

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program



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DEC Programs

➤ **SFST School (16-24 hours)**

➤ **ARIDE (16 hours)**

➤ **DITEP (8-16 hours)**

➤ **DRE (102 hours)**



DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Drug Recognition Expert Prerequisites

- **SFST Class (16-24 Hours)**

- **Proficiency**

- **ARIDE (16 Hours)**

- **SFST Proficiency**

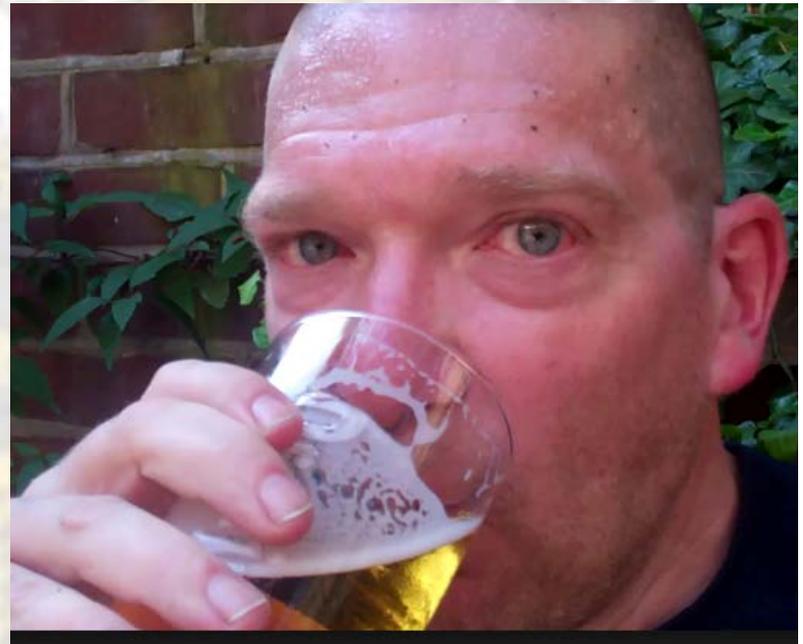
- **7 Drug Categories**



Phase I (DRE Pre-School)

24 hours classroom

- **Psychophysical Tests**
- **Eye Exams**
- **Alcohol as a Drug**
- **Live Alcohol Workshop**
 - **SFST Proficiency**
 - **Written Exam**



Phase II – DRE School

56 hours classroom

- **7 Drug Categories / Signs and Symptoms**
- **Physiology**
- **12 Step Evaluation Process**
- **Vital Signs**
- **Drug Combinations**
- **5 quizzes, mid term, final exam**



Standardized DRE 12 Step Process

- 1. Breath Test**
- 2. Interview of A/O**
- 3. Preliminary Exam (1st Pulse)**
- 4. Eye Examinations**
 - equal tracking
 - HGN/VGN and LOC
- 5. Psychophysical Tests**
- 6. Vital Signs (2nd Pulse)**
- 7. Dark Room**
 - room light, near-total darkness and direct light
- 8. Muscle Tone**
- 9. Injection Sites (3rd Pulse)**
- 10. Interview of subject**
- 11. Opinion of DRE**
- 12. Toxicological Examination**

