

# NEW MEXICO DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT PROGRAM



## New Mexico Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Drug Recognition Expert Training NEWS RELEASE

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### **LOS LUNAS POLICE OFFICER RECOGNIZED AS NEW MEXICO'S DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT OF THE YEAR 2021**

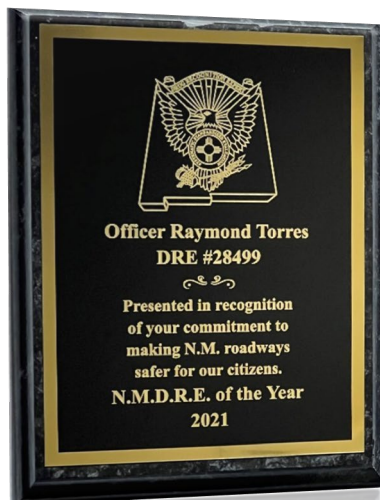
**Los Lunas, N.M.** –The New Mexico DRE Program proudly recognizes a New Mexico Law Enforcement Officer who has gone above and beyond in holding drug-impaired drivers accountable in 2021. The New Mexico DRE Committee has selected **Officer Raymond Torres**, of the **Los Lunas Police Department**, as the New Mexico Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) of the Year for 2021.

Throughout 2021, Officer Torres continuously sought out and identified drug-impaired drivers and removed them from New Mexico's roadways. Officer Torres' enforcement evaluations alone, accounted for over 7% of the States' total enforcement evaluations for 2021. Throughout 2021, Officer Torres has been called upon by members of his own agency, as well as surrounding agencies to assist in impaired driving investigations.

In 2021, Officer Torres maintained a 100% accuracy rate in determining the specific drug category (or categories) a suspected drug-impaired driver was under the influence of, as corroborated by toxicology results.

Officer Torres has been certified as a New Mexico Drug Recognition Expert since 2018. He is currently assigned to the Los Lunas Police Departments' DWI unit, and he serves the Los Lunas Police Department and State of New Mexico as a Standardized Field Sobriety Testing/DWI Instructor. Officer Torres utilizes his instructorship to emphasize the importance of the DRE Program to members of his own agency as well as surrounding agencies in SFST refreshers and basic SFST classes which he leads or assists with.

Officer Torres will be recognized at the New Mexico DRE Committee Meeting in March 2022 and has been invited to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving in San Antonio, Texas in August 2022.



Officer Raymond Torres DRE #028499

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