



New Mexico D.R.E Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Call to order

Charles Files called to order the meeting of the New Mexico D.R.E Committee Meeting at 0900 on September 13, 2021, inside the Sandia ballroom of the Marriot at Uptown 2101 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

I. Roll call

Conducted a roll call. The following D.R.E. Committee members were present:

Judge Tina Garcia (Ret)	Fabian Fernandez
Josh Montano	Micah Doering
Carmelita Chavez	Eden Flores
Eva Fortanez	Brett Barnes
Joel Holt	Judge Kevin Fitzwater
Tim McCarson	Larissa Breen (online)
Roy Martinez	

The following D.R.E. Committee members were not present:

Gregory Gaudette
Kevin Bruno

The following guests were present:

Dick Studdard	Cierra Manus (online)
Kimberly Wildharber	Major James Sanders (online)
Janell Files	Candace Coulson

II. Approval of minutes from March 8, 2021 meeting:

Motion Made to Approve: Micah Doering *Seconded:* Joel Holt

III. D.R.E. Modification to By-Laws

Request made modify section II membership which would allow for representation from the State or Regional Judicial Outreach Liaison. This position is filled by Judge Kevin Fitzwater (Ret.). By-laws to classify the Judicial Outreach Liaison as an ex-officio member of the New Mexico D.R.E. Committee. Judge Fitzwater was voted into this seat at the previous meeting.

Motion Made to Approve Joel Holt *Seconded:* Micah Doering

IV. Recommendations for Vacant Seats

Officer Brian Hobbs, Officer Nelson Ortiz, Officer Ryan Postenrieder, and Detective Jemuel Montoya have completed D.R.E Instructor Certification. The promotion of Officers Hobbs and Postenrieder vacates DRE Representation from the Northern and Southern Regions respectively.

The following recommendations were made to fill the Northern Region seat

- a) Cierra Manus and Everett Williams are possible candidates to fill seats now that Officer Brian Hobbs has received his D.R.E Instructor Certification. Micah Doering will speak with these candidates and get back to us.
- b) Sgt. Flores Eden from Donna Anna was recommended to fill the seat that is vacant now that Officer Ryan Postenrider has received his D.R.E Instructor Certification.

The following recommendations were made to fill the Southern Region seats

- a) Ashely Dionne Recommended by Fabian Fernandez

The following changes were made to Committee seats

- a) Roy Martinez will be filling the SFST Coordinator Seat, which is a non-voting seat.
- b) ADA seat will be filled by Canice Coulson from the 2nd Judicial District Attorneys Office. Recommended by Tim McCarson

Motion to Approve: Joel Holt

Seconded: Eden Flores

V. DRE Of The Year

The 2021 DRE of the year will be recognized at our next committee meeting and invited to attend the 2022 DAID. DRE's are nominated not only for the amount of DRE evaluations they have completed throughout the year but the accuracy rate of those evaluations. DRE's must also bring positive attention to themselves and the DRE Program as a whole. DRE nominations are open for discussion and recommendations. The committee will vote electronically at the end of 2021.

VII. New Mexico HGN State Vs. Lasworth

The history of HGN case law was discussed and the impact of the Officers inability to testify to HGN was identified. Guest Dick Studdard provided a history of HGN and its scientific reliability. The committee would like to have further discussions on this topic. A subcommittee was recommended to talk further.

Motion to Approve: Joel Holt

Seconded: Micah Doering

VII. Closed Session

Motion to discuss the next agenda item in closed session.

Motion to Approve: Micah Doering

Seconded: Fabian Fernandez

VIII. DRE of The Year 2021

Agenda item discussed in closed session.

IX. DRE Instructor Nominations

NMDRE will certify 2 DRE Instructors in FY21-22. The following D.R.E.s have been nominated to become the next DRE Instructors.

- a) Lieutenant Jacquelynn Reedy
- b) Officer Erik Galindo
- c) Sergeant Troy Brackeen

Ballot cards were handed out to rank each person as their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice. After casting their ballots results are as follows

1st- Sergeant Troy Brackeen
2nd- Lieutenant Jacquelynn Reedy
3rd- Officer Erik Galindo

X. DRE Instructor School

Currently, we send out all our DRE's to out-of-state Instructor schools. We would like to hold our own DRE Instructor School here and invite others from different States. In order for this to be a success, we would need a minimum of 8 and possibly a max of 16. The date range would be February 28th-March 4th in the Albuquerque area.

XI. 2022 DRE School

Tentative dates April 4th-15th, 2022. Location TBD based on majority of selected students. Applications to open December 2021 and close in March with a prospective class roster proposed at next Committee meeting. Field certifications in two trips. Likely May 2022.

XII. NMDRE Program Updates

Cannabis is the #1 drug category opined in 2021 to date. CNS Depressants and CNS Stimulants at second and third respectively. Currently 75 DREs in New Mexico, which includes those on expired status lacking one or more standard for recertification. 13 certified instructors. Anticipated loss of 15 DREs by the end of 2021. Discussion regarding retention and motivation. Possibly send out list of top performing DREs on a quarterly basis. Three recertification classes to be held in 2022. 16 ARIDEs planned for 2022. Calendar to be distributed in upcoming weeks.

XIII. 2021 DRE School

For our 2021 DRE School we started with 22 applicants and had two withdrawals for a total of 20 students for this year's school. This year we put a 6-hour time limit on the written portion of the test, and it was successful with 9 out of 10 passing on the first trip and 10 out of 10 passing on the second trip. We can now count 19 new DRE's amongst our ranks.

XIV. National Updates

NHTSA has provided updates on the following areas:

- Bullet points in new curriculum taken out and instructors must talk on these items. This curriculum is scheduled to be distributed spring 2022.
- NTSHA is going to offer a 4-hour general info ARIDE self-paced refresher class online.
- SFST dry-lab videos will be updated
- Ongoing cannabis research
- IACP roll call training videos

XV. Updates/Comments/Concerns

- DRE/DRE Instructors- None

- NMDOT- None
- TSRPs- NMDAS.ORG for upcoming conference. Law enforcement/Prosecutors' credit. Send out email.
- ADA- None
- US Attorney- None
- Judicial Outreach Liaison- Judge Fitzwater (Ret.) Spoke at the May recert to fellow Judges/Officers to hold training.
- SFST- None
- Defense- Not present.

XVI. Next DRE Committee Meeting

Next Meeting March 7, 2022, in the Albuquerque area. Send out evite with agenda.

XVII. ** Adjourned **

Meeting end time 12:00

Motion to Approve: Micah Doering

Seconded: Joel Holt

Minutes submitted by: Janell Files, BRV Consulting

Minutes approved by: Micah Doering Seconded: Joel Holt *March 7th, 2022 @0908 Albuquerque, New Mexico