7 Drug Categories

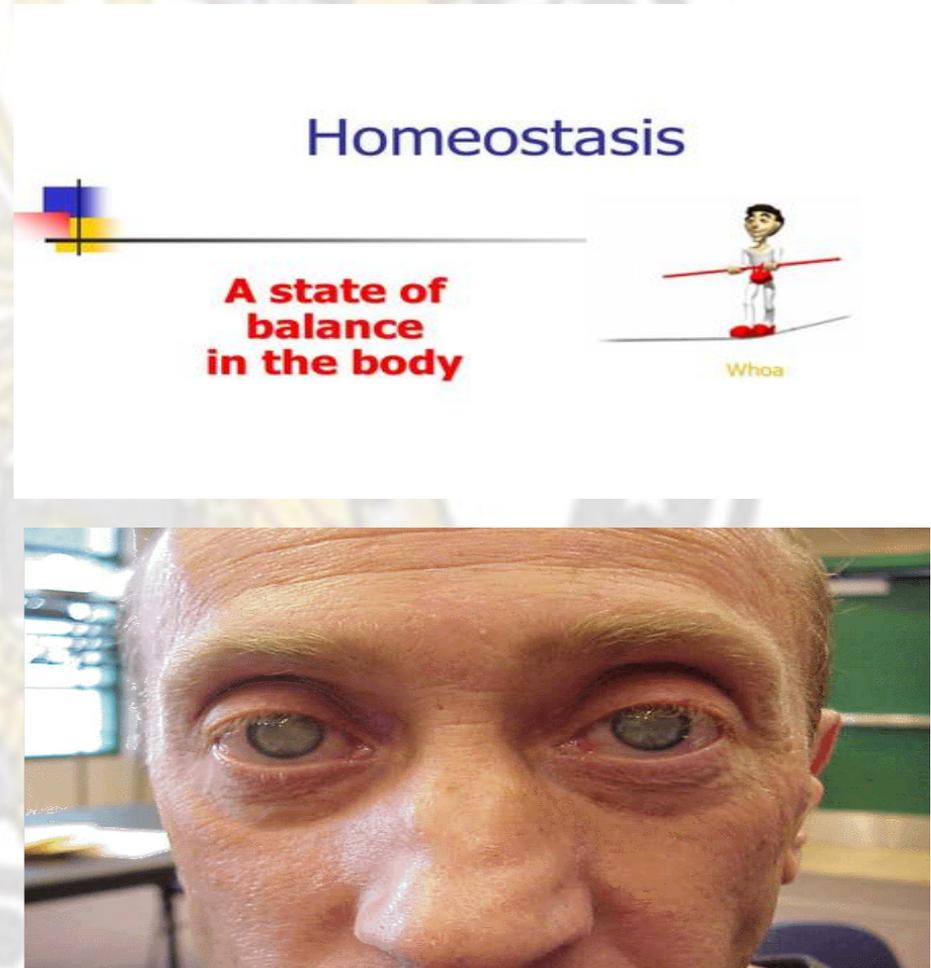
- **Cannabis**
- **CNS Stimulants**
- **CNS Depressants**
- **Hallucinogens**
- **Dissociative Anesthetics**
- **Narcotic Analgesics**
- **Inhalants**



Other Learning Domains

Terms:

- Homeostasis
- Downside effects
- Metabolism
- Tolerance
- On the Nod
- Addiction
- Dilated pupils
- Constricted pupils



Field Certifications

32 hours

- **12 Hands on Drug Evaluations Exams**
- **9 Must be supported by toxicology**
- **3 Categories must be identified**
- **Within 90 days of DRE classroom**
- **Comprehensive knowledge exam**

Re-Certifications

Bi-annually

- **8 hours of classroom training**
- **Updating of Curriculum Vitae**
- **4 Hands on Drug Evaluations Exams**
 - **1 Must be in front of DRE Instructor**
 - **Supported by toxicology**

