

Director Torrez,

I am submitting the 2024 DECP State Coordinator Annual Report for your approval prior to its submission to IACP.

We are excited to share many accomplishments and goals achieved this year! The success of our programs can be attributed to the unwavering dedication of our DRE Officers and the instructors who led our year-round classes. Our regional DRE Coordinators also went above and beyond to ensure that our 2024 objectives were met, and we truly appreciate your continued support throughout these efforts.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

In addition to the report, I've attached the finalized 2024 DRE Enforcement evaluations. As in previous years, I've marked with an asterisk the names of individuals who should receive a letter of recognition from GOHS for their exceptional commitment to the DRE Program. While some of these individuals have lower numbers, these areas previously lacked DRE officers, and a letter from GOHS would serve as a significant motivator for continued progress.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the following DREs for their outstanding achievements, completing over 51 DRE Enforcement Evaluations in 2024:

- Officer Paul Clark, Sierra Vista PD – 125 DRE Evaluations
- Officer Antonio Chaves, Sierra Vista PD – 108 DRE Evaluations
- Officer Amanda Cook, Mesa PD – 101 DRE Evaluations
- Officer Annalise Roselli, Mesa PD – 61 DRE Evaluations
- Officer Aaron Price, Goodyear PD – 60 DRE Evaluations

These officers will also be acknowledged in the 2024 IACP Finalized DECP Report.

Finally, I'm proud to share that in 2024, we conducted 1,875 DRE Enforcement Evaluations, compared to 1,420 in 2023 – a 32.5% increase! This is a major accomplishment, and I'm confident we will continue to see growth in 2025.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Respectfully,



Mesa PD Sergeant George Chwe #18171 IACP# 22213  
AZ State DECP & Impaired Driving Programs Coordinator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Chwe'.

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**Program Information:**

- ❖ Number of Certified DRE's (at end of calendar year 2024): **304**
- ❖ Number of DRE Instructor (at end of calendar year 2024): **78**
- ❖ Number of State Police / Highway Patrol DRE's: **52**
- ❖ Number of City Police DRE's: **197**
- ❖ Number of Sheriff's Department DRE's: **42**
- ❖ Number of Tribal Department DRE's: **4**
- ❖ Number of Other Agency DRE's: **9**
- ❖ Number of Agencies with DRE's: **58 Total Agencies**
- ❖ Names of DRE's that conducted 51 or more enforcement evaluations in the calendar year:
  - Sierra Vista PD Officer Paul Clark IACP# 32946: **125 DRE Enforcement Evaluations**
  - Sierra Vista PD Officer Anthony Chavez IACP# 39563: **108 DRE Enforcement Evaluations**
  - Mesa PD Officer Amanda Cook IACP#35890: **101 DRE Enforcement Evaluations**
  - Mesa PD Officer Annalise Roselli IACP# 30177: **61 DRE Enforcement Evaluations**
  - Goodyear PD Officer Aaron Price IACP# 27063: **60 DRE Enforcement Evaluations**

**Training Conducted in 2024:**

- ❖ Number of DRE Schools: **4**
- ❖ Number of DRE School Students: **67**
- ❖ Number of DRE Instructor Development Courses: **2**
- ❖ Number of DRE Instructor Students: **10**
- ❖ Number of DRE Recertification Courses: **2**
- ❖ Number of ARIDE Classes: **30**
- ❖ Number of ARIDE Class Students: **236**
- ❖ Number of DITEP Classes: **6**
- ❖ Number of DITEP Class Students: **136**
- ❖ Number of Phlebotomy Classes: **12**
- ❖ Number of Phlebotomy Class Students: **166**
- ❖ Number of SFST Classes: **43**
- ❖ Number of SFST Class Students: **647**
- ❖ Number of SFST Instructor Development Classes: **7**
- ❖ Number of SFSST Instructor Students: **51**

### State DECP Summary / Narrative:

In 2024, Arizona continued its focus on expanding the number of Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) and officers trained in phlebotomy in areas of the state that had been underserved for a time. This initiative helped increase interest in the DRE program and laid the groundwork for continued growth in all impaired driving-related training efforts.

