

OREGON DRUG EVALUATION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM



ANNUAL REPORT:
A Review of the Year's Events, Goals,
and Accomplishments

2008 Overview

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The information contained in this 2008 annual report is a summary of the yearly accomplishments by the men and women trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in Oregon. The information and data was compiled using DRE reports generated from Oregon DRE officers.

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MISSION

The mission of the Oregon DEC Program is to reduce the number of drug and alcohol-related crashes and incidents by improving law enforcement detection skills in identifying persons under the influence of drugs, alcohol, and other psychoactive substances.

DEC PROGRAM PERSONNEL

The Oregon DEC Program is managed and coordinated by the Oregon State Police and has been since the inception of the program in 1995. Currently there are 43 states, the District of Columbia, three branches of the military, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and several countries around the world participating in the DEC Program. The DEC Program is under the national guidance and direction of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Oregon DEC Program works successfully with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Transportation Safety Division, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), the Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA), the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and the Oregon State Police.

The following officers and their agencies represent the Oregon complement of Drug Recognition Experts through December 31, 2008.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Chief Justin Jones, Adair Village PD
Lieutenant Dale Jorgensen, Lake Oswego PD
Sergeant William Caldera, Pendleton PD
Sergeant Douglas Carpenter, Scappoose PD
Sergeant Loren Dieter, Boardman PD
Sergeant Greg Lemhouse, Medford PD
Sergeant David LeDay, Keizer PD
Sergeant Jason Malloy, Newport PD
Sergeant Russ Morris, Salem PD
Sergeant Tim Weaver, Newberg-Dundee PD
Sergeant Curtis Whipple, Medford PD
Corporal Dean Finnerty, Cottage Grove PD
Corporal Rich Hopkins, Sutherlin PD
Detective Rodney Bamford, Keizer PD
Detective Clint Burleigh, Bend PD
Detective Kari Christensen, Hillsboro PD
Detective Anthony Frasier, Hood River PD
Detective Mike Herb, Forest Grove PD
Detective Archie Lidey, Grants Pass PD
Detective Nicholas Parker, Bend PD
Detective Ronald Parker, Albany PD
Officer Trevor Arnold, Medford PD
Officer Alex Asay, Salem PD
Officer Kalin Ayhan, Bend PD
Officer Pamela Bailey, Troutdale PD
Officer Greg Bakken, Ontario PD
Officer Donald Ballou, Nyssa PD
Officer Jon Bohanan, North Bend PD
Officer Mathew Bohman, Springfield PD
Officer Larry Buckingham, Grants Pass PD
Officer Jason Buelt, Beaverton PD
Officer Dennis Burge, Grants Pass PD
Officer Scott Burke, Beaverton PD
Officer Charles Byram, Pendleton PD
Officer Julian Carroll, Portland PB
Officer Curtis Chambers, Redmond PD
Officer Wayne Chastain, Baker City PD
Officer Larry Crompton, Eugene PD
Officer Todd Crouse, Roseburg PD
Officer Ryan Cummings, Sweet Home PD
Officer Bryan Dalton, Beaverton PD
Officer Jeff DeBolt, Beaverton PD
Officer Garrett Dow, Portland PB

Officer Jeffrey Durbin, Gresham PD
Officer Oscar Escalante, Lincoln City PD
Officer Brian Frazzini, Salem PD
Officer Jonithan Funkhouser, Lake Oswego PD
Officer Steve Furst, Medford PD
Officer Brian Goss, Florence PD
Officer Starla Green, Warm Springs PD
Officer Victor Gutierrez, Hermiston PD
Officer Neil Halttunen, Springfield PD
Officer Robert Harley, Gresham PD
Officer Chris Harrison, Eugene PD
Officer Michael Hawkins, Klamath Falls PD
Officer Robert Hayes, Albany PD
Officer Kasey Hughes, Sunriver PD
Officer Darke Hull, Portland PB
Officer William Johnson, Portland PB
Officer William Jons, Hermiston PD
Officer Gregory Kantola, Corvallis PD
Officer Matt Kingsbury, Beaverton PD
Officer Joshua Ladd, Portland PB
Officer Donald Lane, Medford PD
Officer John Lawrence, Bend PD
Officer Mark Linville, Bend PD
Officer Steve MacLennan, Ashland PD
Officer Tim McCall, Corvallis PD
Officer Jed McGuire, Eugene PD
Officer Brad McMurrian, Redmond PD
Officer Chris McNeary, Astoria PD
Officer Wesley Montgomery, Gladstone PD
Officer Shawn Morgan, Florence PD
Officer Michael Nork, Klamath Falls PD
Officer Jay Pinkerton, Salem PD
Officer Richard Rayniak, Sherwood PD
Officer Joshua Roberts, Hermiston PD
Officer Oddis Rollins, Tigard PD
Officer Jeff Rose, Monmouth PD
Officer Ralph Sartain, Medford PD
Officer Brent Schneider, Tualatin PD
Officer Nathan Scott, Portland PB
Officer Heather Shaw, Portland PB
Officer Robert Short, Port of Portland PD
Officer Brian Slotte, Astoria PD
Officer Justin Smith, St. Helens PD

Officer Mark Smith, Gresham PD
Officer Rogers Smith, Salem PD
Officer James Sorensen, Portland PB
Officer Rick Spence, Ashland PD
Officer Brian Tarvin, Umatilla PD
Officer Michelle Tauscher, Hillsboro PD

Officer KT Taylor, Sandy PD
Officer Theodore VanBeek, Gresham PD
Officer Kurt Van Meter, Hillsboro PD
Officer Scott Warren, Beaverton PD
Officer Kevin Webb, Lake Oswego PD
Officer Jennifer Williams, Albany PD