California's Drug Recognition Expert Program

➤ **Total number of DEC Classes held:**

Since passage of Prop 64

➤ **SFST Trained Personnel:** 1,759

96 classes

➤ **ARIDE Trained Personnel:** 5,882

133 classes

➤ **DRE's Trained Personnel:** 535

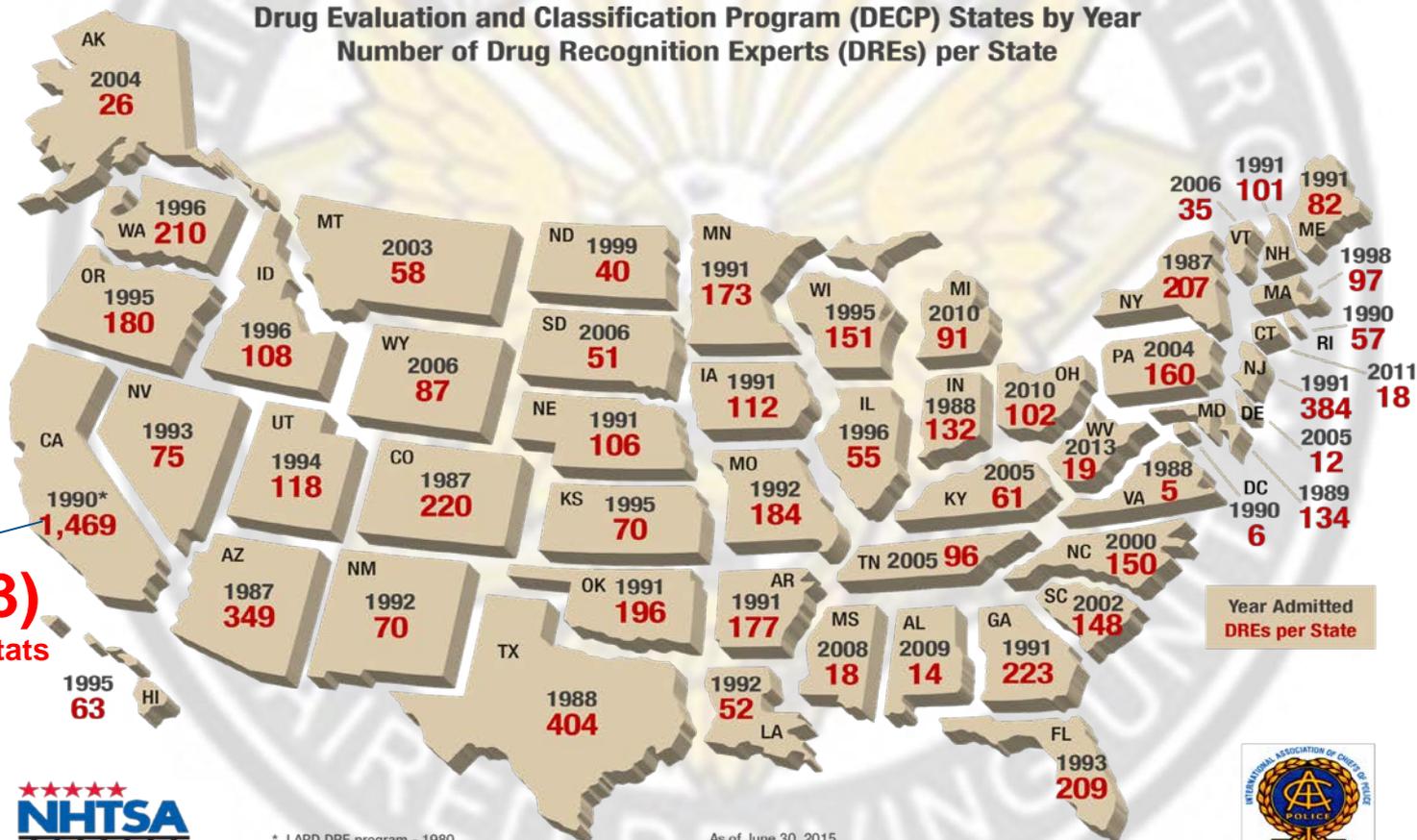
18 classes

California's Drug Recognition Expert Program

- **Total Number of DREs 2014:** 1215
- **Total Number of DREs 2015:** 1469
- **Total Number of DREs 2016:** 1654
- **Total Number of DREs 2017:** 1743

California's Drug Recognition Expert Program

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) States by Year
Number of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) per State



(1,743)
California stats
as of
01/2018



* LAPD DRE program - 1980

As of June 30, 2015

