

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program for North Dakota

- How the DRE Program got started
 - The establishment of the DRE Program in ND
 - Types of training being offered in ND to increase Drug Impaired Driver awareness
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Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

- ▶ DRE– Drug Recognition Expert?
- ▶ A police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.

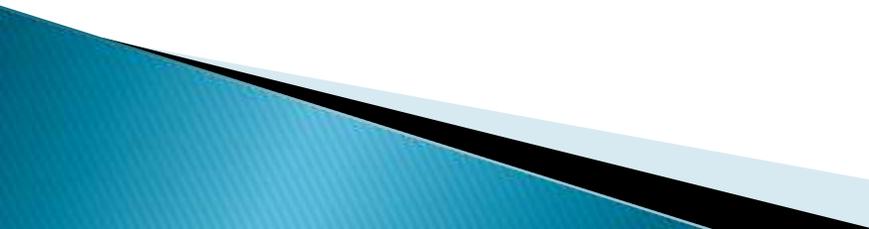
Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

- What is a Drug?

Drug Evaluation and Classification Program

- ▶ L.A.P.D.– first DRE Program in the early 1970's and completed in 1979
 - ▶ 2 Stages of Validation– Laboratory Validation Study By Johns Hopkins University/ Field Validation Study by LAPD
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Laboratory Study Results

- ▶ DRE Officers correctly identified 95% of drug free subjects as “unimpaired.”
 - ▶ DRE Officers classified 98.7% of high dose subjects as “impaired.”
 - ▶ Correctly identified the category of drugs for 91.7% of high dose subjects
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Los Angeles Field Validation Study

- ▶ Blood tests confirmed the presence of at least one “predicted ”category of drugs for more than 90% of the suspects

DEC (DRE) Program Today

- ▶ In the early 1980's the DRE Program sparked the interest of NHTSA
 - ▶ In 1987 NHTSA initiated pilot programs in AZ, CO, NY, VA
 - ▶ Currently 46 States including the District of Columbia
 - ▶ Canada and the United Kingdom
 - ▶ 3 branches of the US Military, and the I.R.S.
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The DEC/DRE Program Today

- ▶ How are the SFST's used to detect drug impaired drivers?

ND DRE Program

- Came on board in 1999 with 4 DRE's in Fargo

 - We now have 36 in ND.
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ND DRE Program

- ▶ Fargo PD-9 (15)
- ▶ Bismarck PD-6 (23)
- ▶ Grand Forks PD-4 (15)
- ▶ West Fargo PD-3 (0)
- ▶ ND Highway Patrol-4 (15)
- ▶ Devils Lake PD-2 (15)
- ▶ Dickinson PD-1 (8)
- ▶ Minot PD-1 (5)
- ▶ Grafton PD-1 (2)
- ▶ Wahpeton PD-1 (1)
- ▶ Grand Forks County SO-1 (2)
- ▶ Sargent County SO-1 (0)
- ▶ Sheridan County SO-1 (0)
- ▶ Morton County SO-1 (0)

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ND DRE Program

- ▶ 2009 Totals– 36 Evaluations
 - ▶ 2010 Totals– 140 Evaluations
 - ▶ Opinions supported by Toxicology– 90%
 - ▶ ND Polydrug use 37%
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ND DRE Program

- ▶ Stimulants– 35
 - ▶ Depressants– 49
 - ▶ Hallucinogens– 1
 - ▶ Dissociative Anesthetics (PCP)–1
 - ▶ Narcotic Analgesics– 38
 - ▶ Inhalants– 2
 - ▶ Cannabis– 56
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ND Training

- ▶ Drugged Driving– Last 4 Hours of SFST
 - ▶ Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (A.R.I.D.E.)– 16Hrs
 - ▶ DRE School–120Hrs
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Questions????

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