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&
CLASSIFICATION

ANNUAL
REPORT



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Introduction

The information contained in Pennsylvania's Annual Drug Evaluation & Classification Program Report is a summary of the accomplishments by the men and women trained and certified as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in Pennsylvania. The information was compiled from DRE data reports provided by the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITS MR) which captures all Drug Influence Evaluation Reports submitted by all DREs within the Commonwealth.

The Pennsylvania Drug Evaluation & Classification Program (DECP) was established and approved by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in November 2004. The first DRE School in Pennsylvania was conducted in February 2005. The first PA DRE Instructor School was conducted in February 2006. The Maryland DRE program played a pivotal role in the early growth and success of the program in Pennsylvania. The statewide program was coordinated by the State Police from 2004 - 2018. In 2018, the coordination duties were reassigned to the Pennsylvania DUI Association due to the growth of the program and the number of agencies and Municipal Officers trained as DREs. All states are currently participating in the program. The DECP operates under the national guidance and direction of the IACP and is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Pennsylvania DECP is supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot), Bureau of Highway Safety Office, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania DUI Association and the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association.

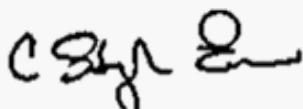
PENNSYLVANIA DECP MISSION

- Support and enhance the national DECP goals, objectives, and initiatives.
- Promote traffic safety, reduce crashes, injuries, fatalities, and criminal activity on the Commonwealth's highways by educating police officers in the discipline of drug and alcohol impairment identification and prosecution.
- Promote the effective investigation of all driving under the influence (DUI) violations.

Message from PA DUI Association Executive Director

On behalf of the membership and the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania DUI Association, it is with great pride that I present to you the 2021 Pennsylvania Drug Evaluation & Classification Program (DECP) Annual Report. The PA DUI Association has supported the PA DECP since its inception in the Commonwealth in 2004. In 2018, the Association's involvement in the DECP increased dramatically when the duties of the program's coordinator fell within the Association's recognized status. Since October of 2018, the PA DECP has continued growth by increasing the number of officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) and DRE Instructors as well as increases in the number of annual training classes provided. Additionally, the program has experienced technical growth by the acquisition of DRE tablets to improve reporting and data collection. This report is reflective of the commitment of our organization; the successful partnerships with the PA State Police and the Department of Transportation; as well as the commitment of all officers trained as DREs and their commanding officers for supporting the program and the training.

Sincerely,



C. Stephen Erni

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Message from PA DECP State Coordinator



On November 12, 2004, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) approved Pennsylvania as the 39th state in the nation to initiate this successful and effective program to identify and remove drug-impaired drivers from our highways.

THE PA DECP IS ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE CERTIFIED DRES CONTRIBUTE EVERY DAY.

The police officers trained and certified as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) have contributed to the significant success of the program statewide. These officers are committed to protecting the citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth by ensuring Pennsylvania roadways remain free of impaired drivers.

As a sign of gratitude and pride, this report highlights accomplishments made by all PA DREs. Program statistics illustrate the effectiveness of the program. The success is a result of the commitment from the DREs, other officers, agency supervisors/administrators, as well as state police supervisors and administrators. Additionally, the PA District Attorney's Association, the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and most importantly, the Department of Transportation for providing the funding opportunities for this program to continuously experience growth.

