

## IACP Drug Recognition Expert Section

### DRE Emeritus, DRE Ambassador and DRE-of-the-Year Recognitions

To honor those individuals who have made significant contributions to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP), the IACP Drug Recognition Expert Section bestows three special recognitions annually at the *IACP Annual Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving*. The special recognitions are:

**DRE Emeritus:** Presented to a formerly certified DRE who served the purposes of the DECP with honor and the highest integrity. Recipients are individuals no longer eligible, either through retirement or job promotion or reassignment, to maintain active DRE certification. An individual cannot maintain certification as a DRE and hold the title of DRE Emeritus at the same time. DRE Emeritus status does not confer nor perpetuate DRE certification status.

**DRE Ambassador:** Presented to an individual who, while never having been certified as a DRE, made significant contributions to the IACP DECP and in the efforts to reduce impaired driving.

An individual may be nominated for DRE Emeritus or DRE Ambassador status in one of two ways:

(1) A nomination is submitted by the requesting agency coordinator in writing to the DECP state coordinator. Full contact information for the nominee must also be provided. Upon endorsement by the state coordinator, the nomination shall be forwarded to the IACP DRE Section chair at least 6 months prior to the section's annual meeting.

(2) In those circumstances in which the agency and/or the state has no active coordinator, an individual may apply directly in writing to the chair of the DRE Section for DRE Emeritus or Ambassador status. The chair shall contact the individual's agency coordinator or regional coordinator and the IACP DECP staff for input and advice.

**Karen Tarney-Bookstaff DRE-of-the-Year:** Karen Tarney-Bookstaff and her husband founded CANDID (Citizens Against Drug Impaired Driving), an organization committed to reducing the number of injuries and fatalities due to drivers under the influence of illicit, prescription, or over-the-counter drugs. Karen promoted the DEC Program to officers, prosecutors, and citizens and was instrumental in bringing the DEC program to Wisconsin in 1995.

On August 28, 2006, Karen Tarney-Bookstaff died of a heart attack. To honor her memory, the IACP DRE Section established the Karen Tarney-Bookstaff recognition which is presented annually by the DRE Section of the IACP to a certified DRE who

demonstrated outstanding contributions to the DECP for that calendar year. The qualifying period for the award is January 1 - December 31.

Nominations may be made by any member of the IACP DRE Section. **The deadline for nominations is January 31 of the following year.** The nominations must include the following information:

- Name and full contact information of the nominee.
- Name and full contact information of the nominator.
- A short, (no more than one page) rationale as to the contribution that the individual has made to the DECP.

Granted only by the IACP DRE Section, these special recognitions status should not be construed as an entitlement by either the individual or the DRE Section. Rather, the bestowals are an affirmative acknowledgement of the individual's contributions to the DRE community. The DRE Section encourages agencies to draw upon the experience, expertise and historical knowledge of these recognized persons to further the goals of the DECP.

Nominations forms can be accessed on the DRE Section website at <http://www.theiacp.org/Drug-Recognition-Expert-Section> or by contacting the IACP staff liaison.