Arizona saw a 32.5% increase in total DRE Enforcement Evaluations compared to 2023. However, the number of active DREs remained unchanged due to losses from various forms of attrition.

In August 2024, the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety hosted its annual DUI/DRE Law Enforcement and Prosecutor's Training Conference. The event was attended by over 450 law enforcement officers and prosecutors and served as an In-Service DRE Refresher course. Participants were provided with legal updates, insights on current court challenges, curriculum revisions, updates on traffic collision investigation techniques, and a valuable presentation by Dr. Karl Citek on the intersection of Optometry and DRE.

For 2025, Arizona aims to further increase the number of DREs, phlebotomists, and DITEP-trained personnel in order to continue supporting underserved regions of the state.

### Other Training:

In 2024, the Arizona State DRE Coordinator took a proactive step by providing fundamental DUI training to all newly appointed County Attorneys in Maricopa County. This training was incredibly well-received and proved to be an invaluable resource for the new attorneys, helping them sharpen their skills in prosecuting both alcohol-impaired and drug-impaired driving cases. The curriculum was carefully designed to cover critical topics, including the nuances of officer testimony, the specific training officers undergo in Arizona, and the state's enhanced DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) standards. Additionally, the training delved into the Enhanced Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) tests, ensuring that County Attorneys understood the full range of tools and protocols available to law enforcement when addressing impaired driving cases. This foundational training not only helped the attorneys become more effective in their roles but also contributed to strengthening the prosecution of impaired driving offenses in the state.

In parallel, Arizona continued its outreach efforts with the Drug Impaired Driver Informational Training, which was promoted to law enforcement agencies across the state. This initiative was specifically aimed at assisting patrol officers in various regions by teaching them key concepts and strategies for detecting drug impairment

during roadside encounters. A significant benefit of this training is that it was designed to be accessible to officers without the need for lengthy time off from their regular duties, which often posed a barrier to attending more intensive advanced training sessions. By making this training more accessible and practical, Arizona was able to equip officers with valuable knowledge and skills for identifying drug-impaired drivers in the field, without overburdening their schedules.

The result of this approach has been promising. As officers gained a deeper understanding of drug impairment detection, their interest in the DRE program grew significantly. This increased interest is expected to translate into a higher number of applications for future DRE classes, which in turn will contribute to a steady rise in the number of DRE enforcement evaluations conducted in the state. The strategy of offering easily accessible, informative training sessions has set the stage for continued success in addressing drug-impaired driving and fostering growth in Arizona's DRE program in the coming years.

### **Interesting Cases Involving DRE Investigations:**

Goodyear PD DRE Officer Aaron Price was involved in a case that led to the significant seizure of drugs, cash, and firearms. The seized blue pills, marked with "M-30," weighed 104.26 grams (approximately 1,000 pills) and tested positive for fentanyl. A white crystal substance weighing 34.48 grams tested positive for methamphetamine, while a white powder substance weighing 23.70 grams tested positive for cocaine. Additionally, cash was seized, including \$1,892.00 found in the subject's pocket and \$10,498.00 found in his wallet.

Although the individual did not undergo a formal DRE evaluation, it was the drug-impaired driving investigation that led to the discovery of the drugs. Detectives responded to the scene, which ultimately resulted in a search warrant for the individual's residence. This search uncovered additional drugs and firearms. Blood samples later tested positive for cocaine, amphetamine, and methamphetamine. The passenger in the vehicle also had an active U.S. Marshals warrant for trafficking cocaine.

