



IACP DRE Technical Advisory Panel Meeting

**Friday, September 28, 2012
San Diego, CA**

The annual IACP Technical Advisory Panel meeting was held on Friday, September 28, 2012, at the Omni Hotel in San Diego, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Farrow (chair), Commissioner, California Highway Patrol; Dr. Donald Alves, Maryland State Police; Lieutenant Jonlee Anderle, Laramie, WY, Police Department; Assistant Chief Dan Bower, California Highway Patrol; Dr. Karl Citek, Pacific University College of Optometry, Forest Grove, OR; Don Decker, Nahant, MA, Police Department; Sergeant Evan Graham, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Chief Phil Gulak, NHTSA Enforcement and Justice Services Division; Bob Jacob, Director, Institute of Police Technology and Management; Amy Miles, Chemist, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene; Ken Lebrato, Deputy Prosecutor, Borough of Carteret, New Jersey; Deputy Chief Jim Maisano, Norman, OK, Police Department; T/Sergeant Doug Paquette, New York State Police; Sergeant Jason Primicerio, California Highway Patrol; Joe Turner, Indiana ILEA; Garry Thomas, Director, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office; Dan Zivkovich, IADLEST.

IACP STAFF: Carolyn Cockroft and Chuck Hayes.

GUESTS: Joe Abrusci, 1st Vice Chair, DRE Section; Christopher Andreacola, Tucson, AZ, PD; Director Mike Brown, NHTSA; Daven Byrd, Arizona Highway Patrol; Sergeant Mark Crandall, Washington State Patrol; Jason Germall, Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice; Lieutenant J-P Hannum, California Highway Patrol; Ed Hedge, Connecticut DOT; Sergeant Mike Iwai, Oregon State Police; Kathleen Keller, Morris Davis Co.; Lieutenant Danny Lamm, California Highway Patrol; Sergeant Mireille Moore, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Dan Mulleneaux, Phoenix, AZ, Police Department; Lieutenant Matt Myers, Peachtree, GA, Police Department; Bill O'Leary, NHTSA; Douglas Opferbeck, Phoenix, AZ, Police Department; Major Bill Peters, Mesa, AZ, Police Department; Wil Price, NHTSA; Bridget Reutter, Arizona GOHS; Joanne Thomka, National District Attorney's Association; Sergeant Paul White, Maricopa County, AZ, Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Farrow called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and asked the members and guests to introduce themselves. This was Commissioner Farrow's first TAP meeting as the newly appointed chair, replacing Earl Sweeney who has retired. Chairman Farrow provided a short introduction and also expressed his gratitude to Earl Sweeney for his leadership of the committee. He also reported that he had would have to leave the meeting for approximately three – four hours to attend another meeting scheduled during the TAP meeting. During his absence he would be turning over his duties to Chuck Hayes from IACP until he could rejoin the meeting.

I. IACP Updates:

- Seattle Conference: Carolyn Cockroft provided an overview of 2012 IACP Annual Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving. Approximately 730 persons attended the conference held in Seattle, Washington. The critiques have been processed, and input from the attendees has been very favorable. The conference appears to have been very successful. Carolyn Cockroft recognized the efforts of Washington State Patrol and the conference committee that helped to make the conference a success.

- 2013 Conference: Carolyn reported that the 2013 annual conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 5-7, 2013. The conference agenda is being developed and will be discussed at the DRE Section meeting on September 29th.
- DRE and DRE Instructors: Carolyn reported that IACP has credentialed approximately 1,200 new DREs in 2010 and 2011, along with 137 new DRE instructors. She also reported that IACP records indicate that there are approximately 6,900 DREs nationally, 1,430 of whom are also DRE instructors. She also advised that the 2011 DRE Section Annual Report has been completed and is now available at www.decp.org and www.theiacp.org
- In-Kind Services: Carolyn explained that the IACP In-Kind Services form is needed by the IACP to track time devoted by non-IACP staff when involved in IACP activities, such as the TAP and the DRE Section meetings. Carolyn requested the completed forms be submitted directly to her. Also, Carolyn requested that if any TAP members were doing presentations at conferences or meetings and representing TAP, to please notify her of this prior to the event.
- NHTSA Funding for TAP Meetings: Carolyn reported that NHTSA can no longer provide travel funding assistance for TAP members and that this will be the last meeting that funding assistance will be provided. A discussion followed on possible options for participation in future meetings. Both Chairman Farrow and Mike Brown from NHTSA commented on the travel funds issue. Other options, such as teleconferencing and local state grants funds were discussed.
- DRE Training Update: Chuck Hayes reported that 49 states participate in the DEC Program and discussions are taking place in West Virginia about starting a program there. Chuck also reported that about 64 DRE schools will be completed in 2012, one of the highest numbers for training. In addition, about 300 ARIDE schools will be conducted during the year.
- TAP Handout: Chuck Hayes reminded the attendees that the agenda items will be covered following the TAP handout and that the meeting was being recorded.
- TAP Committees: Chuck also reminded the members of the committee assignments that presently include the following:

