

Procedure

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Eugene Police Department



Drug Recognition Expert or DRE Officers

9.6.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

PART I - Responsibilities and Procedures for All Personnel

- A. Specialized Training
- B. Utilization by other agencies

9.6.2 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL PERSONNEL

- a. Specialized training
 - 1. Drug recognition expert (DRE) officers have received extensive training to be able to determine the extent to which a person is under the influence of intoxicants other than (or in addition to) alcohol. Their expertise can be utilized in DUII investigations, accident investigations, and criminal investigations where the amount of and type of influence is a factor.
 - 2. Part of their responsibility due to having received this specialized training is to assist other area agencies consistent with our operational needs.
- b. Utilization by other agencies

The following guidelines will be followed when assistance of one of our DRE officers is requested by another agency:

- 1. A DRE officer can assist an officer of another agency in making a decision as to whether to arrest a person for DUII; however, the ultimate decision to arrest rests with the agency requesting the assistance of the DRE officer. An officer of the requesting agency must have already placed the driver under arrest for DUII before a formal drug evaluation will be done.
- 2. The investigating officer must have received an Intoxilyzer reading inconsistent with the level of influence (i.e., a reading too low), or have a refusal to take a breath test coupled with some indication that the person may be at least partially under the influence of drugs.

3. We will normally meet the requesting officer at our Intoxilyzer room, or at another facility (e.g., jail, their department) to conduct the DRE evaluation. The formal evaluation cannot be conducted in the field.