

JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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23.1 UTILIZATION OF DRE

- A. A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) for the Department will conduct a detailed, diagnostic examination of persons arrested or suspected of drug-impaired driving or other similar offenses. Based on the results of the drug evaluation, the DRE forms an expert opinion on the following:
 - 1. Is the person impaired? If so, is the person able to operate a vehicle safely?
 - 2. Is the impairment due to an injury, illness or other medical complication, or is it drug-related?
 - 3. Which category or combination of categories of drugs is the most likely source of the impairment?
- B. Upon approval of a Supervisor, a DRE for the Department may be called to the scene of any investigation to serve as a subject matter resource for other officers or investigators, when persons under investigation are suspected of drug-impaired driving. DREs can monitor the investigation and give feedback to assist the investigating officer or investigator on the following:
 - 1. Is the person impaired?
 - 2. Is the impairment due to an injury, illness or other medical complication, or is it drug-related?
 - 3. Which category or combination of categories of drugs is the most likely source of the impairment?

23.2 CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT

- A. DREs should conduct their evaluations in a controlled environment, typically where impaired drivers are transported after arrest. The drug evaluation is not normally done at roadside and is typically a post-arrest procedure.

23.3 THE DRUG INFLUENCE EVALUATION

- A. The DRE drug evaluation takes approximately one hour to complete. The DRE evaluates and assesses the person's appearance and behavior. The DRE also carefully measures and records vital signs and makes precise observations of the person's automatic responses and reactions.
- B. The DRE also administers carefully designed psychophysical tests to evaluate the person's judgment, information processing ability, coordination and various

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other characteristics. The DRE will systematically consider everything about the person that could indicate the influence of drugs.

23.4 CALL OUT PROCEDURE

- A. Calling out a DRE should be approved by a supervisor and should be in accordance with all other Departmental and Town of Jackson “call out” policies and procedures.