The following charges were submitted:

- A.R.S. 28-1383A1: DUI-Aggravated, While Suspended for DUI
- A.R.S. 13-3408A7: Narcotic Drugs - Transport for Sale or Import into State
- A.R.S. 13-3408A2: Narcotic Drugs - Possession for Sale
- A.R.S. 13-3408A1: Narcotic Drugs - Possession
- A.R.S. 13-3407A7: Dangerous Drugs - Transport for Sale or Import into State
- A.R.S. 13-3407A2: Dangerous Drugs - Possession for Sale
- A.R.S. 13-3407A1: Dangerous Drugs - Possession
- A.R.S. 13-3415A: Drug Paraphernalia - Possession

- A.R.S. 13-3417A: Use of an Electronic Device in a Drug-Related Transaction
- A.R.S. 13-3102A4: Misconduct Involving Weapons - Prohibited Possessor Possessing Deadly Weapon

### **Accomplishments and Challenges:**

In 2024, Arizona continued to strengthen and expand its partnerships with community colleges across the state, particularly in the development and growth of its Phlebotomy program. This expansion played a vital role in increasing the number of officers trained in phlebotomy, which supports the overall effectiveness of impaired driving investigations. Despite the challenges posed by attrition, the state remained committed to increasing resources and opportunities for training, ultimately contributing to the continued success of Arizona's efforts to combat impaired driving.

Although there was no change in the total number of active DREs at the end of 2024 compared to the previous year, Arizona experienced a notable 32.5% increase in the total number of DRE Enforcement Evaluations conducted. This increase reflects the ongoing dedication and hard work of law enforcement agencies and the growing awareness and application of the DRE program across the state.

One significant development in 2024 was the Mesa Police Department's decision to begin demolition of its current DRE Field Certification Site in preparation for renovations. While this posed a temporary challenge, the Mohave County Jail stepped up and generously offered their facility to host upcoming DRE Field Certifications. In addition to supporting Arizona-based DRE certifications, the Mohave County Jail facility also opened its doors to out-of-state DRE Field Certifications, significantly expanding the capacity for training. This partnership allowed for a seamless continuation of field certifications, ensuring that law enforcement officers could receive the critical training they needed to enhance impaired driving enforcement. The Mohave County Jail will serve as the sole field certification site in Arizona until the Mesa Police Department completes its remodeling efforts, which are expected to be finished in 2026.

A key achievement in 2024 was that five DREs in Arizona each completed over 51 DRE Enforcement Evaluations within the year, marking a significant milestone since the inception of the DRE program in the state. Among these five officers, two standout DREs went above and beyond, each conducting more than 100 evaluations during the year. This accomplishment highlights the dedication and expertise of Arizona's DREs and the growing success of the program in providing critical support for impaired driving investigations.

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**2024 AZ STATE DRE EVALUATION ENFORCEMENT TOTALS**

DRE Agency Name	DRE Last Name	IACP Number	Individual Ofc. Eval Totals	Total Agency Evals
APACHE JUNCTION PD	Blake	DRE040635	2	16
	Campano	DRE033289	9	
	Eaton	DRE033293	1	
	Jensen	DRE030167	1	
	Regester	DRE034008	3	
ARIZONA STATE PARKS	Randolph	DRE038353	1	1
AVONDALE PD	Del Pozzo	DRE034513	2	8
	Loera	DRE032759	2	
	Tokosh	DRE023894	4	
AZ DEPT OF TRANS ENF SRV BUR	Spivey	DRE020101	4	4
AZ DEPT PUB SFTY,PHOENIX	Abdullah	DRE017090	5	175
	Alvarez	DRE035263	1	
	Anderson ***	DRE034878	40	
	Antolik	DRE020009	3	
	Berger	DRE034886	10	
	Bowers	DRE038969	7	
	Cameron	DRE024490	4	
	Carne	DRE020718	3	
	Carter	DRE031734	7	
	Casillas	DRE031073	2	
	Castorela	DRE034099	1	
	Chavez	DRE035262	3	
	Cope	DRE035452	2	
	Cunningham	DRE034812	2	
	Dampier	DRE034808	1	
	DeLong	DRE035907	2	
	Dexter	DRE011524	3	
	Diaz	DRE035457	1	
	Erickson	DRE040461	3	
	Foote	DRE034807	2	
	Ford	DRE036399	1	
	Forschler	DRE036131	4	
	Garcia	DRE034805	4	
	Grant	DRE027357	1	
	Hart	DRE040459	6	
	Haywood	DRE010149	1	
	Hedlund	DRE034873	2	
	Humphrey	DRE026537	2	
	Kish	DRE027358	2	
	Lopez	DRE028350	2	
	Marks	DRE034809	2	
	Marotto	DRE036132	1	
McCabe	DRE019328	1		
McDonnell	DRE027359	3		
McInnis	DRE032760	2		