Sincerely,

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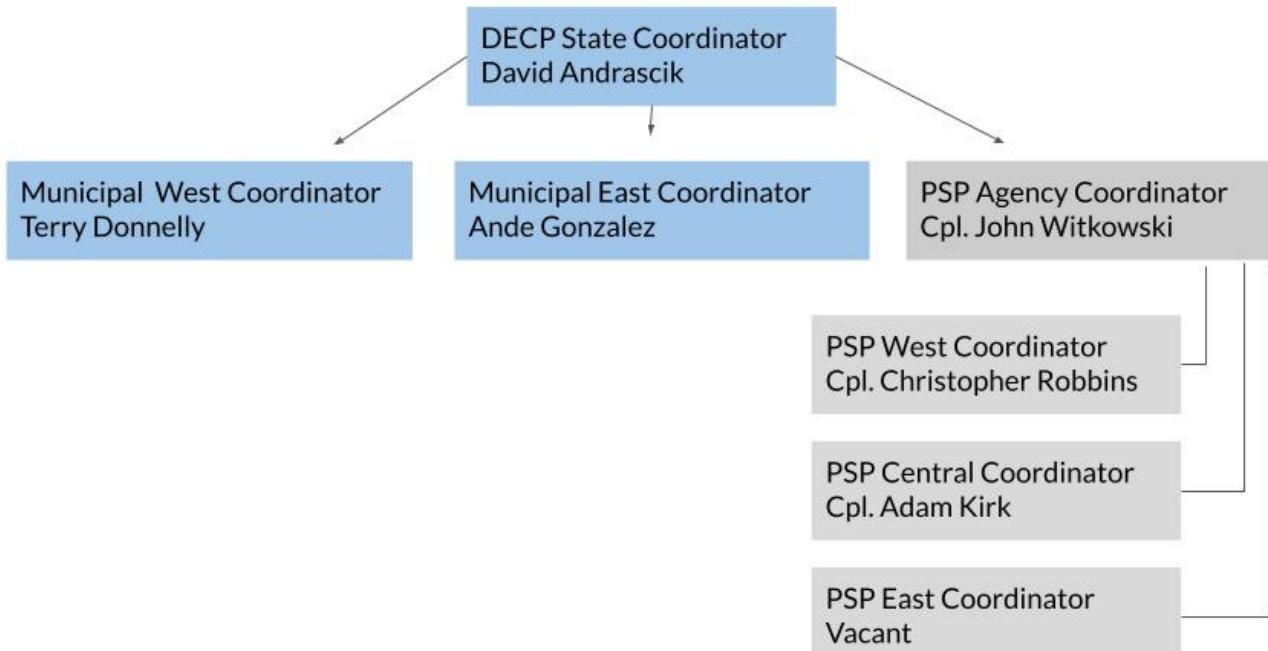
David Andrascik

PA DECP

Management



Regional Coordinators were created to assist the State Coordinator with statewide duties. As the number of certified DREs continues to grow, the need for field level managers increases. Currently, the primary duties of the regional coordinators are review and gather recertification materials, as well as to review and approve evaluations submitted by DREs within their region. Each of the Regional Coordinators take on these extra duties in addition to their normal duties and are considered “part time” positions.



2021 PENNSYLVANIA DECP QUICK FACTS



3,027 Total Evaluations
(3rd Most in Country)
2,256 Enforcement Evaluations
(3rd Most in Country)
771 Training Evaluations
(2nd Most in Country)

These numbers all represent the highest
in a single year since the PA Program
inception in 2004.

234 Certified DREs	102 PSP DREs	132 Municipal DREs
101 DRE Agencies	4 DRE Schools	52 New DREs Certified
16 New DRE Instructors	12 Average Evaluations Per DRE (Most in Country)	64 Total DRE Instructors

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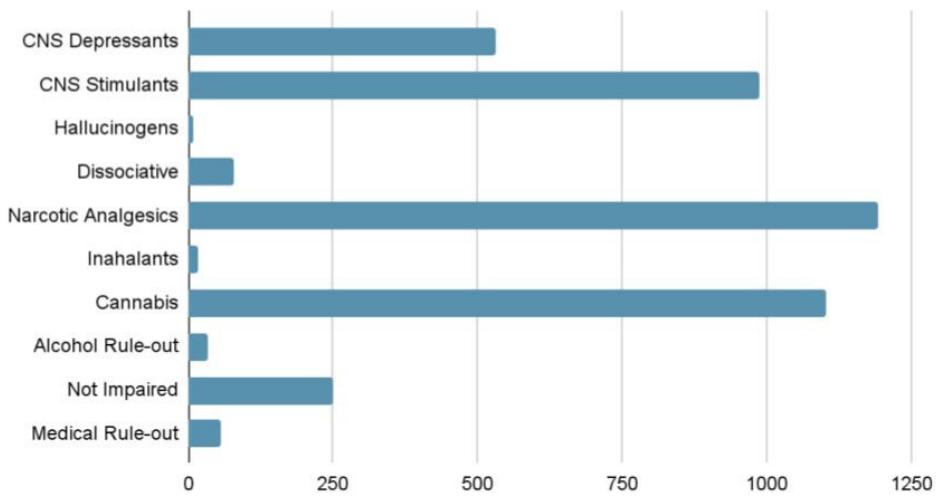
Number of police officers instructed by PA DREs in
the areas of DRE training, Advanced Roadside
Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE),
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), and
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor.

