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2 BEVERLY OFFICERS BECOME CERTIFIED DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERTS

8/4/15: Beverly Police Officers Samuel Lane and Mark Panjwani recently completed a vigorous training program becoming certified Drug Recognition Experts or (D.R.E's). During the training, Officers Lane and Panjwani attended 80 hours of classroom training learning in depth how to identify if a person is impaired, and whether the impairment is related to drugs, alcohol, or a medical problem. If the impairment was deemed to be drug related, Officers were then taught to classify the impairment into any of 7 different drug categories. After completion of the classroom portion, Officers went out to the Maricopa County Sherriff's facility located in Phoenix Arizona. During this final phase of training Officers Lane and Panjwani were able to conduct D.R.E examinations on individuals who were brought into the Maricopa intake facility. Based on examinations, officers were required to correctly identify what drug classification the individual was impaired by. To complete the training 12 individual examinations had to be completed with 12 corresponding detailed reports, and a final knowledge exam which took approximately 7 hours to complete had to be passed. As newly appointed Drug Recognition Experts, Officers Lane and Panjwani can find impairment for the Beverly Police Department as well as surrounding communities that may render their assistance.

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