

Drug Evaluation Tracking System (DETS)

DRE Regional Coordinators Meeting 2013

What is DETS?

DETS is a website used by the DRE Program to collect data on evaluations conducted by DRE officers throughout Washington. These data are reported to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other federal and state agencies that monitor the DRE Program. Data are also used for evaluating the effectiveness of the DRE program statewide and to answer questions involving DRE officers, such as the impact of Initiative 502 on impaired driving stops.

DETS was first deployed in 2010 for internal use by the Washington State Patrol. DETS is being expanded for statewide use by all departments participating in the DRE Program. Our goal is to launch the new version of DETS (2.0) in the first quarter of 2014.

How does DETS impact me?

As a regional coordinator for the DRE Program, you will have the ability to view individual drug influence evaluations entered by DRE officers for your department. You will also have the ability to run statistical reports for DRE officer activity within your department. Because DRE officers in your department will be expected to enter their own evaluations into DETS, they may also come to you with questions about how the system works.

Because DETS version 2.0 is currently in test, some of you may be asked over the next few months to participate in the testing process. We need honest and complete feedback on what works and what does not work in DETS. The more thorough the testing effort, the better the overall product will be when it launches statewide next year.

Where do I get more information?

The DRE Program office is handling the testing and rollout of DETS in conjunction with the Washington State Patrol Information Technology Division. As we move closer to deployment in early 2014, the DRE Program will provide you user manuals and other information on how to access and use DETS. The DRE Program will also be your point of contact for any questions you may have about DETS.