

# DRE Program

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# Brief History Of DRE

- Los Angeles Police Department Early 1970s
- Officially Recognized by LAPD in 1979
- 1987-1988 Arizona, Colorado, New York, Virginia, Utah, California, Indiana
- 1989 Expanded Across the Country
- Currently 44 States have DRE Programs
- Program has Spread Worldwide

# Montana DRE Program

- Began in Missoula 2002
- 2006
  - Montana Highway Patrol
  - Kalispell Police Department
  - Whitefish Police Department
  - Helena Police Department
- Currently 25 Certified DREs in Montana
  - 8 Agencies Active in DRE

# Training

- 80 Hours Classroom
  - SFST Proficiencies
  - Physiology and Drugs
  - Drug Categories
  - Examination Of Vital Signs
  - 12 Step Process
- 12 Field Certifications
  - Subjects Under the Influence
  - 80% Proficiency Required

# Certifications

- Final Knowledge Examination
  - Cumulative Test
  - 4-8 Hours to Complete
- 8 Hours Annual DRE Related Training
- 4 Confirmed Evaluations Every 2 Years
  - Must Be Supported By Toxicology
- Must Maintain 80% Proficiency Rate
- Recertify Every 2 Years

# Drug Categories

- Central Nervous System Depressants
- Central Nervous System Stimulants
- Hallucinogens
- Dissociative Anesthetics
- Narcotic Analgesics
- Inhalants
- Cannabis

# Where DREs Are Useful

- DUI Enforcement
- Crash Investigation
- Probation and Parole
- Workplace Drug Use
- Criminal Investigations

# Where We Want To Go

- ARIDE
  - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- Expand Program Statewide
- Train 40 New DREs Over Next 2 Years
- Get DRE Response Time Down to 1 hour
- Law Enforcement Phlebotomists
- Reduction in Drug Related Traffic Incidents



# Hurdles We Face

- Cost Associated With Training
  - \$3000-\$6000 Per Officer
  - Officers Must Travel Out Of State For Field Certifications
  - Continued Training
- Immense Geographical Area
- DUI Laws
  - Implied Consent
  - Blood Draws
- Public Perception