**DRE Committee Meeting**

**September 18, 2023 @ 1000-1400 (tentative end time)**

**RTMC, 400 Wyoming NE**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am. Waiting for Brett, not sure where he is and Nelson coming late, forgot about court.

**1. Welcoming Remarks and Introduction**

Tim McCarson called the meeting to order, thanked everyone for being here and part of the team.

Attendees: Fabian Fernandez, Michael Wells, Micah Doering, Roy Martinez, ADA Candice Coulson, Tim McCarson, Eden Flores, Josh Montano, Harvey Johnson, Chyenne Bunker, Nelson Ortiz, Jaime Gonzales, Lani McCarson (minutes).

**2. Approval March 6th, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Micah motion to approve, Michael second. All approved as is.

**3.** **Committee Seats**

a. Vacated Central Region DRE Instructor Seat. Joel Holt has retired, and his seat is now vacant. Replacement Nelson Ortiz with APD has agreed to fill the seat. Fabian motion, Josh 2nd

Captain Reedy will remain the Central Region Alternate. She will remain alternate but cannot take on a full role. She was promoted and her new job requires too much time.

b. Southern Region DRE/Instructor Alternate Chyenne Bunker. Fabian has been in contact with Chyenne as an alternate for the Southern Region. She is applying to be a DRE Instructor also. We can vote her in as an alternate now and then amend the vote later if she becomes an instructor. Motion to vote as alternate, Micah motioned, Fabian 2nd.

c. Considerations for other vacant seats Defense Attorney and Judge.

Tim reached out to the lady at the AUSA office, said she never responds to emails, he doesn’t even know if she’s there anymore. Candice said she would contact Alex at the US Attorney's Office to fill that seat of the committee. Tim will get back in touch with Kevin to fill the spot. Candice said she would try to find someone from the 2nd to fill the spot. She will be thinking of someone she can call to fill the spot; she has some ideas in mind. We will be working on those last 3 spots to get the Committee fully staffed. Tim wants to have all the alternates here at the meetings. They need to be up to date and current on what is happening with the Committee and the state DRE Information.

Michal Wells is becoming DRE Instructor, so his seat will become empty in the Northern Region, and he has someone in mind to fill the spot. He still plans to attend the meetings as a guest.

**4.** **DRE OF THE YEAR 2023**

Discussion to start thinking about nominations 2023 and get submissions sent in. We will be voting on this item at the March meeting. It's not just based on sheer numbers, but just for 2023 Elsman has 9, Rosalez has 8. Look at the big picture, who is promoting impaired driving in the state.

**5.** **2023 DRE School Results**

a. Pre-School April 3-4, 2023

23 selected the preschool, 20 showed up. 4 failed the pre-school. DRE school went on with 16 to the school.

b. DRE School April 5-14, 2023

16 passed the DRE school and all were taken to phase 3.

c. Certification trip 1; April 19-April-23, 2023

Chief of CHP gave Tim great feedback on how New Mexico did in Sacramento. One failed the certification knowledge exam.

d. Certification trip 2; May 17-21, 2023

Ideas for 2024 Schools; Tim has been discussing with Micah. Instead of having one big school, he wants to have 2 smaller schools. Wants to separate the pre-school out, due to the alcohol workshops. With smaller student/teacher ratios, can have more hands on, etc. Amber also thinks it’s a great idea. There will be 2 pre-schools for each DRE school, 4 total all over the state. The plan solidified in October and implement in 2024. We need more DREs in the state. Be thinking of areas in the State on where to do a pre-school. Need to saturate and ultimately get more DREs. 1 DRE in Carlsbad area. 1 in Clovis, 1 in Hobbs. Roswell Tim knows there’s a few interested. Also 2024 ARIDEs; Las Cruces, Alamogordo. Chyenne said she would talk to Otero County SO to try to see if anyone is interested.

**6.**  **Enhanced Standards for NMDRE**

a. Discussion enhancing the NMDRE standards to include mandatory reporting in the Federal database for refusals or stop participation during the evaluation process.

The DRE officer will log into the DRE database and complete the face sheet until the point of refusal to include a narrative report to the point of refusal and submit the report for review.

b. DRE Committee must approve the Standard then it is sent to IACP for final approval before it can become effective.