Curriculum Committee: Jonlee Anderle, Don Decker, Evan Graham, Chuck Hayes, Jim Maisano and Doug Paquette

Scientific Committee: Don Alves, Karl Citek, Chuck Hayes, Amy Miles, Jarod Primicerio and Joe Turner

Standards Committee: Dan Bower, Ernie Floegel, Bob Jacob, Ken Lebrato, Garry Thomas and Dan Zivkovich

- I. **TAP Meeting Minutes:** The TAP minutes from the Chicago meeting held October 21, 2011, were approved.

- II. **Old Business:**

- **NHTSA Synchronization Project, SFST/ARIDE/DRE.** Bill O'Leary of NHTSA provided an update on the synchronization project that is funded by NHTSA and being completed by the Morris Davis Company. The project is synchronizing the three impaired driving programs (SFST, ARIDE and DRE). DRE is being used as the guide for the other two programs. Kathleen Keller, from Morris Davis was introduced and provided an update on the project and an overview of the major curriculum package revisions. The intent is to have the draft curriculums ready for TAP review in November with input back to the contractor for any necessary corrections or revisions. After that, IACP will identify a DRE school to test the revised curriculum and updated materials. The goal of the project is to make sure there is consistency in the curricula and to improve the training materials.
- **SFST Revisions and Video Updates.** Bill O'Leary updated the members on the progress of the SFST curriculum, which is also going through the synchronization project and will be reviewed by the TAP Curriculum Committee and a possible pilot test. Several of the driving videos have been redone and are going through a review and will be added to the 2013 SFST curriculum package. The current dry-lab videos are not being redone and are not part of the upgrade.
- **NHTSA Assignments in D.C.** Bill O'Leary reported that NHTSA is seeking applicants for two vacant positions within the Enforcement and Justice Services Division.
- **ARIDE Updates, Videos, On-Line Training.** Bill O'Leary reported that the online ARIDE curriculum work is continuing. The online version is being handled by the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) in Oklahoma City and several of the TAP Curriculum Committee members are involved in the curriculum work. The first draft was reviewed by the ARIDE workgroup and pilots are being planned in South Dakota, Minnesota, New Hampshire and New Jersey to test the online version.
- **Sobrietytesting.org / DRE Tracking.** This was moved to later in the agenda to accommodate a report from Wil Price of NHTSA.
- **Instructor Development Training.** Danny Lamm of the California Highway Patrol reported that he has spent the last year in the California Peace Officer Standards and Training Master Instructor Certification Course. His course project included doing a training needs assessment, instructional system design, and a total training package for the DRE Instructor Course. This course is a revision of the 20-year-old DRE instructor curriculum. It includes modern, adult student-centered learning, presentation methodology, incorporation of current instructional technology, and updated relevant content. His course project will be undergoing validation review in October 2012 and he will be making the completed project package available to the TAP in November 2012 for their consideration. (**Action Item**)
- **Accreditation Documents.** This was carried over from the 2011 meeting held in Chicago regarding the time involved in getting new certified DREs credentialed by IACP. Evan Graham reported that the previous issues have since been resolved and is no longer an issue.
- **Standards Revision/Agency Control.** Chuck reported that the Standards Committee was asked to review the current DRE International Standards in Standard 4.1C and make recommendations to the full committee. The revision would give additional authority to the DRE state coordinators to deactivate a DRE with a written request from an agency head. A draft of the revised standard was provided in the TAP packet and read by Chuck to those in

attendance. The revision also added language to the commentary section. *The proposed revision was voted on and approved.*

