STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 21-06

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Resident Troopers
Protective Services

From: Karen Boisvert
Academy Administrator

Date: September 21, 2021

Subject: Recommendation as to the minimum number of Drug Recognition Experts (DRE's) in accordance with Bill No. 1201

The Police Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Bill No. 1201, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis (RERACA) 2021SB-01201-R00-SB.PDF (ct.gov) Sec.114.(a), has created a DRE agency recommendation form and provided data links to assist all agencies with determining the minimum number of Drug Recognition Experts (DRE's) each law enforcement unit should have accredited.

Please complete the attached DRE Agency Recommendation Form on or before January 1, 2022 and return to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council using the email link provided. dre.recommendations.post@ct.gov

Below are the data links provided (along with any in house data retained by your agency) to assist in determining the minimum number of DRE's for your agency.

CT Highway Safety plan (2022) (DUI data located on pages 67 – 90)

CRASH DATA STATS 2018 2019 2020.pdf (Excel sheet provided by UConn)

vimeo.com/588512390/af45741dfe (IACP Roll Call Training video on Utilizing DREs)

Below are relevant sections of Bill No. 1201:

 Sec. 114. (a) **_Not later than January 1, 2022_**, each law enforcement unit shall report to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, in the manner specified by the council, a recommendation as to the minimum number of officers that such law enforcement unit should have accredited as Drug Recognition Experts to respond to instances of impaired driving, allowing that law enforcement units may call upon drug recognition experts from other law enforcement units as necessary and available. Such recommendation shall be based on data on impaired driving made available to law enforcement units by the Department of Transportation and any guidance issued by the council.

Sec.119 (B) A Drug Recognition Expert shall conduct a drug influence evaluation of such surviving operator, provided such operator is not seriously injured or otherwise unable to take such evaluation as a result of the accident. **_Effective April 1, 2022, in a fatal motor vehicle crash (lines 5452-5455)_**

This notice and all links may be located on the POSTC website https://portal.ct.gov/post under Featured Links for your convenience.

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by email karen.boisvert@ct.gov or phone (203) 427-2601.

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