2021 DRE OPINION BY DECP DRUG CATEGORY

The DECP categorizes drugs on the basis of the signs and symptoms of impairment they produce. Seven drug categories are included in the DECP framework, which are Central Nervous System Depressants; Central Nervous System Stimulants; Hallucinogens; Dissociative Anesthetics; Narcotic Analgesics; Inhalants and Cannabis. In addition to these DECP drug categories, DREs are trained to recognize medical conditions which may mimic drug impairment, and also identify subjects who are not under the influence at the time of the evaluation.

The information below details the total number of times each DECP drug category was opined by a DRE, including opinions of alcohol rule-out, not impaired and medical rule-out. This data is related to the enforcement aspect of the DECP.

2021 Evaluations



2021 Training

Welcome to the DRE's who were Certified in 2021!

In 2021, Pennsylvania welcomed 49 new DREs! This is the largest addition in one year in PA.

There were 4 DRE Schools conducted. Since the program's inception in PA – there has never been more than 2 schools in a single calendar year. 49 New DREs successfully completed the training, (17 Municipal Officers 32 Troopers) 6 officers received the training but were unsuccessful at completion – this demonstrates the program difficulty and not all that start are able to complete (10.9% failure rate in 2021). The number of certified PA DREs as of December 31, 2021 is 239 (129 Municipal Officers - 110 Troopers).

CLASS 24



CLASS 25



CLASS 26



CLASS 27

2021 NEW DRES

DRE Class 24

Ty Bell	PSP, Troop B	Edward Burnworth	PSP, Troop E
Matthew Cruver	PSP, Troop R	Ronald Harris	PSP, Troop B
Robert Hendrickson	PSP, Troop F	Brandon Madden	PSP, Troop B
Asley Rensel	Ford City PD	David Waldschmidt	PSP, Troop A
Curtis Weston	PSP, Troop G	Kyle Allhouse	McCandless PD
Johnathan Sullivan	PSP, Troop N	Jonathan Lazarchick	PSP, Troop N

DRE Class 25

Jacob Beers	PSP, Troop C	Alex Burkett	PSP, Troop C
Kyle Callahan	PSP, Troop E	Royce Deyber	Chippewa PD
Nicholas Gray	PSP, Troop G	Kaytlynn Greenert	PSP, Troop J
William Hanlon	Sewickley Borough	John Haas	Jefferson Hills PD
Joseph Highfield	PSP, Troop C	Robert Jacobs	PSP, Troop F
Steven Knickel	PSP, Troop J	Alexander Loder	PSP, Troop H
Timothy Martin	PSP, Troop D	Shaun Milkovich	PSP, Troop D
Nathan Powers	Pittsburgh PD	Montana Trombetta	PSP, Troop D

DRE Class 26

Tyler Arbogast	PSP, Troop F	William Bell	PSP, Troop E
Joseph Civello	PSP, Troop F	Orlando Diaz	PSP, Troop N
Katherine Franck	PSP, Troop N	Ryan Joyce	PSP, Troop P
Trey Kurtz	Sunbury PD	Matthew Mumford	Warren PD
Alejandro Ortiz	Coatesville PD		

DRE Class 27

Kevin Andres	Wilkes Barre PD	Brent Beaver	PSP, Troop N
Joseph Benson	Wilkes Barre PD	Peter Cordaro	Wilkes Barre PD
Gilbert Diaz	Pittston City PD	Connor Duffy	Hanover Twp PD
Joseph Napolksy	PSP, Troop P	Gregory Pimm	PSP, Troop P
Brian Sayler	Wilkes Barre Twp PD	Anthony Smith	Forty Fort Borough PD
Christopher Tobias	PSP, Troop N	Christopher Ward	Wilkes Barre PD