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Lieutenant Paul Steigleder, Clackamas Co. SO
Sergeant Travis Ash, Baker Co. SO
Sergeant Timothy Tannenbaum, Wash. Co. SO
Deputy Toby Bottorff, Benton Co. SO
Deputy David Boys, Lincoln Co. SO
Deputy Michael Burke, Josephine Co. So
Deputy Ryan Clarke, Marion Co. SO
Deputy Lance Cummings, Lincoln Co. SO
Deputy Thomas Duenas, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Andrew Franklin, Linn Co. SO
Deputy Richard Geist, Yamhill Co. SO
Deputy Ryan Groom, Jackson Co. SO
Deputy Matt Harikian, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Aaron Hoberg, Lane Co. SO
Deputy Ethan House, Douglas Co. SO
Deputy Kristin Knutson, Marion Co. SO
Deputy Shon Latty, Polk Co. SO

Deputy Brian Lister, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Craig Lyman, Linn Co. SO
Deputy Rod McAllister, Curry Co. SO
Deputy Brian McLeod, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Marcus Mendoza, Deschutes Co. SO
Deputy Tim Miller, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Dustin Newman, Polk Co. SO
Deputy Russ Olson, Lane Co. SO
Deputy Ryan Postlewait, Marion Co. SO
Deputy Jason Ritter, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Clayton Ruble, Douglas Co. SO
Deputy Nathan Sickler, Jackson Co. SO
Deputy Marc Smith, Hood River Co. SO
Deputy Stephen Steinberg, Clackamas Co. SO
Deputy Eric Stoneberg, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Joshua Wilson, Washington Co. SO
Deputy Jeremiah Worledge, Tillamook Co. SO
Detective Carl Wilkerson, Lane Co. SO

OREGON STATE POLICE

Sergeant Mark Duncan, SP Ontario
Sergeant Andrew Merila, SP Astoria
Sergeant Julie Wilcox, SP The Dalles
Detective Cari Boyd, SP Newport
Detective Elijah Chambers, SP Springfield
Sr. Trooper Anthony Atkins, SP Hermiston
Sr. Trooper Daniel DeHaven, SP The Dalles
Sr. Trooper Michael Iwai, SP Salem
Sr. Trooper Robin May, SP St. Helens
Sr. Trooper Dave Peterson, SP McMinnville
Sr. Trooper James Pierce, SP Astoria
Sr. Trooper Timothy Plummer, SP Salem
Sr. Trooper Yvette Shephard, SP Portland
Sr. Trooper Kenneth Snook, SP Grants Pass
Sr. Trooper Jeff Spencer, SP Baker City
Sr. Trooper Steve Webster, SP Salem

Trooper Carlos Barrientos, SP Albany
Trooper David Chambers, SP Klamath Falls
Trooper David Corkett, SP Astoria
Trooper James Duncan, SP Tualatin
Trooper Freddie Dunlap, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Jo Gardiner, SP Coos Bay
Trooper Jeremy Gunter, SP Milton-Freewater
Trooper Cliff Hargis, SP Lakeview
Trooper Jeromy Hasenkamp, SP St. Helens
Trooper Steve Hinkle, SP Salem
Trooper Chris Holsworth, SP Grants Pass
Trooper Aaron Jackson, SP Portland
Trooper Alan Johnson, SP Burns
Trooper Tyler Lee, SP Central Point
Trooper Javier Marquez, SP Ontario
Trooper Ryan Mills, SP Ontario

Trooper Ryan Morehead, SP La Grande
Trooper Randy Ogle, SP McMinnville
Trooper Gregory Plummer, SP Newport
Trooper Evan Sether, SP Springfield
Trooper Jeffery Smith, SP Coos Bay

Trooper Erich Timko, SP John Day
Trooper Greg Walker, SP Ontario
Trooper David Wehner, SP Gold Beach
Trooper Joshua Young, SP Coos Bay

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UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE-GRANTS PASS

Officer Sean Thomas

In 2008, Oregon had 178 Drug Recognition Experts. Of that 31 were DRE Instructors. There were 68 law enforcement agencies participating in the Drug Evaluation Classification Program.



INTRODUCTION

“The Drug Evaluation Classification Program and the Drugged Driving Problem”

Driving after alcohol and drug use is a major factor in motor vehicle deaths and injuries and continues to be a problem plaguing modern society. The Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program remains one of the most effective tools available to law enforcement for detecting, apprehending, and adjudicating drug impaired drivers. In 2007, the DEC Program provided police officers with the knowledge, training, and confidence to recognize drivers impaired by drugs and to take appropriate action.

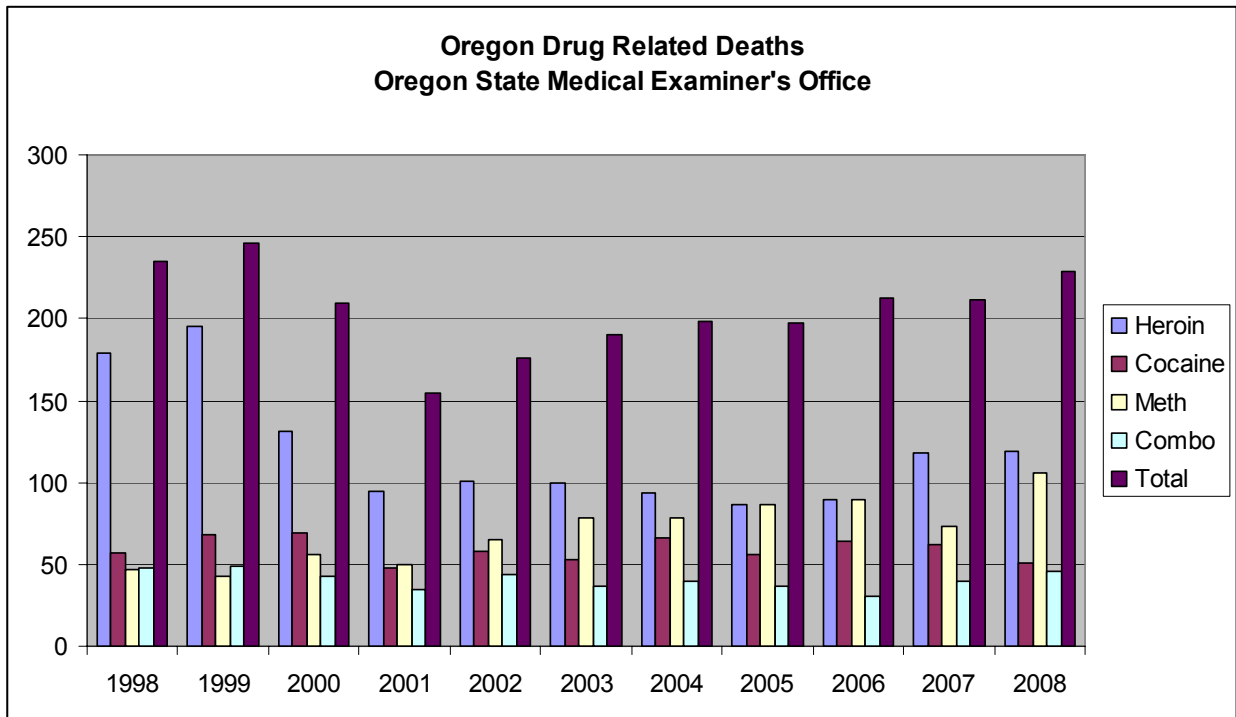
The results of the 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) shows that there were 9.9 million persons aged 12 or older who reported driving under the influence of an illicit drug during the past year. The rate was highest among young adults aged 18 to 25 (12.5%). In 2007, an estimated 12.7% of persons aged 12 or older drove under the influence of alcohol at least once in the past year. An estimated 7.8% were 16 or 17 year olds, 18.3% were 18 to 20 year olds, and 25.8% were 21 to 25 year olds. Among persons aged 12 or older, males were nearly twice as likely as females (16.6 vs. 9.0 percent) to drive under the influence of alcohol in the past year.¹

