

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

NC Agency/Department: Health and Human Services

Division:

Public Health

DPH Section: Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

DPH Branch/Unit:

Forensic Tests for
Alcohol

Budget Code: 14430

Center Title: Drug Recognition Expert

Center Number: 1440- 4430 - 04

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: Extension Education & Training Specialist

Proposed Salary Grade: 68

Salary Range: \$27,987 - \$45,515

Proposed Effective Date: July, 2004

Number of Positions: 1.00

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$200,000	\$49,289
Receipts	200,000	49,289
Appropriation	\$0	\$0

Funding Source(s): Governor's Highway Safety Program (100%) Increase in Grant

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

The Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant staff have informed Forensic Tests for Alcohol (FTA) Branch that we will receive a Grant increase to take on the training of law enforcement officials on how to detect drugs in drivers as soon as we can. We need to hire staff immediately with hopes to start July, 2004. The FTA Branch currently trains and certifies law enforcement in detecting and apprehending the drinking driver (Intoxilyzer, breath alcohol test). Presently, there are no portable devices for law enforcement officers to test the "drug impaired" driver. The new position will enable us to train and certify law enforcement to deal with the increasing problem of drug impaired drivers. The new "Drug Recognition Experts" certified by FTA staff will be able to determine whether a subject is impaired by drugs and, if so, by what category of drugs, by combining basic medical knowledge about drug pharmacokinetics with validated psychomotor tests.

Statutory Reference for Request, if any: GS 20 - 139.1 Procedures Governing Chemical Analysis; Admissibility; Evidentiary

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