



NOMINATE A DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT IN ILLINOIS

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists proudly announces the second annual Daniel R. Stafiej Memorial Illinois Drug Recognition Expert of the Year Award. This award was created and is awarded in the name of Carol Stream Police Officer Daniel R. Stafiej, in honor of his outstanding contributions to DUI-Drug related enforcement in Illinois. Officer Stafiej was a long-time Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), DRE Instructor, and good friend to AAIM.

A DRE is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. The DRE uses a standardized twelve-step evaluation process that allows the officer to determine whether the suspect is under the influence of drugs, and to determine the category of drug that is causing the observable impairment. The procedure also allows the officer to rule in or out many medical conditions, illness, or injury which may contribute to or cause impairment. While the DRE procedure's main objective

is DUI enforcement, the procedures have been applied in probation and parole, drugs in the workplace issues, community outreach and other areas where accurately identifying the drug-impaired individual is relevant. Currently, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and several other countries around the world participate in the program.

The Illinois DRE-of-the-Year recognition is to a certified DRE who has demonstrated outstanding contribution and commitment to the Illinois DRE program during the calendar year and may be for a single or cumulative contribution. The nominee must be an actively certified DRE in good standing with the State of Illinois DRE program (or was during the nomination period). Nominations are welcome from any people or groups with knowledge of the individual's contributions. Since the award is to be presented at the AAIM Annual Banquet in October, the qualifying period for the recognition is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Nomination form available at aaim1.org
Nominations due September 5, 2025: AAIMDREaward@gmail.com



Please complete the following information and submit by **September 5, 2025**. Please feel free to send additional materials, such as a .pdf, photos, video, etc., as necessary. You may e-mail the nomination to AAIMDREaward@gmail.com or mail to the address listed at the bottom of this form. Please be sure to reference DRE award and nominee in subject line. Please save a copy of your completed nomination for your records. Prior awardees are ineligible.

Nominee

Nominator

Agency

Agency/Organization

Title

Title

Address

Address

Phone

Phone

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DRE #

Year Certified

DRE Instructor? Y N

How many evaluations has this DRE conducted between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025?

Has this DRE assisted other agencies? How often? If so, please provide some detail, particularly as to any significant cases, such as agency name and reason for consult (regular DUI enforcement, crash investigation, etc.). Consider asking that agency(s) to provide a recommendation for this DRE.



Has this DRE provided DRE testimony in court between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025? How many times? Has he/she been qualified as an expert? If there are any noteworthy cases, please describe. Consider asking the prosecutor to provide a recommendation for this DRE.

Has this DRE provided training to law enforcement? Non-law enforcement? Provided community outreach/spoken to community organizations?

Please describe how this DRE has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Illinois program through the year, from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Submit application to AAIMDREaward@gmail.com or mail to AAIM, Attn. DRE Award, 870 E. Higgins, Suite 131, Schaumburg, IL 60173. All nominations **MUST BE RECEIVED** by September 5, 2025.