

**NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (NSA) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING  
DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT TRAINING**

**REQUIREMENTS**

This application is for a sheriff's office/law enforcement agency proposing to contract with the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) to deliver DRE School training AND/OR Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) classes.

All proposed training must be delivered within 12 months of contract approval, or by August 31, 2022, whichever date falls first.

**1. Sheriff's Office/Law Enforcement Agency/Training Institution Name:** Collin County Sheriff's Office

**2. Sheriff's Office/Agency Type:** Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Agency

**3. Sheriff's Office/Law Enforcement Agency Address:** 4300 Community Ave.

**4. Sheriff/Law Enforcement Agency Head:** Jim Skinner

**5. Rank/Title:** Sheriff

**6. I certify the Sheriff/Law Enforcement Agency Head supports submission of this application:** Yes

**7. Project Lead Name:** William Armstrong

**8. Project Lead Email:** warmstrong@co.collin.tx.us

**9. Project Lead Phone Number:** 972-548-5148

**10. Type of training proposed to be conducted:**

DRE

ARIDE

**DRE & ARIDE**

**11 .Please include your State Highway Safety Office Letter of Support (recommended, but not required)**

(Not needed if you have the DEC State Coordinator)

Included

**Not included**

**12. Please include your DEC State Coordinator Letter of Acknowledgement**

**Included** Carlos Champion, DRE State Coordinator (Please refer to Attachment)

Not included

## NEED

In the following four questions, please provide detailed information related to how drug-impaired driving is affecting your region through arrests and traffic crashes. Please include any other relevant criteria and why funding is required to deliver drug-impaired enforcement training.

**13. Drug-Impaired Driving Problem.** Describe the drug-impaired driving problem for your region. If possible, include the number of drug-impaired driving related crashes and arrests. (500-word max)

Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a growing problem in Collin County as well as across the country

Texas has ranked in the top 10 states for six consecutive years for alcohol-related fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (NHTSA Driving FACTS). It is important to note that impaired driving refers to alcohol or drug-impairment as per Texas Impaired Driving Task Force, 2022.

Facts:

- Drugs other than alcohol (legal or illegal) are involved in about 36.8% of motor vehicle crashes. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Results, 2021)
- 33.8% of under 21 years of age are involved in motor vehicles crashes. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Results, 2021)
- Marijuana use is increasing and 15% of nighttime, weekend drivers have marijuana in their system. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Results, 2021)
- After alcohol, marijuana is the drug most often linked to drugged driving. (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2019)
- Drug and alcohol use can impair driving by affecting critical thinking and motor skills. (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2019)
- In 2018, 20.5 million people aged 16 or older drove under the influence of alcohol and 12.6 million drove under the influence of illicit drugs.(NIH)
- Among drug-positive drivers killed in crashes in 2019, 4% tested positive for both marijuana and opioids, 16% for opioids only, 38% for marijuana only, and 42% for other drugs. (Governors Highway Safety Association, 2020)
- The percentage of traffic deaths in which at least one driver tested positive for drugs has nearly doubled over a decade. (USA Today, 2019)
- One in four drivers tested positive for at least one drug that could affect safety. MADD, 2021)
- More than 92,000 drivers are arrested each year on DUI or DWI charges in Texas. (TXDOT, 2022)

Collin County is on pace and expected to set a record high for impaired driving incidents in 2022. Impaired driving incidents are a year round issue for the region, with summer being the highest activity. The risks are heightened in 2022, as restaurants and entertainment venues fully reopen under Texas House Bill 1024, allowing for beer, wine, and mixed drinks to be included in pickup and delivery food orders. This accompanied with workers returning to offices, friends reuniting at social gatherings, and families resuming road trip vacations are all contributing factors of the increase. In addition, more local states are legalizing marijuana adding to the issue. According to Texas Department of Public Service, there were 1906 driving under the influence in Collin County during 2021.

DUI-Drug Related Reportable Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes

Collin County

Crash Year	Fatal Crashes	Suspected Serious Injury Crashes	Suspected Minor Injury Crashes	Possible Injury Crashes	Non-Injury Crashes	Unknown Injury Crashes	Total Crashes
2020	15	40	84	102	314	19	574
2021							

\*TXDOT

Alcohol related arrest within Collin County

2020	Total
DUI	
Drunkenness	
Liquor Laws	
Total	

2021	Total
DUI	1,906
Drunkenness	320
Liquor Laws	126
Total	2,352

\*TXDOT

On average, our state sees about one impaired driving incident/crash every 20 minutes according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Fifty-six percent drivers involved in serious injury and fatal crashes tested positive for at least one drug based on studied Trauma Centers, Oct-Dec., 2020.

