

General Course Details	
Course Title	Making the Call: Using Experience to Complement Training
Course Duration	2.0 hours
Initial Launch Date	8-11-24
Course Description	<p>‘Making the Call’ is a course designed to help Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) elevate their expertise and decision-making through enhanced reasoning skills. This course goes beyond the basics, focusing on the application of advanced reasoning techniques—such as abductive and decompositional reasoning—to complex drug influence evaluations. Participants will learn to assess cases that fall outside the typical DRE matrix by integrating foundational knowledge, practical experience, and the latest scientific research. The course also covers how to critically evaluate the credibility of sources, ensuring that decisions are informed by reliable and current information. This training is ideal for experienced DREs looking to refine their expertise and make more accurate, evidence-based decisions.</p>
Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize different types of reasoning and explain their relevance in DRE evaluations • Evaluate the credibility of sources by understanding and applying specific criteria for evaluation
Lessons	7
Quizzes	0
Format	<p>Courses on DrugImpairment.com are offered in an asynchronous e-learning format. Each course consists of individual lessons and each lesson contains video-based instruction or a written learning assignment. Lessons are equipped with timers and activity monitoring for completion integrity. Certificates are granted upon completion of all lessons in a course and achieving satisfactory performance on any associated quizzes. Course learning hours are determined by run-time, with a minimum of 50 minutes required per credit hour.</p>

Instructor Information	
Instructor Name	Aaron Botts
Instructor Biography	<p>Aaron Botts has been a dedicated member of the law enforcement community since July 2008. Beginning his career in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Aaron honed essential skills as a patrol officer in suburban environments, quickly excelling as a Field Trainer, SWAT team operator, and Crime Scene Investigator. Among his various roles, his commitment to combating impaired driving has particularly stood out. In 2016, Aaron transitioned to the Denver Police Department, joining the DUI/DRE Enforcement Unit. In this capacity, he has been at the forefront of initiatives to address impaired driving, contributing significantly as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and DRE Instructor and serves as the agency coordinator. Promoted to Corporal in 2022, Aaron is an integral figure at the Denver Police Academy, where he leads training for all incoming officers on impaired driving enforcement. His expertise extends beyond the academy; he has instructed at various police academies and agencies throughout the Denver metro area. Aaron also serves as an adjunct professor in the Community College of Denver Criminal Justice Program. As a presenter, Aaron has shared his knowledge and insights at numerous local and national conferences, quickly establishing himself as a respected voice in his field. Aaron became a DRE in 2019 and a DRE Instructor in 2021. In that short time he has distinguished himself through his dedication and passion for teaching others. He has led over 1,000 impaired driving investigations, trained hundreds of officers, taught numerous classes, and administered the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests more than 500 times in enforcement scenarios. Outside of law enforcement, Aaron remains active in his community as an Eagle Scout and leader in local scouting—serving as the Cub Master of Pack 999 and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 130G. He also channels his leadership skills into coaching his son's youth baseball team, further demonstrating his commitment to community and youth development.</p>

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