- **On-Site Testing Devices.** Chuck reported that this was an issue discussed at the 2011 meeting but needed some additional clarification on the use of on-site urine testing devices for evidentiary purposes. The current standards do not allow for such use. Chuck read a revised version of the standards, prepared and recommended by the Scientific Committee and included in the TAP members' packets. After some discussion by several of the committee members and guests, the proposed revision to the standards was voted on and approved. The overall consensus of the members was that the devices should primarily be used for training purposes, but if a state elected to use the devices for evidentiary purposes, the devices would have to be approved within that state. *Proposed revision to the standards was approved.*
- **Recertification Standards for Instructors.** Don Decker read a draft proposal to revise the current International Standards regarding the recertification of DRE instructors. The general consensus was that the recertification requirements for DRE instructors should be higher than they currently are. Don read the proposed revised standard and after some discussion, the members decided that the wording needed to be revised. Don was asked to confer with the Standards Committee during the noon break and bring back the proposed revisions. After the noon break, *the recommended revisions were voted on and approved.*
- **Rebound Dilation/Constricted Pupil Language.** This was first discussed at the 2011 meeting but needed further discussion regarding a suggestion to change the word "constricted" to "smaller" in the definition. Chuck reported that he had consulted with Dr. Citek regarding the proposal and it was generally felt that the word "constricted" is widely used in the medical and optometric profession and such a change in the definition is not recommended. The committee agreed and there was no further discussion on the matter.
- **Training Bulletin on Marijuana.** Ken Lebrato provided an update on this topic, which was discussed at the 2011 meeting. The New Jersey Highway Safety Office is funding the printing of the marijuana impairment training cards; however, due to some outside issues, the printing has been delayed, and it is not known when they will be printed.
- **Physiology and PDR Session.** Chuck reported that a number of DRE School course managers have recommended that the current Physiology and PDR sessions in the DRE curriculum need updating. The Physiology Session is being taught in a number of states by medical personnel and Chuck has requested input from those instructors. In addition, Dr. Alves was asked to review the material for possible recommendations and revisions. That has not been completed yet and is being worked on. In addition, it has been recommended that the PDR information be removed from the PDR and Other Resources session. This matter was referred to Dr. Alves and a recommendation is pending. **(Action Item)**
- **Controlled Environment for DRE Evaluations.** This was a carryover discussion item from the 2011 meeting where the issue was raised about DREs' conducting parts of the DRE evaluation in a non-controlled environment. Chuck reported that TAP was asked to review this and new language was added to the DRE Administrators Guide and to the DRE instructor manual emphasizing that the evaluation be done whenever possible in a controlled environment that is free of distractions.

- **Research Publications.** This was an issue addressed at last year's meeting where the Scientific Committee recommended that a location be determined to store and provide access to research publications and reports related to DRE, drugged driving and SFST. Chuck reported that this has been accomplished and that the National Traffic Law Center is handling this. Joanne Thomka confirmed that they have started this and welcomes other approved research materials. Publications can be accessed on NTLC Web site.
- **Categorization of Spice, K2, Bath Salts and Other Synthetic Drugs.** At last year's TAP meeting the issue of categorizing the new synthetic drugs including Spice, K2 and Bath Salts was discussed. It was decided that both the Scientific and Curriculum Committees review this and make recommendations. Chuck reported that both committees agreed for the time being that the synthetic cannabinoids be placed into the Cannabis category and that the synthetic stimulants which includes the Bath Salts, be placed into the CNS Stimulant category. There was some discussion about the possibility of looking at another category that would include synthetics as these drugs continue to grow and become more prevalent. Chuck reported that some of these drugs are being added to the 2013 DRE curriculum. **(Action Item)**
- **Colorado from Region II to Region I.** Chuck reported that this was approved by the IACP Constitution and Rules Committee and that Colorado is officially in DRE Region I. Colorado requested this change because of their close working relationships with their neighboring states that are within Region I.
- **Resting Nystagmus and Continuing the Exam.** Chuck reported that TAP had been requested to provide direction on whether or not an officer should continue with the HGN examination when resting nystagmus is observed. The training curriculum does not address this and possibly should. Chuck advised that Dr. Citek and Dr. Jack Richman were both consulted on this, and both agreed the test should be continued to confirm or eliminate neurological issues or drugs such as Dissociative Anesthetics (PCP, etc). Chuck advised the Curriculum Committee will review this matter to determine if something can be added to the training curricula to address this. **(Action Item)**
- **SFST Marine Enforcement Study.** Chuck reported the Marine Board had requested that TAP review and endorse the research and sobriety tests used in marine enforcement of BUIs. Each TAP member was provided with an electronic copy of the research document along with the percentage of reliability from the research done by the Southern California Research Institute (SCRI). After some discussion about the research and the actual tests, it was recommended that the state coordinator and Highway Safety Office can use the tests and research if they choose.
- **Remedial Final Knowledge Exam.** Chuck reported that two states (Arkansas and Oklahoma) asked to use a remedial version of the Final Knowledge Exam (FKE) for DRE training, but none existed. Pam Mays from Arkansas agreed to develop a draft version for use in remedial testing. The version was then sent to Jim Maisano in Oklahoma who made some minor revisions. The draft was then sent to the Curriculum Committee who reviewed it and also approved it. The remedial FKE was then added to the www.decp.org and also forwarded to the state coordinators as an option for use.
- **Modified Romberg Balance Test.** This issue was discussed at the 2011 meeting and it was agreed that the test be renamed from "Romberg Balance Test" to "Modified Romberg Balance Test" because it is being compared to the original Dr. Romberg test from the 1800s.

