



### Mark You Calendar

**Operation Safe Driver  
Week 2012**  
October 14—20, 2012

**NDAА Experienced  
Prosecutors Course**  
Oct 15—19 2012  
Savannah, GA

**Halloween Impaired  
Driving Prevention  
Campaign**  
Oct 25—Nov 4, 2012

**National Association of  
Prosecutor Coordinators  
Winter Conference**  
December 3—5, 2012  
Nashville, TN

**Drive Sober or  
Get Pulled Over  
National Crackdown**  
Dec 12, 2012 -  
Jan 1, 2013

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# *Between the Lines*

## **2012 DRE Section Awards Announced**

Each year the Drug Recognition Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police acknowledges individuals who have made significant contributions to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) by bestowing on them the title of DRE Emeritus or DRE Ambassador. The DRE Emeritus is awarded to a formerly certified DRE who has served the purposes of the DECP with honor and the highest integrity. This individual is no longer eligible, either through retirement or a job promotion, to maintain active DRE certification. The DRE Ambassador is awarded to an individual who, while never having been certified as a DRE, has made significant contribution to the DECP.

Six persons were recognized at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual DRE Section Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving held in Seattle, WA in August of this year.

### **DRE Emeritus Awards**

#### **John Butler, DRE #6541**

John Butler joined the Tempe Police Department in 1982 and in 1989 was transferred to the Traffic Unit as a late night DUI Motor Officer. During that year he completed his Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and HGN Training and worked as a DUI Motor Officer until 1995 when he was promoted to sergeant. Due to his passion and commitment to make Tempe's city streets safe from the impaired driver, he returned as the late night DUI squad sergeant. That same year, he attended DRE school in Mesa, Arizona and became a certified DRE. John also assumed the role of DUI and DRE Coordinator, a

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## **2012 Annual Meeting of the Governors Highway Safety Association**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) held their annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland from August 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The theme of this year's annual meeting, "Public Health + Highway Safety", was based on the concept that traffic safety issues, from seatbelt usage to impaired driving, are public health concerns. This year's conference focused on the relationship between public health partners and highway safety organizations. This type of team building endorsement represents a general trend away from the traditional silo effect where individual entities tend to work separately or only with other organizations within the same field. Many of the workshops at this year's event encouraged participants to think outside-the-box of their own work environment and explore ways to connect with other like-minded organizations.

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## DRE Awards

position he held from 1996 through 2000 and again from 2004 through 2007. He served as a supervisor on the East Valley DUI Task Force, and in 2005 he was the Task Force Coordinator for the entire enforcement event.

John hosted DRE School classes and SFST/HGN classes at the Tempe Police Department and made these classes available to officers statewide. He shared his skills, knowledge, experience and commitment in the area of alcohol and drug impaired driving by teaching at the Phoenix Regional Police Academy. As his agency's Fatal Team leader, John developed protocols to ensure that DREs were utilized to process the impaired fatal crash suspects. Through his leadership and the support of his peers, these protocols were institutionalized and are used today in the Tempe Police Department.

After his retirement, John remained committed to traffic safety, specifically DUI and DRE efforts. Hired by the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to be a Grant Manager in 2010, John has the opportunity to support grant funding programs that support Arizona's DRE program.

### **Donald Schuck, DRE 2157**

Don has been a driving force in the development and improvement of both Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program in New York State.

Beginning in the early 1990s he assisted in the training and development of SFST and Drugs that Impair Driving courses throughout the state. He completed training as a DWI instructor, DRE and DRE instructor, becoming a premier facilitator. He was crucial in implementing ongoing Drugs that Impair Driving training which assisted in the improvement of officers' crucial assessment skills which, in turn, supported the use of DREs in New York.

Don participated as a regional coordinator assisting in program development, management and facilitating programs statewide. He has offered countless hours of personal time in the management and presentation of drug impaired issues at the regional and state level. He also assisted in the facilitation of national training programs for DRE and presented at the Oregon national DRE conference.

For more than 20 years, Don has been an advocate of SFST and DRE. As a retired law enforcement administrator and recently retired DRE instructor, he continues to facilitate as an adjunct instructor in numerous statewide training programs.

### **Joseph Marcantonio (DRE #4429)**

Joseph Marcantonio served with the from the East Brunswick Township Police department, East Brunswick, NJ retiring in 2008 due injuries sustained in the line of duty. He served in many capacities during his career in law enforcement, but his most notable assignment was to the DWI-Crime reduction and safe sober highway unit. This unit was unique and the first of its kind in the state of NJ, being comprised of only DRE trained officers, which led the state in DWI/DRE arrests/convictions.

Joe was certified as a DRE in 1995 and became a DRE and DITEP instructor in 1998. He later went on to become one of only three municipal officers ever to be appointed as a regional coordinator, serving central region of New Jersey.

