

Vermont Drug Evaluation & Classification Program 2023 Annual Report

Type of Evaluation	Year
	2023
Enforcement	386
Training	30
Total	416

ARIDE Referral*	Year
	2023
Yes	189
No	197
Total	386

Refused Entire Evaluation*	Year
	2023
Yes	69
No	317
Total	386

*Finalized enforcement cases only.

Evaluation Stopped**	Year
	2023
Yes	22
No	295
Total	317

Drug Category (DRE's Opinion)	2023	
	ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING
Depressants	56	5
Stimulant	128	13
Hallucinogen	1	0
Dissociative Anesthetic	3	0
Narcotic Analgesic	145	22
Inhalant	0	0
Cannabis	110	9

	2023	
	ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING
# Polycategory Cases	139	18
Alcohol Impairment Only	2	0
Medical Impairment Only	11	0
Opinion of not Impaired	17	0
Toxicologies with no Drugs	13	0
Toxicology Refusals	28	0

Number of Certified DREs (at end of calendar year) = 39

Number of DRE Instructors (at end of calendar year) = 7

Number of State Police/Highway Patrol DREs = 8

Number of City Police DREs = 28

Number of Sheriff's Department DREs = 2

Number of Tribal Department DREs = 0

Number of Other Agency DREs = 1

Do you have any DREs in your state who have performed 51 or more enforcement evaluations in the calendar year? No

Number of SFST Classes = 5

Number of SFST Student = 116

Number of SFST Instructor Classes = 1

Number of SFST Instructor Students = 9

Number of ARIDE Classes= 5

Number of ARIDE Students = 69

Number of DITEP Classes = 10

Number of DITEP Students = 197

Narrative: Vermont held a DRE school in Burlington in June, followed by field certifications held in Jacksonville, FL. Five officers and two audit students, made up of prosecutors and lab personnel that attended the school. Vermont experienced 387 requests for a DRE response from law enforcement agencies in 2023 through its statewide call-out system.

Other Training: Two full day recertification trainings were conducted during the year. Eight DREs were able to attend the IACP IDTS Conference held in Anaheim, CA. Two DREs attended the Borkenstein Drug Course in Madison, WI. In addition, the Vermont program offered several training webinars to DREs throughout the year.

Interesting Cases Involving DREs: A DRE assisted with a two-vehicle fatality collision in the town of Colchester. It was found that the at-fault operator drove off the roadway and struck a vehicle stopped at a stop sign at an intersection. The operator was evaluated and was found to be operating under the influence of CNS Depressants and Cannabis.

Accomplishments and Challenges: Vermont has experienced some challenges in recruiting new DREs and is currently at the lowest number of certified DREs since 2016. 2023 saw a 6% decrease in enforcement evaluations from 2022.