CERTIFICATION

The Certification Phase of DRE training requires all students to conduct a minimum of twelve drug influence evaluations with subjects believed to be impaired by substances other than alcohol. Completing this phase in a timely manner remains a challenge for every DRE Course Administrator. Philadelphia has been proven to be an excellent location for this portion of the training. In 2021 a total of 10 DRE Classes attended certification in Philadelphia. The four Pennsylvania Schools, as well as Schools from Maryland, New York, Delaware and Minnesota. The success of this location is a direct result of the relationships established with Rock Ministries of Philadelphia and the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education.

Rock Ministries: A Bible, boxing gloves and five boys.... that's how Rock Ministries started. With its goal to reach at-risk inner-city youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Rock has now grown to serve thousands of kids through sports, arts, music, recreation, mentoring and Bible studies. Through the church Calvary Chapel of Kensington, they also serve the community with outreaches, support for addicts and others in need, a food pantry, and most importantly the consistent teaching of the Word of God. The neighborhood of Kensington is known far and wide as a center of the drug trade with all the crime and violence that it brings. It is among the poorest neighborhoods in America where homelessness and hunger are everyday realities. Rock Ministries have opened their doors for DRE training volunteer subjects. Each class DRE students and Instructors discuss treatment programs and valuable services with the volunteer subjects. Additionally, DRE students provide donated items for those in need. DRE training at the Rock Ministries serves as an excellent community outreach program which helps the community.

The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education: The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE) provides toxicological testing for all certification volunteer subjects. The Director, Dr. Barry Logan has been involved with the DECP Program for decades through his previous work with the Washington State Laboratories as well as his work with National Medical Services (NMS). The Assistant Director, Mandi Mohr serves as a critical role in the collection and testing of all samples. In 2021 CFSRE tested 751 oral fluid samples in which DRE students opined 1,192 drug categories. Many evaluations resulted in the opinion of multiple categories which is the reason of more categories opined than subjects tested. Of the 1,192 categories opined, 1,108 were confirmed by toxicology.

CERTIFICATION NUMBERS

STATE	CLASS	MONTH	SUBJECTS TESTED	CATAGORIES OPINED	CATAGORIES CONFIRMED	ACCURACY RATE
	PA-24	April 2021	91	144	136	94%
	MD-2	May 2021	133	223	199	90%
	PA-25	June 2021	108	182	171	93%
	MN-1	July 2021	53	66	63	95%
	NY-2	August 2021	23	38	35	92%
	MN-2	August 2021	57	100	92	92%
	PA-26	September 2021	55	85	78	91%
	DE-2	November 2021	57	101	96	95%
	MD-3	November 2021	96	134	128	95%
	PA-27	November 2021	78	119	110	92%
2021 TOATLS	10		751	1192	1108	92%

2021 Individual DRE Leaders

These eight Pennsylvania DREs conducted 50 or more drug influence evaluations in 2021. This accounts for 23% of the 2,256 enforcement drug influence evaluations which were conducted.



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Corporal Shawn Noonan,
Ret. PSP – Troop N/PADUI Association
Recognized by the IACP for conducting the
highest number of evaluations worldwide.



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Corporal Robert
Means PSP – Troop C



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Officer Antonio Tramonte
North Catasauqua Borough



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Officer Tyler Weinoldt
Lititz Borough Police Department



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Trooper Sean Flannery
PSP – Troop K



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Trooper Phillip Treadway
PSP – Troop D



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Officer Jessica Muccione
Slate Belt Regional Police Department



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Officer Benjamin Wolfson
O'Hara Township Police Department



PA DRE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The PA DRE Awards of Excellence were presented to the following recipients during the Fall of 2021 in their respected communities in recognition of their support, outstanding contributions, and commitment to the Pennsylvania Drug Recognition Evaluation & Classification Program.



