ILINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT PHLEBOTOMY PROGRAM (ILEPP)

- Currently, there are 20 trained phlebotomy officers throughout Illinois.
- Modeled after Arizona’s program which has been in effect for 25 years.
- Supported by statute and Administrative Code.
- Immunity for Officers in 625 ILCS 5/11-500.1.
- Need blood in DUI Cannabis cases per 625 ILCS 5/11-501(a)(7).
- Eliminates need for hospitals and is much quicker, thus conforming to the 2-hour requirement.
- Forensic Phlebotomy offered at Richland Community College.
- Dual Credit Course consisting of 4-week online course, 3 days of classroom instruction (labs) and a 7-day clinical placement.
- Forensic Phlebotomy is already being successfully used in Macon County, Illinois.
- Cost of tuition is $670.00 (not including book and travel/lodging).
- Timely Evidence collection, standardized protocol and bullet proof in court.
- For more information, go to http://www.richland.edu/ILEPP or contact Larry Brooks at ldh1674@comcast.net or Jennifer Cifaldi at jcfaldj3@gmail.com.

DRUG EVALUATION AND CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

WHO ON YOUR DEPARTMENT IS TRAINED TO IDENTIFY A DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVER?

Think of this situation, in your community a car has struck and injured two children crossing the street in a crosswalk. Was this an accident? Or was the driver impaired? What does your officer do? Major Crash Team looks at the car and physical evidence, but who knows what to do with the driver?

A.R.I.D.E. (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) is a 2-day course that teaches officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of drug and alcohol impairment, and the differences between behaviors found in the 7 drug categories. Officer learn to administer the Modified Romberg Test, the Finger to Nose and the Lack of Convergence test to help identify drug impairment.

D.R.E. (Drug Recognition Expert) school is a two-week training program that teaches an officer to determine if a person is impaired; if the impairment is due to drugs or a medical condition; and if drug impairment, determine the drug category involved.

These training courses are offered by the local MTU and are offered upon demand. DRE schools require an application process and only the best officers are accepted due to the demands of the school. It is recommended that all patrol officers with over two years’ service attend ARIDE. The courses are IDOT grant funded so there is no tuition.

For information on these programs, go to www.decp.org or contact Tom Turek, the Illinois Drug Evaluation and Classification Coordinator at tom.turek@illinois.gov.