

# New Mexico Drug Recognition Expert Program



*New Mexico  
Drug Evaluation and Classification Program  
Drug Recognition Expert Training*

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **11 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS GRADUATE DRUGGED DRIVING RECOGNITION TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Los Lunas, N.M. - STATEWIDE – November 22, 2025** – Six law enforcement agencies and three New Mexico State Police districts now have an enhanced resource in their efforts to investigate drug-impaired driving. In partnership with the **New Mexico Department of Transportation**, the **New Mexico Drug Recognition Expert (NMDRE) Program** is proud to announce the graduation of 11 new Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) from an intensive three-week training school.

This year's DRE School brought together officers from police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police districts across the state. The graduates are:

- **Sergeant Carlos Martinez-Venegas**, Farmington Police Department
- **Officer Jose Hernandez**, Farmington Police Department
- **Officer Alonso Ruiz-Quezada**, Farmington Police Department
- **Officer Shawn Cambridge**, Farmington Police Department
- **Officer C-Jay Smith**, Isleta Police Department
- **Officer Thomas Bui**, Albuquerque Police Department
- **Officer Koston Trujillo**, Rio Rancho Police Department
- **Deputy John White Jr.**, Chaves County Sheriff's Office
- **Officer Oshane Green**, New Mexico State Police - Española District
- **Officer David Raymond**, New Mexico State Police - Deming District
- **Officer Ismael Perez**, New Mexico State Police - Deming District



Only about 2% of law enforcement officers nationwide are certified DREs. Candidates for this course were carefully selected by a committee of current DREs, DRE instructors, and traffic-safety partners. Officers were evaluated on their professional qualifications, investigative experience, and the needs of their regions. Throughout the program, students were continually tested to ensure they met the strict national standards required for certification.

DREs play a critical role following an impaired-driving arrest. When a subject's alcohol concentration is not consistent with the level of impairment observed roadside, a DRE conducts a detailed evaluation to determine which drug category or categories may be contributing to the impairment.

*"This specialized training strengthens our statewide effort to identify and hold accountable drug-impaired drivers," said Charles Files, State Coordinator for the New Mexico DRE Program. "Our roads are safer when officers have the skills to recognize impairment beyond alcohol. These graduates add significant capability to agencies across New Mexico."*

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) operates in all 50 states and internationally. New Mexico has been part of the program since 1992, training peace officers to recognize the signs, symptoms, and indicators of drug influence in impaired-driving investigations.

New Mexico currently has 73 certified DREs representing 31 agencies and nine State Police districts. To be considered for DRE training, officers must receive support from their Chief or Sheriff, meet established prerequisites, and commit to completing all phases of the program.

The New Mexico DRE Program also delivers the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course statewide. This two-day training is free to law enforcement, thanks to support from the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Additional information about both programs can be found at [integrityshieldnm.com/NMDRE](http://integrityshieldnm.com/NMDRE).

*Additional information can be found at our website [integrityshieldnm.com/NMDRE](http://integrityshieldnm.com/NMDRE). Photos from this course can be found by using the link here: [LINK TO 2025 DRE SCHOOL PHOTOS-CLASSROOM](#)*

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