	Montano	DRE036128	10	
	Pluim	DRE040455	1	
	Pringle	DRE032762	5	
	Rodriguez	DRE027062	1	
	Sebeny	DRE036130	1	
	Siragusa	DRE034162	1	
	Thibault	DRE035260	3	
	Timmes	DRE032765	2	
	Turriff	DRE036129	1	
	VAN NOSTRAND	DRE034915	1	
	Villa	DRE035896	1	
	Weatherford	DRE034874	4	
	Wells	DRE036400	2	
	Wilkes	DRE035895	2	
	Zimmerman	DRE030172	4	
<b>AZ STATE UNIV PD,TEMPE</b>	Bathke ***	DRE037340	6	<b>6</b>
<b>BUCKEYE PD</b>	Carrico	DRE040624	5	<b>18</b>
	Durham	DRE037344	6	
	Halim	DRE013640	1	
	Herron	DRE037345	6	
<b>BULLHEAD CITY PD</b>	Espinoza	DRE028752	5	<b>5</b>
<b>CAMP VERDE MARSHAL</b>	Jacobs ***	DRE024750	8	<b>14</b>
	Jenkins	DRE040458	6	
<b>CASA GRANDE PD</b>	Estrada	DRE035440	6	<b>6</b>
<b>CHANDLER PD</b>	Ambrosia	DRE037341	1	<b>55</b>
	Brill	DRE031075	7	
	Cuthbertson	DRE005441	5	
	Larison	DRE014635	4	
	Logan	DRE015495	2	
	Lombardi	DRE017188	2	
	Richardson	DRE035439	12	
	Shiflet	DRE039558	4	
Wagner	DRE031842	18		
<b>CHINO VALLEY PD</b>	Hyslip	DRE034877	1	<b>2</b>
	Johnson	DRE024488	1	
<b>CLIFTON PD</b>	Wilson ***	DRE038967	3	<b>3</b>
<b>COCONINO CO SO,FLAGSTAFF</b>	Axlund	DRE034880	4	<b>6</b>
	Ellis	DRE040462	2	
<b>COTTONWOOD PD</b>	Watson	DRE014246	4	<b>4</b>
<b>DOUGLAS PD</b>	Alvarez	DRE038351	3	<b>28</b>
	Owen ***	DRE038352	25	
<b>EL MIRAGE PD</b>	Jacobs	DRE031836	1	<b>2</b>
	McLane	DRE019382	1	
<b>ELOY PD</b>	Servin	DRE033149	2	<b>5</b>
	Singleton	DRE032947	3	
<b>FLAGSTAFF PD</b>	Chaiken ***	DRE034885	18	<b>18</b>