According to the 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 19.9 million Americans aged 12 or older were current (past month) illicit drug users (8.0%). This overall rate was similar to the rate in 2006 (8.3%), and has remained stable since 2002 (8.3%). Marijuana was the most commonly used illicit drug (14.4 million past month users). In 2007, it was used by 72.8% of current illicit drug users. An estimated 53.3% of current illicit drug users used only marijuana, 19.4% used marijuana and another illicit drug, and the remaining 27.2% used only an illicit drug other than marijuana in the past month.¹

Statistics released by the Oregon State Medical Examiner indicate 229 people died in Oregon last year from the use of Heroin, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, or a combination of those drugs. Last year's number was an 8 percent increase over 2007 when there were 212 drug-related deaths. Heroin remains the most deadly drug even though the related deaths increased by less than 1% in 2008 when there were 119 deaths compared to 118 deaths in 2003. There was an increase of 45% in the number of methamphetamine related deaths in 2008 when there were 106 deaths compared to 73 deaths in 2003. (See chart below). Beyond what was noted in last year's statistics, a review of other drug deaths is now revealing prescription drug overdoses outnumbered illicit drug deaths in some cases. Prescription drug overdoses from methadone use was noted in 131 deaths, and another 39 people died from oxycodone overdose.²

OREGON DRUG RELATED DEATHS TOTALS FOR 1998-2008

	Heroin	Cocaine	Meth	Combo	Total
1998	179	57	47	48	235
1999	195	68	43	49	246
2000	131	69	56	43	210
2001	95	48	50	35	155
2002	101	58	65	44	176
2003	100	53	78	37	190
2004	94	66	78	40	198
2005	86	56	86	37	197
2006	89	64	90	31	213
2007	118	62	73	40	212
2008	119	51	106	46	229



OREGON BENCHMARKS

The Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) Program plays an important role in the effort to prevent deaths and injuries related to drug and/or alcohol use. The DEC Program provides a direct link to the following Oregon Benchmarks:

#41. Infant mortality rate per 1000: The DEC Program has proven that it can reduce traffic deaths on our roadways. Many of the lives saved are infant passengers in motor vehicles. The DEC Program also assists in identifying drivers who may require drug treatment, which has an effect on the quality of life for both parents and infants.

#45 Preventable Death: Years of life lost before age 70: The DEC Program trains police officers to use the latest alcohol and drug detection skills to remove drug/alcohol and/or medically impaired drivers from our roadways, reducing the number of fatal crashes and deaths.

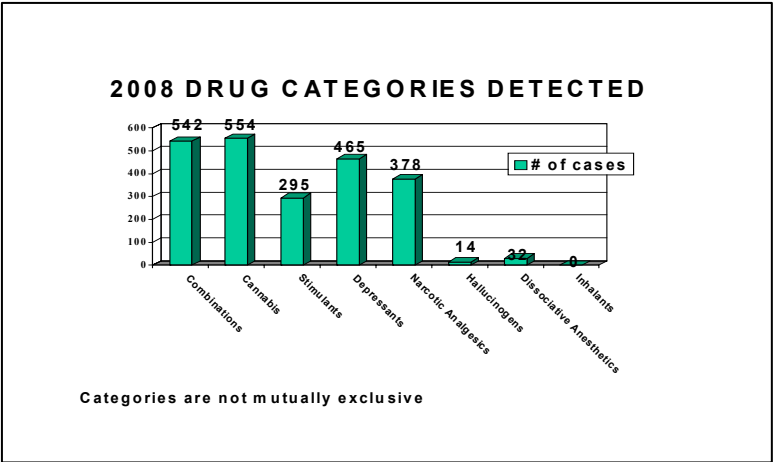
PROGRAM IMPACT AND RESULTS

In 2008, Oregon DREs conducted 1,183 drug evaluations. **Toxicology results confirmed that Oregon DREs correctly identified the category(s) of drugs in 87.1% of the evaluations.**

The DEC Program trains officers to identify drug and/or alcohol impaired drivers. The training also assists DREs in identifying drivers suffering from medical or mental conditions that can affect their ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Oregon DREs conducted a drug evaluation on 213 (18%) drivers that had been involved in motor vehicle crashes, of which 4 were a fatal crash. In 2008, Oregon DREs identified 35 drivers who were not impaired by drugs and/or alcohol, but were suffering from health related problems, classified as “medical rule-outs.”

