DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT REQUEST



If a subject provides a breath sample below the illegal limit (0.08) and the impairment is not explained by the BrAC, then a DRE should be requested.

Additionally, if the impairment observed is not consistent with the alcohol concentration, even if it is above 0.08, a DRE evaluation is well advised to determine drug impairment or a medical issue mimicking impairment.

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is a law enforcement officer who has advanced training in recognizing impairment in drivers who are under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.

The DRE will determine if there is sufficient need to conduct a drug influence evaluation. These evaluations are post-arrest and are not conducted on the roadside.

If you would like to request a DRE respond to conduct a drug influence evaluation, please be prepared to relay the following information to the receiving telecommunicator:

- Requesting Law Enforcement Officer's Name
- Requesting Law Enforcement Officer's Agency
- Requesting Law Enforcement Officer's telephone number
 Should be a direct number where requesting LEO can be contacted
- Location that the DRE is requested to respond

To request a DRE make contact with NCWRC telecommunications:

DCI Contact-

ORI- NCWLF0000 TID- WIA or WIA1

TELEPHONE-

(919)707-0070 (919)707-0077 (919)707-0044