<b>GILA RIVER PD</b>	Camarillo	DRE035441	2	<b>2</b>
<b>GILBERT PD</b>	Adams	DRE040640	2	<b>68</b>
	Badalucco	DRE034004	1	
	Brown	DRE034003	2	
	Compbel	DRE013780	6	
	Davis	DRE018795	3	
	Dominguez	DRE035449	2	
	Dunn	DRE031072	2	
	Kells	DRE039572	3	
	Nunez	DRE037715	14	
	Sieger	DRE039566	22	
	Stewart	DRE026746	4	
Templeton	DRE023899	7		
<b>GLENDALE PD</b>	Ahern	DRE034514	2	<b>21</b>
	Aten	DRE034511	7	
	Beauchamp	DRE040642	1	
	Jones	DRE039576	3	
	Price	DRE034165	1	
	Saenz	DRE040633	1	
	Schragel	DRE034515	2	
	Souza	DRE040643	1	
	Spillers	DRE028436	3	
<b>GOODYEAR PD</b>	Crouch	DRE029529	3	<b>97</b>
	Cummings	DRE031079	1	
	Guilbault	DRE016980	3	
	Johnson	DRE021262	15	
	Matson	DRE034516	2	
	Miyazato	DRE018469	6	
	Price ***	DRE027063	60	
Webster	DRE037713	7		
<b>GRAHAM CO SO,SAFFORD</b>	Harsh ***	DRE035258	17	<b>17</b>
<b>LAKE HAVASU CITY PD</b>	Maloy ***	DRE037060	6	<b>6</b>
<b>MARANA PD</b>	Voigt	DRE038775	1	<b>1</b>
<b>MARICOPA CO SO,PHOENIX</b>	Baker	DRE034173	3	<b>32</b>
	Baney	DRE039561	1	
	Berinson	DRE035911	3	
	Carrillo	DRE031092	1	
	Castleberry	DRE040639	1	
	Cotts	DRE015690	1	
	Hardisty ***	DRE039580	9	
	Lopez	DRE031091	4	
	Miller	DRE031093	1	
	Prindiville	DRE034509	2	
	Redman	DRE039567	1	
	Sikahema	DRE033304	2	
	Solum	DRE036404	2	
Trueax	DRE040644	1		
	Al-Aaraji	DRE037333	7	
	Barrett	DRE040629	2	
	Cook ***	DRE035890	101	
	Ehrler	DRE034015	5	
	Gerbich	DRE010577	5	



<b>MESA PD</b>	Guerrero	DRE037336	6	<b>342</b>
	Gutierrez	DRE040627	7	
	Hall ***	DRE034018	32	
	Hatch	DRE040630	1	
	Hemp ***	DRE039564	38	
	Iwan	DRE037334	1	
	Jenkins	DRE027005	2	
	Key	DRE040625	4	
	Kuntz	DRE018615	5	
	Lefever	DRE031083	1	
	Magee	DRE040626	14	
	McDowell	DRE017372	4	
	Roselli ***	DRE030177	61	
	Rowland	DRE018802	4	
	Tanner	DRE015373	1	
	Verthein	DRE040628	16	
	Vertin	DRE031839	3	
Warren III	DRE010860	3		
Wilcox	DRE032766	18		
Wolff	DRE037337	1		
<b>NAVAJO CO SO,HOLBROOK</b>	Rodriguez ***	DRE037059	9	<b>9</b>
<b>NOGALES PD</b>	Atkinson	DRE028756	1	<b>1</b>
<b>NORTHERN AZ UNIV PD,FLAGSTAFF</b>	Lofgren ***	DRE038965	7	<b>7</b>
<b>ORO VALLEY PD</b>	Molina	DRE037051	2	<b>4</b>
	Myhre	DRE040621	2	
<b>Out of State</b>	Cotugno	DRE038776	1	<b>1</b>
<b>PEORIA PD</b>	Burke	DRE031077	6	<b>61</b>
	Chedester	DRE011208	5	
	Cox	DRE039583	10	
	Del Principe	DRE031089	4	
	Hall	DRE034170	3	
	Heyn	DRE039568	8	
	Omotayo-Johnson	DRE039584	4	
	Trieu	DRE039574	7	
White	DRE002441	14		
<b>PHOENIX PD</b>	Campbell	DRE034010	1	<b>54</b>
	Cassey	DRE037331	4	
	Hannah	DRE020722	5	
	Hernandez Valadez	DRE033299	5	
	Layden	DRE007022	6	
	Marquez	DRE033301	3	
	Metheny	DRE037719	5	
	Reed	DRE021040	3	
	Reeves	DRE018467	5	
	Sevey	DRE037717	8	
	Smith	DRE023971	2	
	Stevenson	DRE040645	1	
	Tow	DRE018849	3	
Yoho	DRE017198	3		
<b>PIMA CO SHERIFF DEPT,TUCSON</b>	Curtin	DRE009898	2	<b>18</b>
	Mosman	DRE031087	4	
	Pool	DRE037054	5	