Cambria County Impaired Driving Task Force



Luzerne County Office of District Attorney



Center for Traffic Safety



Cranberry Township Police Department



Bucks County Public Safety Training Center



Allentown Police Department

IACP TRIBUTE TO SLAIN OFFICERS

On November 18, 2021 – the families of Trooper Joshua Miller and Bryon Dickson were presented the International Association of Chiefs of Police Tribute to Slain Officers. The Troopers were killed in the line of duty in separate incidents. Both were PA Drug Recognition Experts and PA DUI “Top Gun” award recipients. Both members had a passion for identifying and removing impaired drivers from our highways. This tribute reinforces the fact that these heroes will never be forgotten, and their spirit will continue in the message of impaired driving enforcement.



CORPORAL BRYON K. DICKSON II

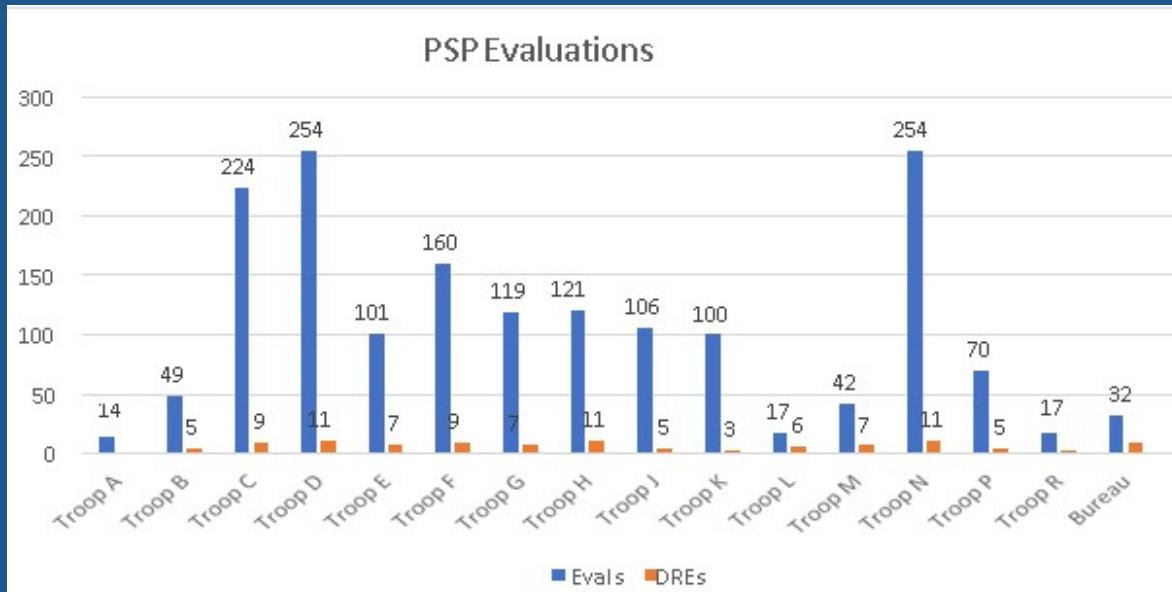


Trooper Joshua Miller

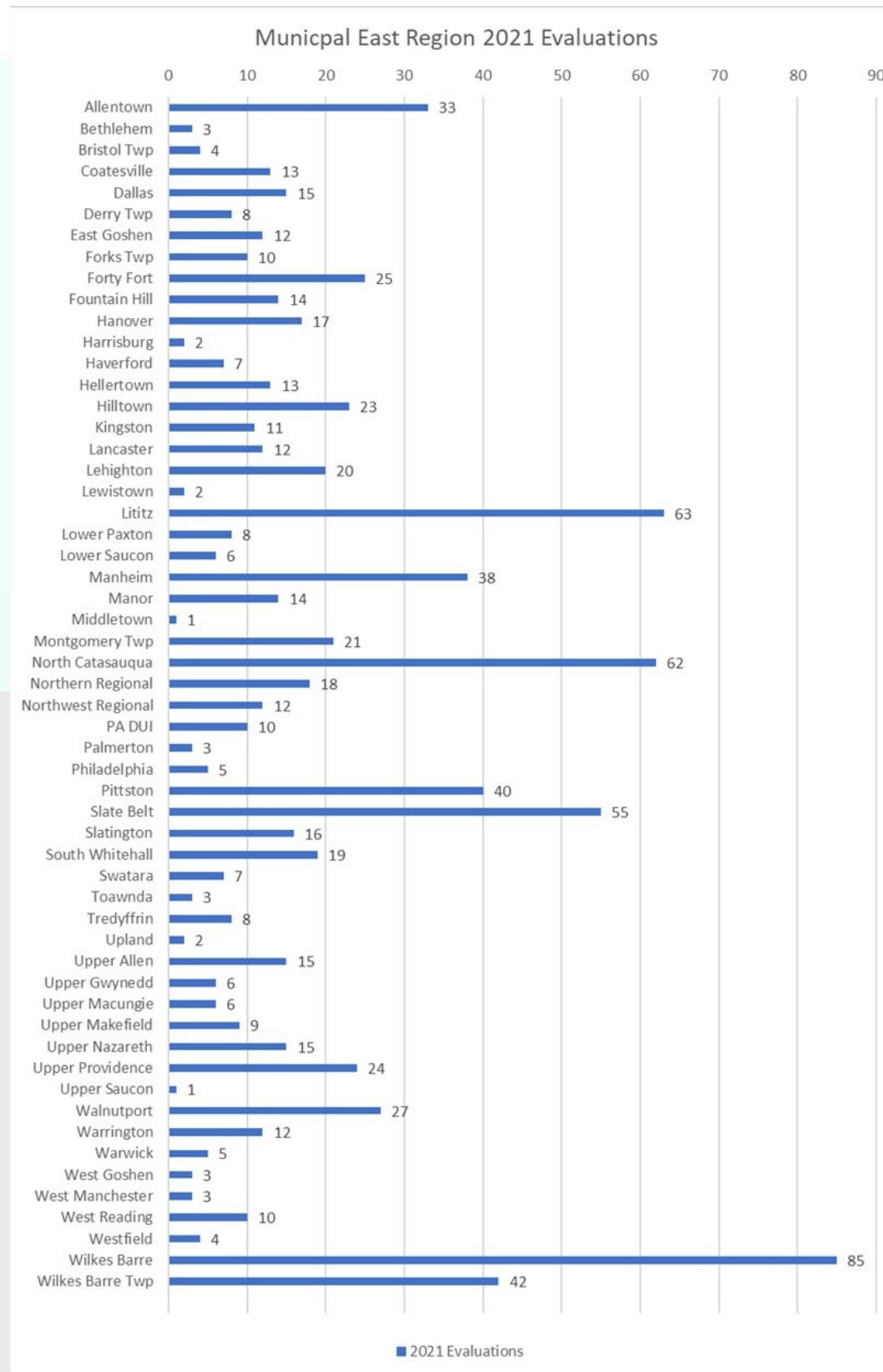
2021 Drug Influence Evaluations

PSP TROOP	2021 ALL EVALUTIONS	DRES ASSIGNED
A	14	1
B	49	5
C	224	9
D	254	11
E	101	7
F	160	9
G	119	7
H	121	11
J	106	5
K	100	3
L	17	6
M	42	7
N	254	11
P	70	5
R	17	3
BUREAU	32	9