Chuck reported that several court hearings around the country have raised this issue and several defense experts have now written papers recommending that the DRE version be challenged in court. The DRE version of the test is a modified version and does not look for the same indicators as Dr. Romberg's original test. Dr. Jack Richman conducted research on this and also concluded that the DRE version is a modified version and should be addressed in that manner. In an effort to help clarify this, it was recommended that the name be changed by adding the word "Modified". Chuck reported that this change is supposedly included with all of the curricula as part of the synchronization project. Once the draft curriculum is released, the Curriculum Committee will check to ensure the revisions were made. A similar issue was mentioned in a 2011 memorandum from the Kansas DRE state coordinator in which he recommended that the Finger-to-Nose Test also be reviewed to ensure that it is medically defensible if the suspect was being asked to close the eyes during the test. Since no research is readily available on the Finger-to-Nose Test, with or without the eyes closed, and where one or the other might affect the outcome of the test, this will be referred to Dr. Citek and the Scientific Committee for their comments and recommendations. **(Action Item)**

III. NHTSA Research and Updates:

- **Parametric Study.** Bill O'Leary reported that this study has been completed and is under review and the conclusions have not been released yet.
- **Predictive Validity Study:** This study is on-going and the contractors from Canada are working with a number of DEC states trying to collect data from DRE cases where blood was drawn and analyzed. The contractor has about half of the cases they were hoping to collect for the study and is trying to collect more reports.
- **Per Se Drug Driving Laws:** Bill reported that this study has been completed and the results should be published in the near future.
- **Drugged Driving Prosecution Study:** The status of this study is unknown.
- **Virginia Beach Crash Risk Driving Study:** Bill O'Leary reported that the field portion of the study has been completed and now the researchers are analyzing the data. The study looked at approximately 2,500 crashes for comparison purposes. It is not known when the results will be published.
- **DRE National Tracking System:** Wil Price reported on the DRE National Tracking System and some new updates to the system, which will include a new preview page. Also being considered is a new automatic reset feature for resetting the DRE's password, new graphic features, and interactive graphing. NHTSA hopes the new features will be beneficial to the DREs using the system and will encourage more use of the system. Wil reminded the group that they are still offering one-on-one training or webinars to assist with the use of the system. Wil also reported that they are working with Syneren to bring back the officer's name and case numbers for the DRE Rolling Log and hope to have that accomplished in the near future. Wil asked for some input from the group on what else they should be considering. The input included (1) providing time at the annual impaired driving conference about the system, (2) webinars for state coordinators on how to extract data for the annual report, and (3) the value of making the entries using mobile devices or an in-car computer. Wil advised that they would give these suggestions some consideration. Two other features NHTSA is considering is adding check boxes to capture vehicle types and DRE refusals.

- **Carroll County, Maryland DRE Decision:** Mike Brown and Bill O’Leary provided an update on what is transpiring regarding the Carroll County, MD, DRE decision. NHTSA and members from the National Traffic Law Center have a meeting scheduled in October to review the testimony and look into what might be done to try and safeguard future adverse decisions. Mike indicated some lessons can be learned from Carroll County decision, which includes properly preparing the prosecutor and the witnesses. NHTSA is continuing to work with the NTLC and the IACP on the issues that surfaced in Carroll County. The NTLC is also working with the Maryland prosecutors and potential state’s witnesses to keep the focus where it should be and to be better prepared for the issues brought up by the defense. NHTSA and the NTLC are also attempting to identify potential state witnesses and also ensure that the DREs testifying in these hearings are prepared. Discussion followed on some possible upcoming hearings in Maryland and what work is being done to prepare properly the prosecutors and potential witnesses. According to Mike and Bill, the NTLC is preparing for those hearings and are having on-going discussions with the two lead prosecutors in Maryland and have also identified some potential state witnesses should those hearings actually take place.