In 2008, the single drug category most often detected through toxicology was marijuana, which was detected 554 times. The second most frequently detected category of drugs was CNS-Depressants found in 465 of the cases.

Drug combinations continued to be common for Oregon DRE evaluations in 2008. Toxicology confirmed combinations of drugs in 542 cases. CNS-Depressants and Narcotic Analgesics were the most frequently detected combination (258 cases). Low levels of alcohol (less than .08%) mixed with at least one drug was detected in 247 cases (20.9%).



Many of the drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs had drugs and/or drug paraphernalia in their possession when arrested (361 cases, or 30.5%).

Oregon, like many states, continues to have a problem with younger drivers arrested for DUI-Drugs. In 2008, Oregon DREs conducted 148 drug evaluations on suspected drugged-impaired drivers under the age of 21 years (12.5%).

2008 Drug Evaluations by Month

MONTH	NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS
JANUARY	88
FEBRUARY	90
MARCH	77
APRIL	97
MAY	115
JUNE	98
JULY	108
AUGUST	92
SEPTEMBER	122
OCTOBER	102
NOVEMBER	120
DECEMBER	74
TOTAL:	1,183

2008 Drug Evaluations by Law Enforcement Discipline

<i>DRE EVALUATIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCIPLINE</i>	
SHERIFF'S OFFICES	271
STATE POLICE	317
CITY POLICE DEPTS	590
U.S. FOREST SERVICE	5

DRE TRAINING

During 2008, Oregon conducted one DRE school, training a total of 24 officers as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The school was held in May at the Oregon Military Academy in Monmouth. The training included 6 troopers from the Oregon State Police, 15 officers from city police departments, and 3 sheriff's deputies. All 24 officers successfully completed the school. The certification phase was held in Portland, Oregon. During the certification phase, 150 DRE evaluations were completed.



**Oregon DRE Class #16
May 2008
Monmouth, OR**

DEC PROGRAM SPECIAL PROJECTS

Oregon DREs used their special drug-impairment training skills in a variety of ways and are valuable resources in their communities. Some examples of special projects DREs were involved in during 2008 included:

Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP):

Oregon DREs trained as ***Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP)*** instructors provided basic drug training designed for educational professionals and school nurses. In 2008, Oregon DITEP instructors conducted six DITEP training sessions in the state. They included the University of Oregon's Law School Prosecutor's Clinic, Siuslaw Middle School, Albany Public School District, Lane County's Dental Conference, and Lane County's Dental Hygienist Association, and the Oregon School Resource Officer's Association training school nurses, school teachers and administrators, school resource officers, principals, law students, and dental professionals. A wide variety of occupations received DITEP training for 2008.

Drugs that Impair Driving (DID):

During the basic police academies for 2008, Oregon DREs were utilized nearly every month for the mandatory Drugs that Impair Driving Course. DREs provided the eight hour curriculum to Oregon's newest police officers ensuring these recruits had a basic overview and understanding of the seven different drug categories and fulfilling the state's requirement to request urine in DUI investigations under the state of Oregon's Motorist Implied Consent Law.

Operation Trucker Check:

In 2008 Oregon DREs and commercial motor vehicle inspectors teamed up to conduct two *Operation Trucker Checks*. The DREs who volunteered and were selected for the 2008 Operation Trucker Checks were:

Operation Trucker Check XIV

Sergeant Mark Duncan, OSP Ontario
Sr. Trooper Alan Johnson, OSP Burns
Trooper Cliff Hargis, OSP Lakeview
Deputy Travis Ash, Baker County Sheriff's Office
Officer Wayne Chastain, Baker City Police Department
Officer Robert Harley, Gresham Police Department
Officer Chris Harrison, Eugene Police Department
Officer Jed McGuire, Eugene Police Department
Officer Ryan Mills, Eugene Police Department

Operation Trucker Check XV

Officer Robert Hayes, Albany Police Department
Officer Michael Nork, Klamath Falls Police Department
Officer Brent Schneider, Tualatin Police Department
Trooper Cliff Hargis, OSP Lakeview
Sr. Trooper Alan Johnson, OSP Burns
Sr. Trooper Michael Iwai, OSP Salem
Sergeant Tim Plummer, OSP GHQ

On April 15-17, 2008, Trucker Check XIV was conducted at the Farewell Bend Port of Entry, Interstate 84 west of Ontario, Oregon. On September 23-25, 2008, Trucker Check XV was held at the Klamath Falls Port of Entry, on Hwy 97 near Klamath Falls, Oregon.

These efforts resulted in 916 trucks being inspected with 850 drivers checked by DREs for impairment. There were 166 drivers placed out-of-service and 100 trucks placed out-of-service due to equipment violations. Eleven drivers were cited for possession of a controlled substance or alcohol while operating a commercial motor vehicle. Eleven drivers were arrested for DUII-drugs with nine complete drug evaluations conducted on suspected impaired operators. Four were determined to be fatigue related.

2008 DEC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2008, there were many noteworthy DRE cases around the state. The following cases illustrate some of the more interesting evaluations and demonstrate how effective the DEC Program is in the fight to combat drug-impaired driving and drug-related crime.

JANUARY:

On January 3, 2008, at approximately 7:30 p.m., **Officer Darke Hull** a DRE with the Portland Police Bureau responded to Central Precinct for a DRE evaluation. The initial contact by Portland Police Bureau revealed that a 911 emergency call was taken by dispatch describing two white males in a car pointing a handgun at other vehicles. The vehicle and suspects were located and a gun later retrieved from inside the car. The driver was later arrested for DUII and processed downtown. The suspect had a BAC of .00%. Officer Hull concluded the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On January 6, 2008, at approximately 12:05 a.m., **Officer Josh Ladd** a DRE with the Portland Police Bureau responded to Central Precinct for a DRE evaluation. Portland Police responded to a residential area in Portland for a vehicle vs. tree collision. During the contact it was determined that the female operator was impaired. She was taken into custody and transported to Central Precinct where she had a BAC of .00%. The female suspect told Officer Ladd she was a recovering heroin addict and remembers purchasing some heroin in the area of SE 127th and SE Powell Blvd. She then told Officer Ladd she injected the newly acquired heroin, drove a few blocks, and woke up at some point following the collision. Officer Ladd concluded she was under the combined influence of a Narcotic Analgesic and a CNS Depressant, which was confirmed through toxicology. In addition to the DUII (CS) she was charged with PCS Heroin and Reckless Driving.