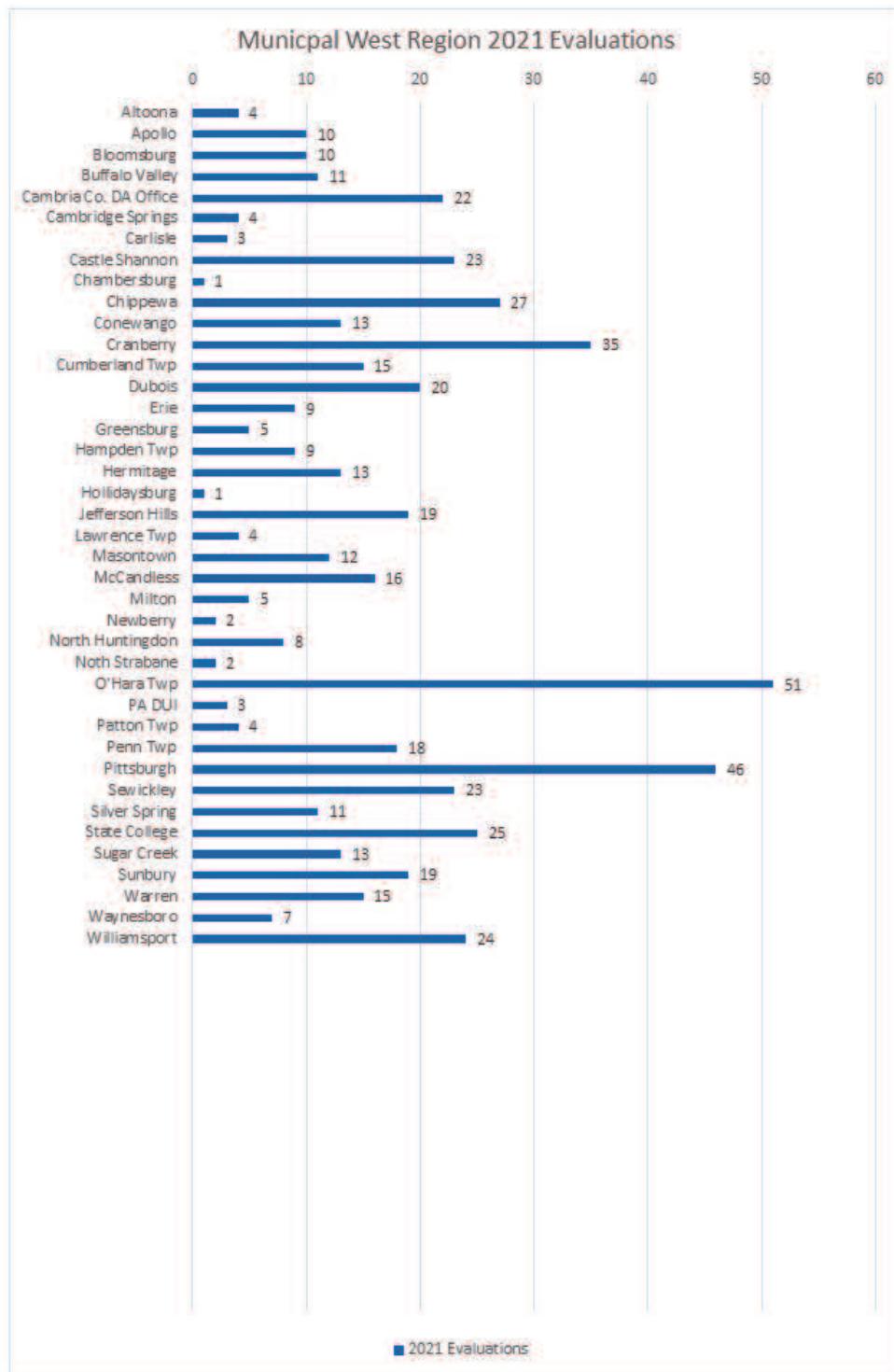
PSP DECP operations are coordinated through the Bureau of Patrol.



Municipal East Region Evaluations



Municipal West Region Evaluations



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- Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research (ITS MR), especially Mr. Jerry Miller, Mr. Jamal Goddard and Mr. Curtis Gregoire. The entire organization supports all PA DREs with documentation, reporting and statistical compilations. All data contained within this report has been researched through the PA records within the ITS MR database. Staff have provided guidance and support throughout the year to the state coordinator, regional coordinators as well as any PA DRE requiring assistance.
- The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE) Director, Dr. Barry Logan and Assistant Director, Mandi Mohr serve as a critical role in the collection and testing of all samples for training.
- Administrative staff members assigned to the PA State Police Bureau of Patrol, especially Corporal John Witkowski (PSP Agency Coordinator), Administrative Officer Ann Deering and Clerk Miranda Williams.
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