



DRE Rookie of the Year Award Criteria

The "DRE Rookie of the Year Award" will be presented to a new Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) who has conducted an outstanding number of DRE evaluations within the past year. This award is based on the total number of operational evaluations conducted in a full year since becoming a certified DRE.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Full Year as DRE:** Recipients must have completed a full year as a DRE by July 1st of the conference year. For example, if the officer were certified on April 1st, 2023, their full year would span from April 1st, 2023, to March 31st, 2024. If the recipient's certification anniversary is after July 1st, they will be eligible for the next year's conference.
- **Certification Date:** The certification date determines the eligibility period. Recipients must have been certified for a full year by the submission deadline.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Deadline:** Submissions must be submitted by July 1st of the conference year.
- **Documentation:** The application must include a copy of the recipient's rolling log.
- **Recommendation:** Only one recommendation per service, and it must come from the nominee's own service.

Selection Process:

- **Decision Makers:** The award recipient will be decided by the OACP Traffic Safety Committee's co-chairs.

This award acknowledges the dedication and commitment of new DREs in their critical role in traffic safety and drug recognition. Recipients will have demonstrated exceptional performance and contribution to their field within their first year of certification.