On January 25, 2008, at approximately 7:05 p.m., **Deputy Rich Geist** a DRE with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office responded to his office for a DRE evaluation. The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office contacted a female driver from a driving complaint "reckless driving – 35 to 45 mph on Highway 18 driving over the fog line in a 55 mph zone." The suspect was later arrested for DUII with a BAC of .00%. Deputy Geist observed severe psychophysical and clinical impairment and was able to determine she was under the combined influence of a CNS Depressant and Narcotic Analgesic. She told Deputy Geist she had consumed the following drugs on January 25, 2008: Lithium, Zyprexa, Ketoprofen, Aripiprazole, and Wellbutrin. Deputy Geist's opinion was confirmed through toxicology.

FEBRUARY:

On February 9, 2008, at approximately 10:05 p.m., **Officer Mark Linville** a DRE with the Bend Police Department responded to his office for a DRE evaluation. The Bend Police Department responded to a robbery in progress that occurred at a local Safeway Grocery Store. The suspect was confronted outside the grocery store by security as she resisted. She was arrested for DUII and had a BAC of .07% and admitted to consuming the following drugs: Abilify, Effexor, Flexeril, and Ambien. During the evaluation, Officer Linville concluded she was under the combined influence of a CNS Depressant (ETOH) and a CNS Stimulant, which was corroborated through toxicology.

On February 14, 2008, at approximately 4:40 p.m., **Officer Todd Crouse** a DRE with the Roseburg Police Department responded to the Douglas County Correctional Facility for a DRE evaluation. The Myrtle Creek Police Department responded to a driving complaint for a possible DUII driver, but before Officer Aldous, Myrtle Creek Police Department was able to stop the reported vehicle the driver crashed into a log truck. The investigation revealed that there was significant psychophysical and clinical impairment. The female driver was arrested for DUII and had a BAC of .00%. During the evaluation, the female suspect told Officer Crouse that she had a medical marijuana card, but it expired two years ago. In addition, she told him that she smokes marijuana because most of her other medications make her sick. She admitted to the consumption of only cough medicine. Officer Crouse determined that she was under the combined influence of a Narcotic Analgesic, a CNS Depressant, and Cannabis, which was corroborated through toxicology.

MARCH:

On March 3, 2008, at approximately 12:12 a.m., **Senior Trooper Jeromy Hasenkamp** a DRE with the OSP St. Helens Office responded to the Columbia County Correctional Facility for a DRE evaluation. The Oregon State Police, St. Helens Patrol Office, responded to a driving complaint of an erratic driver. Trooper Dan Meyer located the vehicle and ultimately initiated a traffic stop. Trooper Meyer described the driver as “fidgety” and consequently arrested the female operator for DUII and later had a BAC of .00%. Sr. Trooper Hasenkamp observed severe psychophysical impairment during his evaluation. He described her at one point being “on the nod and nearly falling out of her chair”. The female suspect admitted to the consumption of Hydrocodone, Morphine, and Cocaine. Sr. Trooper Hasenkamp concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of a CNS Stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic, which was confirmed through toxicology. In addition to the DUII, she was also cited for PCS Cocaine.

On March 13, 2008, at approximately 11:15 p.m., **Senior Trooper Greg Plummer** a DRE with the OSP Newport Office responded to the Lincoln County Correctional Facility for a drug evaluation. The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office located a driving complaint of a possible DUII driver on US Highway 101. The investigation revealed that the male operator crossed into the opposing lane of travel and nearly drove off the road. Once

the vehicle was stopped by Deputy Teem, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, he immediately smelled an odor of ETOH coming from the operator's breath with slurred speech and lethargic movements. The Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered at roadside and the suspect was later arrested for DUII with a BAC of .00%. Sr. Trooper Plummer observed and recorded both psychophysical and clinical impairment during his evaluation and determined the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed through toxicology. The suspect was additionally charged with Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering Another Person (x3), and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor (x2).

On March 24, 2008, the Harney County Sheriff's Office contacted an operator at a local establishment, Narrow's Store. Sergeant Needham noticed obvious signs of intoxication i.e. the driver did not know how he arrived at the store and thought he was headed towards Twin Falls, Idaho. Moreover, Sergeant Needham described the suspect as lethargic and dazed. During the investigation, Sergeant Needham administered the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and later located a bottle of pills with an original amount of 240. It was determined that the suspect averaged 17 pills a day with 8 left on the night of contact. The suspect was arrested for DUII and later had a BAC of .00%. **Senior Trooper Alan Johnson** a DRE with the OSP Burns Office responded for the drug evaluation. Sr. Trooper Johnson observed severe psychophysical impairment and concluded the suspect was under the influence of a Narcotic Analgesic, which was confirmed through toxicology.

APRIL:

On April 5, 2008, at approximately 4:53 p.m., **Officer Archie Lidey** a DRE with the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (DPS) responded to the Josephine County Correctional Facility for a drug evaluation. Officer Dennis Burge, Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (DPS), located a driving complaint where the driver was "running people off the road...crossing the center line...taking wide turns" on Hwy 238. Officer Burge smelled the odor of ETOH coming from the driver's breath. In addition, the operator had glassy and bloodshot eyes. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered at roadside and the suspect was later arrested for DUII with a BAC of .03%. Officer Lidey performed a drug evaluation and noted gross impairment. The suspect had the following prescription medications on her possession or admitted to using: Percocet, Xanax, Dolophine, and Lithium. Officer Lidey concluded she was under the combined influence of a CNS Depressant and ETOH, which was confirmed through toxicology. Additional charges requested: Possession of a Controlled Substance (PCS II and IV).