**14. Personnel needs** correspond to a desire for more staff or personnel trained in DRE and/or ARIDE. An office/agency with a greater number of ARIDE-trained staff, but with few DREs available to assist them, suggests a need for more DREs. Similarly, an office/agency with an active DRE program, but few patrol officers trained in ARIDE, would benefit from classes to increase deputies'/officers' knowledge of drug-impaired driving. Funding can be requested for both DRE and ARIDE trainings. Please describe below your office/agency's personnel needs. (500-word max)

Crucial to the Collin County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) will be to train the Specialized DWI Unit along with patrol officers to be certified DREs. This will aid with reducing the number of impaired drivers and impaired driving related traffic accidents and/or fatalities. ARIDE and the DRE School will help CCSO reach this goal/task.

ARIDE is a two day class designed to assist officers achieve the following course goals and objectives:

Goal:

- The course will train officers to observe, identify and articulate signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents, serious injury, and fatal crashes.

*\*ARIDE Manual*

Objectives:

- Properly administer and articulate SFSTs;
- Describe relationship of drugs to impaired driving incidents;
- Observe, identify and articulate observable signs of drug impairment;
- Identify, document and describe indicators observed and information obtained related to impairment which leads to arrest/release decision; and
- Articulate through testimony impairment related to alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both based on a complete investigation.

*\*ARIDE Manual*

ARIDE will also cover the following Course Session in the two days:

- Introduction and Overview of Drugs and Highway Safety
- SFST Update and Review
- SFST Proficiency Exam
- Drugs in the Human Body
- Observations of Eyes and Other Sobriety Tests
- Seven Drug Categories
- Effects of Drug Combinations
- Pre and Post Arrest Procedures

*\*ARIDE Manual*

The DRE School is designed to assist the officers achieve the following goals and specific learning objectives:

Goals:

- Determine if an individual is under the influence of a drug or drugs other than alcohol, the combined influence of alcohol and other drugs, or suffering from an injury or illness that produces similar signs to alcohol/drug impairment;
- Identify the broad category or categories of drugs that would induce the observable signs and symptoms of impairment; and
- Progress to the Field Certification Phase of the training.

*\*DRE Manual*

Objectives:

- Be able to describe the involvement of drugs in impaired driving incidents;
- Name the seven drug categories and recognize their effects;
- Describe and properly administer the psychophysical and physiological evaluations used in the DRE procedures;
- Prepare a narrative drug influence evaluation report;
- Discuss appropriate procedures for testifying in typical DRE cases; and
- Maintain an up-to-date relevant Curriculum Vitae (CV).

*\*DRE Manual*

By having NSA fund this great opportunity, CCSO Officers will be trained DRE experts. They will depend on a standardized process and use the systematic approach to assist them with gathering the evidence needed and

accurately be able to identify if the individual is drug-impaired due to the intensive training, testing and certification both from the ARIDE Class and DRE School.

Collin County Sheriff's Office at this time is not currently

**15. Please list the number of impaired-driving enforcement trainings your office or agency has participated in during the last 12 months.**

**Number of DRE schools:** Collin County Sheriff's Office has not participated in an impaired-driving enforcement training but will be hosting a DRE School. The following are the dates: August 29 to September 2, 2022 (week 1) and September 6 to September 9, 2022 (week 2). Collin County Sheriff's Office will have 2 of their own participating and 18 coming from other agencies throughout Texas.

**Number of ARIDE classes:** Collin County Sheriff's Office has not participated in any ARIDE classes. Collin County Sheriff's Office will also be hosting ARIDE. The following are the dates: August 9 and 10, 2022. Collin County Sheriff's Office will have 10 or more officers attending/participating in the class.

### BUDGET

Preference is afforded to agencies that maximize the amount of funding that directly results in trained deputies/officers.

Indirect expenses may not exceed 10%, if requested

Allowable expenses that meet the preferred criteria include: training manuals, other printed materials, forms, DRE kits, classroom rental, A/V equipment rental, and DRE field certification training expenses.

Other allowable expenses include travel expenses meeting **Government Services Administration (GSA) guidelines** for students and instructors, and other training-related expenses.

**16. Complete and include the NSA DIDET Budget Worksheet listing all of your projected expenses and submit with the proposal.**

Please refer to attached NSA DIDET Budget Worksheet.

### EXTERNAL REACH AREA

The overall goal of this project is to increase the number of trained deputies/officers as well as the area covered by these law enforcement officers. Distributing this training to external sheriff's office/law enforcement agency within a geographical region is highly desirable. The "**External Reach Area**" is the geographical area that encompasses the sheriff's offices/law enforcement agency AND other external agencies proposed to participate in the training.

Contacting external offices/agencies to solicit their participation is preferable and can be documented by a letter of support from them indicating their plans to participate.