IV. Old Business From the Floor:

- **Future TAP Meetings and NHTSA Funding.** At the request of Chairman Farrow, Chuck asked for input on the availability of the TAP members to attend the 2013 meeting in Philadelphia, now that NHTSA can no longer fund TAP travel. Mike Brown was asked if he could elaborate more on the funding issue. Mike advised the funding was considered “invitational” and that type is being discontinued throughout the federal government, therefore affecting funding for travel to TAP meetings. Additional funding sources and ideas were discussed, including state grants and funding through the members’ Highway Safety Offices. Garry Thomas, the GHSO representative on TAP, advised that he could possibly assist in this area if needed. In a show of hands, the majority of the TAP members felt confident that they could get local funding for next year’s meeting in Philadelphia. Those that might have difficulty with obtaining local funding for travel included Dr. Don Alves, Doug Paquette and Joe Turner.
- **Electronic Version of DRE Final Knowledge Exam.** Dan Mulleneaux from Arizona reported on an electronic version of the Final Knowledge Exam that he designed and that was tested with the Wyoming DRE students who came to Phoenix to do their field certifications. Both Dan and Jonlee Anderle from Wyoming reported that the electronic version worked well and that any DRE state coordinator interested in using the version may contact Dan directly.
- **Electronic DRE Evaluation Form in New York.** Doug Paquette reported on a DRE evaluation form that can be used on an electronic tablet or device that is being tested in New York. As more use of the version occurs, New York will provide additional information as to its efficiency.
- **National Traffic Law Center.** Joanne Thomka from the NTLC reported that several states and communities are doing some innovative things to combat the sales of synthetic drugs. In Yavapai County in Arizona a temporary injunction was passed to the ban the sales of the substances, and Colorado is considering making the drugs illegal to sell and possess using public health laws. Joanne indicated that more states will be looking at similar ways to make the new synthetic drugs illegal to sell and possess. These are two models that may prove effective.

V. New Business:

- **Canada Field Certification Request.** Evan Graham reported that Canada would like to use a minimum of six live subjects who are impaired by drugs, a maximum of two live subjects who are impaired by alcohol, and a maximum of four evaluations on actors for their field certification training. According to Evan, the actors would be using actual evaluations for their role playing, and video segments would be used for those parts of the evaluation where the actor cannot mimic (nystagmus, pupil size, etc). After much discussion, it was the general consensus that Canada could proceed and do a pilot of this. The pilot would include a comparison of the six live/six video certification evaluations with the current 12 live field certifications determining if any deficiencies resulted or if the quality of the training was affected. This did not require a vote as Canada will not be deviating from the current training procedure and would include the 12 live evaluations plus the six video evaluations to be used for comparison purposes. Canada plans to move forward on this concept and will have a report for TAP prior to next year's meeting in Philadelphia. **(Action Item)**
- **One Leg Stand Instructions.** Chuck reported that one of the DEC states brought up the issue that SFST and DRE instructors were adding instructions to the One-Leg Stand—that if the suspect put a foot down to pick it up and continue counting from the point where the foot touched the ground or floor. Apparently there was some confusion as to whether or not this instruction had been added to the SFST and DRE curricula. Chuck and the Curriculum Committee looked into this and reported that instruction has not been added and was not recommended to be added. It was the consensus of the Curriculum Committee not to add this and to keep it as an instruction note in the instructor manual, recommending that the officer use this instruction only if the suspect touched the ground or floor with the foot during the test.
- **Washington State DRE Validation Study.** Chuck reported a researcher at Washington State University is conducting a DRE validation study using approximately 5,000 actual DRE evaluations from Washington. Chuck asked Sergeant Mark Crandall, the Washington State DRE coordinator to provide additional information on the study, which he did. According to Sergeant Crandall the study should be completed around the end of the year and the researchers are reviewing the DRE face sheets and narratives and comparing the information with the DRE opinions and the toxicology results. It is anticipated that the findings will support the Washington DEC program and could also lend some additional support to the DEC program nationally. It is the intention of the researchers to have the study published in a peer reviewed publication. Sergeant Crandall also reported that Washington will be given an opportunity to review the draft findings and make recommendations or provide input prior to the final release. **(Action Item)**
- **Texas Blood Draws and DRE Evaluations.** Chuck reported that the IACP had received a memorandum from a DRE in Texas requesting that TAP review the International Standards regarding the 12-Step process where a blood alcohol concentration is required in Step 1. The issue stems from the No-Refusal program being used in Texas and some other states that actually eliminate the breath test because alcohol concentration is done using the blood sample obtained from the DUI suspect. According to the Texas DRE, DRE evaluations are not being done on suspected drugged drivers because step #1 is not conducted when a blood sample is obtained. He requested input from TAP on how to proceed with these types of cases that are becoming more prevalent. After some discussion it was agreed that in the DRE 7-day

