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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Head or Training Officer
FROM: Kenny Benfield, State DRE/SFST/ASTD Programs Coordinator
SUBJECT: Drug Recognition Expert Preliminary School

The Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch will be providing two Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) 2-day Preliminary Schools: the first on January 7 through January 8, 2020 in Winterville, North Carolina; and the second on January 22 through January 23, 2020 in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

This training is provided at no cost to agencies. Lodging will be provided at no cost to the agency for students whose duty station or residence, whichever is closer, is thirty-five (35) or more miles away from the training location. The student will be responsible for meals during the school. However, if in overnight travel-status, they will be reimbursed at the State per diem after the completion of the school. Also, training materials and equipment will be provided to Candidate DREs at no cost to their agency.

Due to the high demand for this course, this training is for law enforcement personnel who are committed to completing the DRE Certification process, thus, it is directed toward those who are actively arresting impaired drivers. The course is challenging, and we can only enroll a limited number of students, thus, we ask that you select motivated and capable personnel to attend this advanced training.

I have attached the minimum requirements for selection to the DRE Training. All applications received **MUST** be complete, submitted as one electronic file (preferably .pdf), and will be reviewed by a selection committee before the candidate can continue to the DRE 8-day course. The applicant will be notified whether, or not, they are selected. Please submit all required information and documentation with the application. If you have more than one applicant, please have them submit each application as a separate file.

The application and all required documents must be submitted to our office no later than midnight on December 16, 2019. The applications should be emailed to DWITraining@dhhs.nc.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kenny Benfield at 919-622-5235 or email at: Kenny.Benfield@dhhs.nc.gov.

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