He a founding member of the New Jersey DRE Officers Association—the first of its kind in the nation— and has served as vice-president, legislative liaison, trustee, and regional liaison. Joe regularly lectured on DWI, DRE and drug abuse issues and worked on legislative issues in New Jersey, testifying before the Law and Public safety committee on several occasions. He additionally served on the Middlesex county DWI task force, was the administrative liaison to the East Brunswick township drug and alcohol alliance, assistant coordinator to the East Brunswick Police departments DWI program, and was a New Jersey Police training commission certified instructor.

### **Frank Novakowski DRE # 5452**

Frank retired from the Hillsdale Police Department, New Jersey and is still active in promoting and furthering the DRE program in New Jersey, volunteering his time towards our goals and the furtherance of removing impaired drivers from our roads.

Frank was certified in 1996 and became a DRE instructor in 1998. He later became one of only three municipal officers ever to be appointed as a regional coordinator. As a regional coordinator, he served the New Jersey North region of approximately eight counties.

Frank has taught at almost every basic DRE class since the time of his instructor certification. He has also served as course manager, as well as lead instructor. He has served as Vice President of the New Jersey DRE Association for the past 5 years, helping to further the program and association goals. He has also served as a trustee and region representative to the executive board.

Additionally Frank was certified as an instructor for the Drug-Impairment Training for Education Professionals and lectured regularly at schools and for various groups including prosecutors and judges training sessions to help raise awareness and acceptance of the DECP program.

### **DRE Ambassador Awards**

#### **Beth Barnes, Assistant Prosecutor and Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor**

Beth Barnes is an Assistant City Prosecutor in Phoenix, AZ. She has attended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing training and DRE School to support her role as a first line prosecutor. For the past 20 years she has been fully committed to prosecuting the alcohol- and drug-impaired driver. As a first line prosecutor she has prosecuted no less than 40 DRE jury trials and while assigned to the Appeals Bureau worked on hundreds of DUI and DRE-related motions including several *Frye* hearing motions in the Phoenix Court and Maricopa County Superior Court relating directly to DRE case admissibility.

Beth continues to devote her skills and time as a prosecutor to support the DRE program. She has taught the courtroom portion of the DRE curriculum in numerous DRE schools throughout Arizona. Realizing that many prosecutors throughout the state would not have the opportunity to attend a full DRE school, Beth developed a three-day training program that allowed prosecutors to have the exposure to the DRE program and case law relating to it within Arizona.

Beth also serves as the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the State of Arizona, allowing her to focus on sharing her skills and experience by providing training to police officers, prosecutors, crime lab personnel and the community on these issues state-wide. She was on the ground level of developing the Arizona DRE Phlebotomy Program and provided the guidelines and protocols needed to be successful in implementing the program. Because of her expertise, she has been called upon by several different states, Lifesavers, MADD, and NHTSA to provide training and exposure to the Police Officer Phlebotomy Program, which includes a strong exposure to and support of the DRE Program.

#### **Jim Cox, Chief (Retired) Oklahoma Police Department**

Jim Cox retired in 1989 from the Midwest City, Oklahoma Police Department as the Chief of Police.

Following a decorated 25-year career with the department, Chief Cox chose to continue serving the citizens in Oklahoma. He realized the importance of traffic safety programs and also realized the state was lacking in the areas of impaired driving enforcement. Chief Cox began working with the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to bring standardized training to Oklahoma Law Enforcement officers. In 1989, Chief Cox attended the NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Training Program Training in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In 1991, Chief Cox was instrumental in establishing the DEC Program within Oklahoma. He ensured the initial training involved law enforcement agencies from across the state. Oklahoma Governor David Walters recognized Chief Cox in 1992 for his efforts to establish the DEC Program in Oklahoma and increase the traffic safety efforts in the state.

While executive director of Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, Chief Cox continued to obtain grant monies for traffic safety training and enforcement efforts in Oklahoma. Chief Cox was a strong advocate to assist rural law enforcement with training and equipment they would normally not have access to obtain. Chief Cox was often seen at the state capitol working for all law enforcement in Oklahoma and he is highly respected by legislators across the state.

Chief Cox was very proud of his Native American culture and worked tirelessly to improve tribal law enforcement efforts, which fostered the acceptance of traffic safety training and enforcement by Tribal Law Enforcement across the nation. He continues to be a resource of information.

#### **Karen Tarney Bookstaff Award Don Decker**

In addition to DRE Emeritus and Ambassador, the DRE Section created an award in memory of Karen Tarney Bookstaff. Karen and her husband Dick Tarney founded Citizens Against Drug Impaired Driving, an organization committed to reducing the number of injuries and fatalities due to drivers under the influence of legal and illegal drugs. The Tarneys were also ardent supporters of the DRE training. Karen promoted DRE training for officers, prosecutors, and citizens and was instrumental in bringing the DRE program to Wisconsin. She died in 2006 and this award was established in her honor.

It is given to an active certified DRE who, during the past year, demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. This year's honoree is Donald Decker.