curriculum the DRE is allowed to deviate from the standard 12-step procedure if circumstances warrant it. Having a suspect refuse the breath test or eliminating alcohol as the source of impairment through a blood test would fall under those types of situations, and the DRE could actually continue with an evaluation when evidence of drug impairment is present. No vote was necessary and Chuck will follow-up with the Texas DRE state coordinator advising of TAP's decision. (Notification was made to Texas by Chuck)

- **DRE-Related Media Contacts.** Chuck reported on the various media inquires coming to the IACP and NHTSA as well as a number of DRE state coordinators regarding DRE. The majority of inquires center on how states conduct their field certification training and also on the value of the DRE training officers are receiving. Chuck stressed the point of making sure that states are conducting their field certifications in a proper and ethical manner. He also stressed that state coordinators should be looking at data and other ways to support their programs while also demonstrating the value of the training in reducing drug related crashes and in increasing drugged driving arrests.
- **Florida Highway Patrol DUI/SFST Training.** Chuck, Bob Jacob and Bill O'Leary reported that TAP had received a request from the Florida Highway Patrol to review their DUI/SFST training they provide at their basic academy. According to Bob, the issue is whether or not their training meets the criteria established by the State of Florida and its training commission. Chuck obtained a copy of the FHP training and their training objectives and forwarded the materials to the TAP Curriculum Committee asking that they review the materials to determine if it does meet the NHTSA/IACP recommended training objectives. Chuck reported that the members agreed that it did. One of the TAP members questioned establishing a process where TAP would be approving or denying state's training, which could result in more of these types of requests. After some discussion it was agreed that TAP can review a state's training and make recommendations without actually voting on or endorsing the training. In the case of the Florida Highway Patrol training, the consensus within TAP was that their training does meet the core training objectives established by NHTSA/IACP. (Note: This information was presented to the Highway Safety Committee at their meeting held the next day, September 30.)

VI. TAP Member Reports

- **Administrator:** Assistant Chief Dan Bower from the California Highway Patrol said he is aware that some law enforcement administrators around the country may not always be supportive of DRE and the training commitments. He said he is willing to be a resource to those administrators who may be questioning the value of the program.
- **Police Training:** Bob Jacob reminded the members that gang activity in the military may become more of a law enforcement issue as the members of the military return to their communities. Numerous states and police training institutions are starting to look at gang-related training in preparation for the possible increase in gang-related activity.
- **State Coordinator:** Jarod Primicerio reported that California is now requiring DREs to complete a written exam and complete the DRE matrix as part of their re-certification training. This is an attempt to keep the DREs up to date with changes in the curriculum, the training, and to remain knowledgeable of the matrix.

- **Region I:** Jonlee Anderle reported on the regional meeting held in Seattle during the annual conference. The meeting afforded the Region I state coordinators an opportunity to share information and also discuss issues that may also effect other neighboring states. Region I is possibly meeting in Oregon in April or May held in conjunction with Oregon's annual DRE in-service.
- **Region II:** Joe Turner reported that several of the states within Region II are providing instructors and/or course managers for training in neighboring states. This has worked well in the new DEC states and also in states trying to build upon their programs.
- **Region III:** No report was provided as Don Decker had to leave the meeting early and was not available.
- **Region IV:** Jim Maisano reported on the activities and planning in Oklahoma as they prepare for the 2013 annual conference. In addition, he mentioned the Texas Drug Impairment Training for Texas Employers (DITTE) that is very popular and in demand in Texas. The training is similar to DITEP and ARIDE but is focused on dealing with drug abuse in the workplace. Anyone interested in learning more about the training were directed to contact Cecilia Marquart, the Texas DRE state coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2013, in Philadelphia, PA.

Submitted by Chuck Hayes

11/19/12