and support in providing the best service to the community, I would like to join the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as a member, as well as join the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Section, and have the agency cover the membership fee. Membership in the IACP will greatly benefit my professional development and allow me to bring my enhanced knowledge and skills to this agency and community.

Benefits of IACP membership include:

- Knowledge needed to be successful in my job through opportunities like the IACP Annual Conference, Technology Conference, and Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving (DAID). All IACP members receive a discount on these training programs and have access to online content year-round.
- A network of more than 30,000 law enforcement leaders worldwide who can help answer the questions we face on a day-to-day basis. As a member, I will also have the opportunity to participate in working groups to bring back best practices and share some of what our agency is doing to address community needs.
- A complimentary subscription to The Lead, IACP's daily news brief; IACP Monthly, a newsletter highlighting new resources and training opportunities; and *Police Chief* magazine, a monthly publication that includes both print magazine and online only content. Other IACP members and subject matter experts author articles that address the critical issues facing the criminal justice field.

In addition, as a member of the DRE Section, I will have access to the DRE online community to network and share best practices, as well as access to peer reviewed research and court cases that will help support my role as a DRE.

These are just some of the benefits that membership in the IACP affords me. These benefits will provide me with increased leadership capacity, enrich my subject matter expertise, and allow me to learn global leading practices while sharing lessons learned from our agency as well. The positive impact far outweighs the reasonable membership fee.

The IACP membership level I would like to apply for is _____ and is \$ _____. This total reflects my IACP and DRE Section memberships.

I believe this will be money well spent with a positive return on investment. Thank you for the consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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IACP Membership Application

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theIACP.org

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Name: _____ (Please Print)
First Middle Initial Last

Title/Rank: _____

Agency/Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip, Country: _____

Residence Address: _____

City, State, Zip, Country: _____

Send mail to my ☐ Business ☐ Residence Address

Business Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Have you previously been a member of IACP? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/Year) ____/____/____ I am a sworn officer. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of sworn officers in your agency (if applicable) _____

Approximate pop. served (if applicable) _____

Education (Highest Degree): _____

Date elected or appointed to present position: _____

Law enforcement experience (with approx. dates): _____

☐ I have a Member Sponsor (not required)—their name is: _____

Amount to be charged _____ (U.S. dollars only – Membership includes subscription to *Police Chief* magazine valued at \$30.)

I have enclosed: ☐ Purchase order ☐ Personal check/money order ☐ Agency check

Charge to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Cardholder's Name: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____ CVV# _____

Cardholder's Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____

By joining the IACP, I have reviewed and agree to the IACP's Privacy Policy which can found at www.theIACP.org/privacy-policy.

All memberships expire December 31 of each calendar year. Applications received after August 1 will expire the following year. Return completed application via mail, fax (703-836-4543) or email (membership@theiacp.org).

Questions? Contact Membership at 800-THE-IACP.

Membership Categories

Information on membership categories, benefits, and eligibility can be found on the IACP web site www.theiacp.org/membership

☐ Active Member \$190
(sworn command level)

Associate Member:

☐ General \$190

☐ Academic \$190

☐ Service Provider \$500

☐ Sworn Officer—Leader of Tomorrow \$75
(sworn non-command level)

☐ Student—Leader of Tomorrow \$30
University name: _____

Optional Section Memberships:

☐ Capitol Police Section \$50

☐ Defense Chiefs of Police Section \$50

☐ Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) \$50

☐ Indian Country Law Enforcement \$50

☐ Intl Managers Police Academy & College Training \$50

☐ Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) \$50

☐ Legal Officers \$50

☐ Mid-Sized Agencies Section \$50

☐ Police Chaplain Section \$50

☐ Police Physicians \$50

☐ Police Psychological Services—initial processing fee \$50

☐ Public Information Officers \$50

☐ Public Transit Police \$50

☐ Railroad Police No Charge

☐ Retired Chiefs of Police \$50

☐ Smaller Department Section \$50

☐ S & P Police Alumni Section No Charge

☐ S & P Police Academy Directors No Charge

☐ S & P Police Planning Officers No Charge

☐ University/College Police—Initial Member \$50

☐ University/College Police—Additional members \$15

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