On April 22, 2008, at approximately 9:00 p.m., **Officer Larry Crompton** a DRE with the Eugene Police Department responded to the Springfield Police Department for a drug evaluation. Trooper Caleb Ratliff, OSP Oakridge, contacted an operator of a tractor trailer that had struck a large rock in the roadway. Trooper Ratliff noticed that the operator was jittery and had difficulties standing still with bruxism. Field sobriety tests were conducted at roadside and the operator was ultimately arrested for DUII with a

BAC of .00%. Officer Crompton performed the drug evaluation and noted extreme psychophysical and clinical indicators of impairment. The suspect reported no injuries, medical conditions, or physical ailments and later admitted to the recent consumption of methamphetamine. Officer Crompton determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On April 29, 2008, at approximately 2:35 a.m., **Officer Theodore VanBeek** a DRE with the Gresham Police Department responded to the Gresham Police Department for a drug evaluation. Officer Hollenbeck, Gresham Police Department, observed two vehicles racing on 223rd & Stark traveling at a high rate of speed and was able to stop one of the violators, a Cadillac Escalade. Officer Hollenbeck contacted the driver and immediately noticed the driver was dazed and confused. In addition, Officer Hollenbeck located a handgun near the driver's door. Officer Hollenbeck conducted roadside field sobriety tests and ultimately arrested the suspect for DUII with a BAC of .00%. During the drug evaluation, the suspect admitted to the consumption of Oxycodone, Xanax, Diazepam, and Cannabis. Officer VanBeek concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of Cannabis, a CNS Depressant, and a Narcotic Analgesic, which was corroborated through toxicology.

MAY:

On May 3, 2008, at approximately 6:40 a.m., **Deputy Brian Lister** a DRE with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office responded to the Clackamas County Correctional Facility for a drug evaluation. Deputy Atkerson, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, investigated a traffic crash on Interstate 205 and conducted a DUII investigation at roadside. Deputy Atkerson arrested the male suspect for DUII and later obtained a BAC of .00%. During the evaluation Deputy Lister noticed fresh injection sites on the crook of his left arm with other injection sites located on the right arm. The suspect told Deputy Lister that he consumed methamphetamine to help him stay awake for purposes of traveling. The suspect continued that it was more cost effective to use methamphetamine because he was traveling in a rental car. Deputy Lister noticed gross psychophysical impairment throughout the evaluation and determined the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Stimulant, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On May 5, 2008, at approximately 5:10 p.m., **Officer Jeff DeBolt** a DRE with the Beaverton Police Department responded to his office for a drug evaluation. Officer Garbutt, Beaverton Police Department, investigated a traffic crash near St. Vincent's Hospital and noticed the suspect was stumbling around the crash scene and appeared confused. Officer Garbutt administered field sobriety tests and arrested the suspect for DUII. The suspect had a BAC of .00%. During the drug evaluation, Officer DeBolt observed clinical and psychophysical impairment consistent with CNS Depressants. Officer DeBolt's investigation revealed the suspect was consuming the following medications: Ativan, Wellbutrin, Zoloft, and Trazadone. Officer DeBolt concluded the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Depressant, which was corroborated through toxicology.

On May 23, 2008, at approximately 8:35 p.m., **Trooper Tyler Lee** a DRE with the OSP Central Point Office responded to Medford Detox Unit for a drug evaluation. Senior Trooper Neville, OSP Central Point, stopped a vehicle for unlawful/unsigned turn and for failure to wear safety belt. Sr. Trooper Neville smelled an odor of ETOH and initiated a DUII investigation. The suspect performed the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested for DUII. The suspect had a BAC of .04%. During the drug evaluation, the suspect told Trooper Lee that he had smoked two bowls of marijuana prior to operating his vehicle. Trooper Lee concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of ETOH and Cannabis, which was confirmed through toxicology. Additionally, the suspect was cited for PCS-Less than one ounce of Marijuana.

JUNE:

On June 3, 2008, at approximately 11:20 a.m., **Senior Trooper Ken Snook** a DRE with the OSP Grants Pass Office responded to Medford Detox Unit for a drug evaluation. Senior Trooper Kirk Freeman stopped a vehicle for failure to maintain lane while nearly striking the concrete barrier on Interstate 5 MP 35. Sr. Trooper Freeman described the suspect as uncoordinated with thick slowed speech with poor balance. The suspect told Sr. Trooper Freeman that he was consuming prescription medications. Field sobriety tests were administered at roadside and the suspect was arrested for DUII and later had a BAC of .00%. While conducting the drug evaluation, Sr. Trooper Snook was informed that the suspect was consuming the following medications: Ziprasidone, Vicodin, Klonopin, and Seroquel. The suspect exhibited severe psychophysical impairment and denied being impaired or using any additional medications or drugs. Sr. Trooper Snook concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of a CNS Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic, which was corroborated through toxicology. The suspect was later dropped off at a nearby hospital for an independent blood test.

On June 6, 2008, at approximately 4:05 p.m., **Senior Trooper Freddie Dunlap** a DRE with the OSP Coos Bay Office responded to the Coos Bay Police Department for a drug evaluation. Officer Sparks, Coos Bay Police Department, investigated a complaint of an intoxicated person at Coos Bay Nissan. The initial report revealed the suspect had drove to Coos Bay Nissan and was visually intoxicated. The suspect had difficulty standing up, walking, slurred speech, with bloodshot eyes, and an odor of ETOH. Officer Sparks was informed the suspect was consuming the following medications: Fentanyl, Dilaudid, and Soma. During the drug evaluation, the suspect told Sr. Trooper Dunlap he was consuming the following medications: Prednisone, Pentasa, Imuran, Lomotil, Vistaril, Phenergan, Fetanyl patch, Dilaudid, Oxycontin, Cymbalta, Ambien, Soma, Acyclovir, Nexium, Klonopin, Famvir, Soma, and Seconal. Sr. Trooper Dunlap observed extreme psychophysical and clinical impairment and concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of a CNS Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic, which was confirmed through toxicology.