	Sheirer	DRE037053	7	
PINAL CO SO,FLORENCE	Ballard ***	DRE039570	19	58
	Dienert	DRE034007	1	
	Ferrin	DRE034005	3	
	Gay	DRE029066	1	
	Nardelli	DRE034006	4	
	Rutledge	DRE039571	15	
	Schmidlin	DRE013316	2	
	Sloup	DRE014231	13	
PRESCOTT PD	Doty	DRE024486	2	5
	Parker	DRE016879	3	
PRESCOTT VALLEY PD	Heggestad ***	DRE039565	26	43
	Kline ***	DRE036126	17	
Queen Creek Police Department	Alvarez	DRE038351	2	55
	Cota	DRE032750	6	
	Demski	DRE037310	5	
	Larabell	DRE032758	3	
	Lull ***	DRE033300	17	
	Rodriguez	DRE037338	9	
	Soltero	DRE030175	2	
	Webber	DRE037339	2	
Williams	DRE033828	9		
SAFFORD PD	Cocke	DRE035908	3	3
SALT RIVER IND PD,SCOTTSDALE	Barnett	DRE040622	13	54
	Caraveo ***	DRE039582	38	
	Wilcox	DRE028749	3	
SAN LUIS PD	Cardenas ***	DRE038972	3	5
	Perez ***	DRE038971	2	
SANTA CRUZ CO SO,NOGALES	Cabrera	DRE038350	1	12
	Davis ***	DRE034512	11	
SCOTTSDALE PD	Fellows	DRE018676	1	46
	Hash	DRE017652	2	
	Judd	DRE031844	10	
	Livingston	DRE037346	3	
	McCann	DRE028952	10	
	Rivera	DRE039569	3	
	Smith	DRE034796	17	
SHOW LOW PD	Barber	DRE037063	8	32
	Eberline	DRE037062	13	
	Hunt	DRE037061	7	
	Wilson	DRE038967	4	
SIERRA VISTA PD	Chavez ***	DRE039563	108	249
	Clark ***	DRE032946	125	
	Dannels	DRE025652	7	
	Youman	DRE032945	9	
Snowflake-Taylor Police Department	Hunt	DRE037061	1	1
ST JOHNS PD	Castillo ***	DRE038970	5	5
SURPRISE PD	Garr	DRE033825	3	16
	Graziosi	DRE033298	3	
	McGonigle	DRE034009	2	
	Nab	DRE036405	5	
	Shernicoff	DRE016144	3	

TEMPE PD	Johnson	DRE035903	2	10
	McCarthy	DRE040641	2	
	Minardo	DRE037716	1	
	Robles	DRE033303	2	
	Young	DRE035442	3	
TOLLESON PD	Mendez	DRE039559	2	7
	Merkel	DRE040636	5	
TUCSON PD	Andres	DRE037056	1	125
	Bryan	DRE038781	1	
	Garcia ***	DRE038780	35	
	Hineman	DRE038779	1	
	Knepper ***	DRE024069	36	
	Martinez	DRE030166	1	
	Pardo	DRE027059	6	
	Powell	DRE027060	4	
	Santa Maria ***	DRE034096	25	
	Sargent	DRE038777	6	
	Schrage	DRE033704	4	
	Wiberg	DRE033706	3	
	Wilde	DRE037057	2	
US National Park Service	Evans ***	DRE038966	9	18
	Riese ***	DRE031847	5	
	Wynd ***	DRE038968	4	
WILLCOX PD	Lohse ***	DRE038349	8	8
YAVAPAI CO SO,PRESCOTT	Horn	DRE036146	2	3
	Lewis	DRE023362	1	
YUMA PD	Kral ***	DRE037718	3	3

**Total Number of Enforcement Evals = 1875**