Donald Decker has been a DRE and DRE instructor for over a decade and a half. During this time he has exhibited consistent and outstanding performance in many aspects of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. These actions include hundreds of hands-on DRE evaluations, mentoring other DREs as an instructor and fellow DRE, serving as the founding state coordinator in Massachusetts for 14 years and now the Region III coordinator for the northeast.

This past March, Don retired from full-time active duty as a police officer after 30 years on the Marblehead Police department. This only motivated him to become more active in teaching in law enforcement. He is now focusing his energy and efforts in contributing to the DRE program. In the past year he has been actively involved in sharing his skills and experience as a DRE in multiple ways:

- Massachusetts State Coordinator
- Member of the TAP Committee as the Region III Coordinator
- Developing curriculum for the DRE program
- Providing counsel and support in establishing the new DRE program in Connecticut
- Lead instructor and/or course manager for DRE schools in Ohio, Illinois, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island.
- Performing many DRE evaluations and testifying in DRE court cases
- Instructing in DRE Updates for many states in Region III
- Teaching other health professionals, such as EMTs, nurses, and doctors, throughout the country.

In keeping with the spirit and memory of Karen Tarney, Sgt. Decker has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program.

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### NDAAs Efforts

NDAAs mission is "to be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights and safety of the people."

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### Operation Safe Driver

During the week of October 14—20, 2012, organizations across North America are uniting to put a foot down on preventing deaths from crashes involving passenger vehicles and large trucks and buses and educate all drivers about the risks of aggressive driving as well to provide a few tips for being safer on the road. Called "Operation Safe Driver," a consortium of government agencies, law enforcement and industry across North America are partnering to stop, ticket and educate aggressive and distracted drivers. This program aims to educate all motorists on the risks involved with aggressive and distracted driving by, in and around large trucks and busses and stigmatize aggressive driving behavior on the roads. This partnership includes The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, state and local law enforcement and associations including the Governors Highway Safety Association, Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, American Trucking Association, FedEx Corporation, National District Attorney's Association, National Organization for Youth Safety and the United Motorcoach Association to name a few.

For more information, visit  
[www.operationsafedriver.org](http://www.operationsafedriver.org)

### Technical Assistance

The National Traffic Law Center (NTLC) provides evidentiary and technical assistance on a number of topics in the traffic law realm, tracks national and state legislation, and provides training programs on legal issues concerning impaired driving, commercial vehicles, and other traffic-related areas and a number of other concerns. The NTLC's materials include information on topics related to traffic safety, including expert witnesses, articles and studies, case briefs, case decisions and more. If you are in need of any assistance, please contact us.

During the conference, GHSA members elected Kendell Poole as the incoming Chairman for 2013. The GHSA web site indicates that Mr. Poole has served on the GHSA Executive Board since 2006 both as a regional representative and, more recently, as the Chairman of the GHSA Member Services Committee. GHSA defines its mission as being a voice for its members in influencing national traffic safety policy and enhancing program management and promoting best practices. As its chairman, Mr. Poole will be tasked with the moving the organization forward in this mission and with providing leadership and representation for GHSA state and territorial members working to improve traffic safety.

Mr. Poole is currently the Director of the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office where his six year term has spanned the administrations of both Governor Phil Bredesen and Governor Bill Haslam. During his service as Governor's Representative, Mr. Poole has committed resources to both safety and enforcement campaigns with demonstrable success. His office distributes and monitors numerous grants across the state to address multiple safety issues. These areas include youth alcohol and traffic safety, occupant protection and child passenger safety, traffic records, emergency medical services, roadway safety, motorcycle safety and alcohol countermeasures.

As the Director of the GHSO, Mr. Poole has demonstrated consistent support for prosecutors who handle traffic related cases, and his office provides grant funding to offices across the state for 26 full-time impaired driving prosecutors. The GHSO also provides grant funding to the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference for two Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors, Tom Kimball and Jim Camp, who provide training and technical support for prosecutors and law enforcement. Of the newly elected GHSA Chairman, Tom Kimball says, "Kendell Poole truly believes in traffic safety". Jim Camp agrees adding that Mr. Poole "is committed to saving lives and (that he) thinks creatively to make that happen."

In addition to grant funding for other law enforcement, non-profit, educational and health agencies, the Tennessee GHSO supports a strong Law Enforcement Liaison Program that provides training for state and local officers. The GHSO staff report that, between 2007 and 2010, they had over 7,200 enrollments in their law enforcement training courses and that the GHSO has supported Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training for every Tennessee Highway Patrol officer. Data from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Research, Planning and Development Division shows that in 2006, when Mr. Poole was appointed, there were 1,284 traffic fatalities in Tennessee. By 2011, despite a slight increase in vehicle miles traveled, this number had dropped to 939 fatalities. Regarding plans for his upcoming term as GHSA Chairman, Mr. Poole indicated via press release on their website that GHSA will continue to focus on the "Big 3" including "drunk driving, occupant protection and speeding." Other priorities for GHSA will include distracted driving, teen driver behavior and motorcycle safety.

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