JULY:

On July 5, 2008, at approximately 3:55 p.m., **Deputy Josh Wilson** a DRE with the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to Beaverton Police Department for a drug evaluation. The Beaverton Police Department investigated a traffic crash where the suspect vehicle struck two other vehicles and a concrete curb. The preliminary investigation by responding units showed the suspect appeared confused and in a dazed appearance. During the field sobriety tests, it was apparent the suspect was intoxicated and ultimately arrested for DUII with a BAC of .00%. Deputy Wilson observed severe impairment during the evaluation. The suspect told Deputy Wilson she was consuming the following medications: Wellbutrin, Ambien, Adderall, and Lamictal. Deputy Wilson concluded the suspect was under the influence of a CNS Depressant, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On July 10, 2008, at approximately 11:38 p.m., **Sergeant Douglas Carpenter** a DRE with the Scappoose Police Department responded to his office for a drug evaluation. Officer Pixley, of the Scappoose Police Department, stopped a vehicle for failure to drive within lane, x5. Upon contact with the driver, Officer Pixley conducted a DUII investigation and subsequently arrested the driver for DUII. The suspect had a BAC of .02%. The suspect admitted to consuming the following medications: Vicodin, Flexeril, Lorazepam, and Oxycontin. During the evaluation, the suspect told Sergeant Carpenter he crushed Vicodin and snorted it through a straw, which was consistent with the debris located in the suspect's right nostril. Sergeant Carpenter noticed gross impairment throughout the evaluation and concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of a Narcotic Analgesic and ETOH. The suspect refused to provide a urine specimen.

AUGUST:

Senior Trooper Shepherd a DRE with the OSP Portland Office responded to a DRE request following a fatal motor vehicle collision on August 5, 2008, at approximately 4:20 p.m. Sr. Trooper Shepherd was informed of a fatal vehicle collision that occurred on SE Stark and SE 162nd with Portland Police Bureau being the primary investigating agency. The suspect was initially contacted by Officers Jones and Felts. Officer Felts informed Sr. Trooper Shepherd that the suspect had "veered over, crashed and appeared out of it." Furthermore, Officer Felts informed Sr. Trooper Shepherd the suspect had on her possession (2) Morphine and (5) Percocet pills. The suspect subsequently consented to SFSTs which were performed poorly and the suspect was arrested for DUII with a BAC of .00%. The suspect informed Sr. Trooper Shepherd that the medications she consumed had affected her ability to operate a motor vehicle. Sr. Trooper Shepherd conducted the drug evaluation and concluded the suspect was under the influence of a Narcotic Analgesic, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On August 28, 2008, Officer Arnold of the Medford Police Department was dispatched to a possible intoxicated driver. Officer Arnold observed the suspect vehicle fail to drive within lane and nearly strike a curb. After activating the emergency overhead lights, the

vehicle initially failed to yield then abruptly stopped in the middle of the road. Personal contact with the driver indicated other signs of impairment; the suspect consented to SFSTs and was ultimately arrested for DUII. The suspect later had a BAC of .00%. **Officer Ralph Sartain** a DRE with the Medford Police Department responded at approximately 11:10 p.m. and conducted the drug evaluation. Severe psychophysical impairment was observed. The suspect admitted to consuming several medications: Klonopin, Depekote, Methadone, Propanolol, Hydroxyzine, and Cyclobenzaprine. Officer Sartain concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of Cannabis, a CNS Depressant, and a Narcotic Analgesic, which was confirmed through toxicology.

SEPTEMBER:

On September 24, 2008, during Operation Trucker Check XV, Trooper Dave Chambers OSP Klamath Falls contacted a truck and trailer near the Klamath Falls Port-of-Entry (POE) who was partially blocking the road. Upon contact, Trooper Chambers noticed fresh vomit near the cab and an odor of ETOH. In addition, Trooper Chambers located an open liquor bottle from inside the cab. Senior Trooper Michael Iwai, OSP Salem later contacted the truck driver at the Klamath Falls Port-of-Entry (POE). During the driver check, Sr. Trooper Iwai smelled an odor of ETOH, administered the SFSTs, and arrested the suspect for DUII. He had a BAC of .03%. **Officer Michael Nork** a DRE with the Klamath Falls Police Department conducted the DRE evaluation. During the evaluation, the suspect denied using drugs and when asked about marijuana consumption he stated, "a couple of hits...years ago." Officer Nork observed both psychophysical and clinical indicators of impairment and concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of ETOH and Cannabis. Officer Nork's conclusion was confirmed through toxicology.

OCTOBER:

On October 25, 2008, the West Linn Police Department initiated a traffic stop on suspect who committed several traffic violations and was observed leaving a known drug area. Officer Larry Redler of the West Linn Police Department contacted the driver. The violator admitted he was "stoned" and had smoked a lot of marijuana. Officer Redler administered the SFSTs at roadside and subsequently arrested the suspect for DUII. The BAC was .00%. Approximately 1/2 an ounce of marijuana was seized from the suspect's vehicle following the arrest. At approximately 4:30 p.m. **Officer Jonithan Funkhouser** a DRE with the Lake Oswego Police Department responded to his office for a drug evaluation. Officer Funkhouser observed impairment and concluded the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed through toxicology.

NOVEMBER:

On November 13, 2008, Officer Erik Palmer of the Pendleton Police Department responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision. Officer Palmer contacted the errant driver who was displaying slurred speech, poor balance, and was noticeably shaky. At one point the suspect addressed Officer Palmer as doctor. The suspect agreed to perform field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for DUII. The suspect had a BAC of .00%. **Officer William Caldera** a DRE with the Pendleton Police Department conducted the drug evaluation at approximately 4:05 p.m. The suspect admitted to consuming the following medications: Benadryl, Lexapro, Cymbalta, Xanax, and Percocet. Officer Caldera observed and recorded bradycardia, HGN, VGN, and a lack of convergence. Moreover, he noted miosis, hypotension, and a slowed internal clock. Psychophysical impairment was also present. Officer Caldera determined the suspect was under the combined influence of a CNS Depressant and a Narcotic Analgesic, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On November 17, 2008, Officer Diaz of the Salem Police Department responded to a traffic collision involving a reported attempted shoplifter from a local Wal-Mart in Salem. When Officer Diaz contacted the driver he noticed the male suspect "in a daze" behind the steering wheel looking forward. Officer Diaz described the look as the "thousand yard stare". There were obvious signs of impairment as the suspect displayed slurred speech, balance issues, and was unable to follow simple instructions. The suspect advised he was a marijuana card holder. At the request of Officer Diaz, the suspect agreed and performed field sobriety tests. The suspect was arrested for DUII and later had a BAC of .00%. **Officer Brian Frazzini** a DRE with the Salem Police Department conducted the drug evaluation at the Salem Police Department. The suspect admitted to consuming the following: Marijuana, Vicodin, and Oxycodone. The suspect informed Officer Frazzini that he has a high tolerance to marijuana and smokes "approximately \$20 bag per day". In addition, the suspect told Officer Frazzini that he smokes as early as 6:00 a.m. and usually does a "wake and bake". Officer Frazzini observed severe psychophysical and clinical impairment and concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of Cannabis, a Narcotic Analgesic, and a CNS Depressant. Officer Frazzini's opinion was confirmed through toxicology.

DECEMBER:

On December 6, 2008, Trooper Irish of OSP Klamath Falls responded to an attempt to locate on a possible DUII driver. The suspect vehicle was reported driving at erratic speeds and failing to maintain lane. Upon contact with the driver, Trooper Irish observed bloodshot and glassy eyes with slow movements. Moreover, Trooper Irish could smell the odor of marijuana on the suspect. Field sobriety tests were subsequently administered and the suspect was arrested for DUII. He later had a BAC of .00%. **Officer Michael Hawkins** a DRE with the Klamath Falls Police Department responded and conducted the drug evaluation. The suspect admitted to smoking marijuana approximately one-half hour before being stopped by the trooper. Moreover,

the suspect told Officer Hawkins that he uses Vicodin for pain on a routine basis because of his physically demanding job. Officer Hawkins observed many indicators of impairment and concluded the suspect was under the influence of Cannabis, which was confirmed through toxicology.

On December 27, 2008, Officer Linville of the Bend Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle for operation without required lighting (no headlights) when an elude ensued. Once the vehicle was stopped and the suspect contacted there were signs of impairment i.e. the odor of ETOH, glassy eyes, and confusion. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered and the suspect was arrested for DUII. The male suspect later had a BAC of .05%. **Sergeant Clint Burleigh** a DRE with the Bend Police Department responded and conducted the drug evaluation. During the evaluation, the suspect told Sgt. Burleigh that he has high blood pressure and a higher resting pulse rate. Furthermore, the suspect told Sgt. Burleigh he was currently consuming Wellbutrin, Thera-flu, and marijuana. Sgt. Burleigh observed elevated pulse rates, eyelid tremors, discolored tongue with raised taste buds, rebound dilation with psychophysical impairment. Sgt. Burleigh concluded the suspect was under the combined influence of ETOH and Cannabis, which was confirmed through toxicology.

DRE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

In 2008, many Oregon DREs did an outstanding job of deterring drug impaired driving and drug abuse. In selecting the DRE Officers-of-the-Year for municipal, county and state police agencies, many factors were considered, including the number of drug evaluations, the accuracy of their opinions and their contributions to the DEC Program. The three officers selected as DREs of the year for 2008 were:



**Officer Curtis Chambers
Redmond Police Department**

Officer Curtis Chambers received the award for his dedication to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program and his commitment in prosecuting the impaired driver. He provides DRE services in three counties and has received commendations for his professionalism, willingness to respond, and his eagerness to help improve other officers' skills in the detection of impaired drivers.



**Sergeant Nathan Sickler
Jackson County Sheriff's Office**

Sergeant Nathan Sickler received the award for his dedication to impaired driving enforcement and inspiring others. In 2008 he also taught the entire Three Rivers School District administration the Drug Identification Training for Educational Professionals, assisted the Rogue Community College by teaching Drugs That Impair Driving to the Reserve Officer Law Enforcement Academy and was instrumental in coordinating wet labs and DUII Saturation Patrols with many partner agencies.



**Trooper Joshua Young
Oregon State Police
Coos Bay Area Command**

Trooper Joshua Young was selected for his dedication and support of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program and for his commitment to deterring drugged driving. He is also very active in his community and taught a Drugs and Domestic Violence class to the local Women's Safety Resource Center.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



**Senior Trooper Stephen Webster
Oregon State Police
Training Division**

Senior Trooper Stephen Webster received the Maria Mignano Dedication to Duty award. He has worked in law enforcement for over 19 years with a consistent dedication to reducing the tragedies caused by impaired driving. He has provided 1500 hours of instruction in impaired driving enforcement and currently holds instructor certifications for Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Drug Recognition Expert, DITEP, Drugs That Impair Driving, Intoxilyzer 8000, Patrol Tactics, SWAT, Field Training Officer, and Firearms. He has been called to testify as an expert witness in numerous cases and has been recognized by the District Attorney's Office for his professionalism and dedication. Throughout his career he has arrested over 1200 impaired drivers, responded to over 700 SWAT call outs, has been a Field Training Officer for 8 recruits, has been a SWAT team member for 14 years, is a SWAT entry team leader, and is currently assigned to the training section as a Regional Training Officer.



**Laura Steward
Oregon State Police
DUII Training Task Force
Honorary Recognition**

Laura Steward has worked with Oregon's Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program since 2004. She provides staff support and enters and compiles data from all of Oregon's Drug Recognition Experts. She is a resource to the impaired driving community and works with impaired driving partners on the state and national level.

SUMMARY

Once again in 2008, the Drug Evaluation Classification Program continued to make a positive impact to Oregon's transportation safety. The Program effectively reduces traffic fatalities, injuries, and property damage on our highways, city streets, and county roads. The successes of the Oregon DEC Program would not be possible without the dedication and professionalism of the many DREs devoted to the program and without the continued support and partnership provided by the **Oregon Department of Transportation – Transportation Safety Division**.

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