**17. Please list ALL sheriff's offices/law enforcement agencies invited to participate in the training(s) including your own office if applicable.**

The following is a list of invitees that may be participating in the training (s) but not limited to:

- Collin County
- Burleson County
- Dallas County
- Denton County
- Ellis County

- Fannin County
- Grayson County
- Hunt County
- Kaufman County
- Navarro County
- Sherman County
- Tarrant County
- Wise County
- Frisco PD
- Anna ISD PD
- Fairview PD
- Wylie PD
- Farmersville PD
- Melissa PD
- Anna PD
- Princeton PD
- Lavon PD
- Plano PD
- Parker PD
- Prosper PD
- Celina PD
- McKinney PD
- Richardson PD
- Dallas PD
- Howe PD
- Van Alstyne PD
- East TX and other surrounding counties

The DRE State Coordinator and SFST/ARIDE Coordinator will assist with the promotion of DRE School and ARIDE class. The schedule will be advertised/posted on the Collin County Sheriff's Office Website as well as on the State Website.

**18. Please provide an estimate of the percentage of seats reserved for external students not affiliated with submitting sheriff's office/law enforcement agency.**

The total number of seats for the DRE School that will be provided for external students not affiliated with Collin County Sheriff's Office will be 80%. The total number of seats for the ARIDE class that will be provided for external students not affiliated with Collin County Sheriff's Office will be 50%.

**19. Sheriff's office/law enforcement agency letters of support (optional)**

Included  
 Not

## WORK PLAN

Operating within the time constraints of the financial award, the applicant should propose a plan that is reasonable and achievable using existing resources apart from those sought in the application.

### 20. Please describe your Work Plan\*below. (500-word max)

*\*Please note: all training MUST be in accordance with the International Standards of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, the International Standards of the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Program, and the DRE School curricula.*

The delivery of DRE School will be the following dates: Week 1: August 29 to September 2, 2022 and Week 2: September 6 to 9, 2022, 8am -5pm (40hrs per week) with Field Certification: September 13 to 16, 2022, September 20 to 23, 2022, 5 days and Exam Certification: September 27, 2022. There will be a total of 5 instructors for the DRE School and 5 instructors for the Field Certification and there will be one instructor per Exam. Collin County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the DRE School in Collin County. The Field Certification will be held in San Antonio, TX and the exam will be held in Collin County.

The delivery of ARIDE will be held August 9 and 10, 2022. There will be a total of 2 instructors for the two days (8 hours/per day). Collin County will be hosting the ARIDE class.

The DRE class size will be 20 with Collin County Sheriff's Office taking 20% and external deputies/officers taking 80% of attendance. The ARIDE class size will be 20 with Collin County Sheriff's Office taking 50% and external deputies/officers taking 50% of attendance.

As mentioned above the DRE School and ARIDE Class will be held at the Collin County Sheriff's Office Training Room which will assist with leveraging the resources that we have that will save on rental fee and any other administrative costs.

Methods for marketing will be in different forms such as mail outs, email blast, Collin County Sheriff's Office Website and the DRE and ARIDE State Website as well as shared with city websites.

### 21. Please fill in the numbers for your proposed DRE schools and ARIDE classes:

	DRE Schools	ARIDE Classes
Number of classes proposed	5	1
Total students	20	20
Number of Instructors assigned to each class	1 *Present State DRE Coordinator	2

## GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY

Describe the anticipated benefit to your state and region as a result of the training.

### 22. Please describe your Growth & Sustainability Plans below (300-word max).

There will be approximately 20 certified DREs at the end of this session with 20% being from Collin County Sheriff's Office and the other 80% external agencies. For ARIDE there will be 20 Officers that will benefit in this region/state as a result of the training (s), 50% from Collin County Sheriff's Office and 50% from external agencies. The new DREs in the Collin County Sheriff's Office will be utilized on patrol and part of a traffic unit. The Collin County Sheriff's Office is currently working on a call out system to facilitate the new DREs' on patrol to respond/react and conduct a DRE evaluation.

In order to sustain the competency of officers in drug impaired driving and/or ARIDE, Collin County Sheriff's Office Deputies will attend mandated refresher courses and SFST refresher courses on a quarterly basis. As per State Coordinator, sustainability will not be an issue. Therefore allowing trainings to occur when needed.

Recertification/education will be easy to maintain as well as per the State Coordinator. They are willing to assist in any means necessary to be sure that all officers keep their certifications updated and are recognized as certified Texas DRE Officers. The State DRE and SFST/ARIDE Coordinators have also stated that they have a grant that will assist with other budgetary resources to continue any new level of DRE training and that will sustain the competency these officers need in drug-impaired driving investigations and/or ARIDE. All DREs who certify in the school funded by this grant will have access to all recertification class.