The Committee can vote on it and recommend the standards be modified. But   
IACP must ultimately approve the modification. Micah asked how long the process would take. Tim said the next AICP meeting is in February. So, Tim could prepare it now and have it approved at that February meeting. Fabian asked if he thinks DREs will be wondering if these refusals would count towards their numbers and Tim said that all DREs should be entering it in their rolling logs. Tim said DREs should be doing that now anyway. Javier asked if Tim wants DREs to put this information in now and he said yes. Tim needs all the information to be entered to track our numbers. This will help us get more money to get more DREs. DREs only make up 1% of all law enforcement officers. “The 1% Club”.

The consensus of the committee was a yes to modify the standards. We definitely need correct information of the numbers and can help justify the need for areas for DREs. Tim can also look at DREs if they only are getting refusals and not actually doing the full DREs. Trends of the area Eden mentioned. Fabian said his SO also asked for the #s. It only reports part of the numbers and not all of them. Eden said her department is strictly number based. Candice said even at a legislative level with the legalization of marijuana, people don’t understand the difference between DRE and DWI.

\*Missed some of the conversation here\*

Voting Item

Fabian motion, Jaime second.

**7.** **DRE Instructor 2023/2024 Applications**

a. Rachel Hall, NMSP Gallup - all yes

Chyenne Bunker, Alamogordo PD - all yes

Linda Smith, APD - all yes

Keith Miller, Santa Clara Pueblo - all no

Tim read the bios/applications for each candidate.

Tim stated that we need 3 instructors this year. We are losing Charlie and Joel. Tim is not sure how much Jacque will be able to help in her role with Rio Rancho. She wants to but might be too busy. The Instructor School will be in Albuquerque the last week of January. Tim will be advertising it nationwide, and it's been years since one has been taught (since the Murray Conrad era). Micah and Tim will be running the Instructor School. January 22-26, 2024. Tim’s goal is to do a Pre-school 27th and 28th immediately following the Instructor School.

**8. Discussion Reinstatement of Fred Duran**

He’s on the Giglio list and that prohibits him from being reinstated. Tim said he would present it to the committee. Candice said once he’s on the Giglio list it will be hard to get him off. While Fred is a super nice guy, the rules are the rules.

Micah motion, Michael second to NOT reinstate. All approved to NOT reinstate.

**9.** **NMDRE Program Status Update**

a. DRE’s and DRE Instructors

76 DREs in good standing

15 instructors

(one guy moving to Virginia)

Rob Liccione was reinstated recently and went to AZ and did the 100-question exam. Within the 5-year time.

Troy Brackeen currently an instructor but Tim would like to downgrade him to just a DRE. He never responds to any emails and has at least 7 outstanding reports.

b. Review 2023 evaluations to date

After Tim received all the fixed reports, we had 190 evaluations in New Mexico in 2022. 98% accuracy rate, which is really good.

c. Recertification Training conducted 2023.

d. Discussion 2024 Recertification Training

3 a year. Plan is January in the North, 2nd at the DRE school in Ruidoso, 3rd call June Albuquerque

e. ARIDE FY22/23 update, discussion for 23/24 locations

Candice will talk to some people in her office about sending prosecutors. Chyenne said 3 or 4 interested if Tim does an ARIDE close to Alamogordo.

f. Discussion possibility of NMDRE hosting a DRE IDC training in January 2024

g. National updates

Working on an in person ARIDE refresher case. Ditep training has been updated and will be published soon.

**10.** **Updates/Concerns/Suggestions for Improvement**

a. DRE/DRE Instructors in the Field

Micah - trying on-call DRE rotation in his area. Otherwise, nothing new.

Chyenne - the prosecutor wants her to watch videos and make a decision on a case and wants her to testify in court. Tim told her to have the attorney call her. She cannot testify in court on this.

Candice - still looking for a case. Josh’s case plead out.

Roy - approved 1 final refresher for 2023, between now and October. 1 day instructor refresher in Abq. Instructor school ⅓ full in January or February. 24 refreshers next year. full school in 5 days.

b. NMDOT

c. TSRP

d. ADA

e. US Attorney

f. Judicial

g. Defense

h. SLD

i. SFST/SWTC

**11.** **Date/Time/Location next meeting**

February 26, 2024, location TBD, same time - 10-1, working lunch.

Voting on DRE School applicants.

**12.** **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm,

Motion Micah, Michael second.