

"A positive way to change today's attitude toward drugs"

Youth Drug Use at a Five Year Low

WASHINGTON -- Overall illicit drug use among teens ages 12-17 is at a five year low, according to the largest and most comprehensive study of drug use in the United States. But, non-medical use of painkillers continues to be an area of concern, with more recent initiates (2.2 million) than any illicit drug, reveals the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). Current illicit drug use among 12- to 17-year-olds is down from 11.6 percent (2002) to 9.8 percent (2006). Current marijuana use also decreased 18 percent (from 8.2 percent in 2002 to 6.7 percent in 2006). Abuse of prescription drugs continues to be an area of concern. According to the study, seven million persons aged 12 or older used prescription-type psychotherapeutic drugs non-medically in the past month. "Teens are getting the message about the harms of marijuana and are changing their behavior -- for the better," said John P. Walters, Director of National Drug Control Policy. "However, youth abuse of prescription drugs remains a troubling concern. Parents have been vital to reducing teen use of street drugs, and now they must engage to prevent the abuse of prescription drugs."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear D.A.O. Members,

Hello! I hope everyone is off to an exciting New School Year. I wish all of you calm, cooperative, and respectful students this year. It was nice to see and talk with a lot of you at this year's Retrainer in Westlake. The committee and I feel it was a huge success. Thanks to everyone in District 2 for their hard work.

Again, I would like to remind you to hold the dates of **July 14 - 18, 2008** open for the next year's **Retrainer** in Sandusky, Ohio at the Kalahari Resort.

I am available for issues that might concern you and can be reached through phone or email. Let's have a great year and stand united to teach our youth about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and how to keep them safe!

In His Hands,

Deputy Angie M. Hamilton, DAO President

YOUTH FOR JUSTICE PROGRAM

The Ohio Youth for Justice (OYFJ), is a locally designed, service-learning program that is part of a national effort to promote youth civic participation. Each year, 250-350 Middle School Students represent their schools at the program's Youth Summit in Columbus. The summit serves as a forum for teens to talk with peers and state and community leaders about problems they face in their communities and what they propose to do about it. To find out more about the Youth for Justice Program, go to www.oclre.org and check on YFJ page. If you would like to be an advisor, go to www.oclre.org for the Registration form. In addition to advisors, OCLRE is looking for DARE Officers to help plan the Youth for Justice Summit to be held in the Spring of 2008. Contact Tim Kalgreen OCLRE Program Coordinator at tkalgreen@oclre.org.

"PIE-IN-THE-FACE" FUNDRAISER



A Pie-in-the-Face Fundraiser for the Westlake Middle School Builders Club (a division of Kiwanis Key Club) was recently held. Between Volleyball games (staff vs 8th grade girls), winners received their "prize". The first winner came to the microphone and said "I want the Cop!". Officer Ken Delfing, Westlake PD was "the Cop"! Proceeds of the event will be used for the Fire Relief Victims (California) and the Relay for Life (Breast Cancer Research.)

What's In it for Me?

The Internet is DARE America's most effective communication tool - primarily through the DARE America Bulletins. DARE.com offers a password protected "D.A.R.E. Officers Only" section which contains: curriculum updates, overheads, transparencies, pre/post tests, national policies, and vendor feedback forms. In the D.A.R.E. Newsroom you will find a D.A.R.E. media kit and PSA's. In the D.A.R.E. Resource Center you will find the library of approved D.A.R.E. graphics, evaluations and research findings. Sign-up for the D.A.R.E. America bulletins and get your "Officers Only" password.

Cocaine Energy Drink Removed from Shelves

The maker of the controversial "**Cocaine**" energy drink has pulled the product off store shelves in response to scrutiny from federal regulators and a host of critics. CNN reported that Redux Beverages LLC recalled the product and announced that the name would be changed. Before the recall, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned the company that the marketing of "Cocaine" illegally referenced street drugs and purported dietary benefits. "Our goal is to literally flush Cocaine down the drain across the nation," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. "Our main complaint about Cocaine is its name and marketing strategy seeking to glorify illegal drug use and exploit the allure of marketing 'Speed in a Can,' as it called the product."

CONGRATULATIONS

- Officer **Charlie Glisson**, received the newly created Tallmadge Police Chiefs Award for Career Excellence from Chief John Kafka, Tallmadge PD.
- Deputy **Don McGlothlin**, Warren Co. SO, received the Outstanding Law Enforcement Service Award at the 4th Annual Errol D. Butt Awards Ceremony.
- DARE Officer **Kate Hartle** was recently selected as Chief of Waterville Twp. PD.

GENERAL NEWS

- Ret. DARE Officer **Tony Piergallini**, Steubenville PD is home recovering from a total Rt. knee replacement.
- DARE Officer/Chief **Bonnie Hearndon**, Waterville Twp. PD recently retired after 12 years as Chief.
- The Green Co. SO is preparing for their "Shop with a Deputy" Christmas Program. They are in need of sponsors to aid a deserving child by making a monetary donation. For more information, please contact Deputy **David Litteral** at 937.562.5827.
- DARE Coordinator **Lynne Templin**, Strongsville PD retired in August 2007. Good Luck with retirement!

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Evan Cox, son of Chillicothe PD DARE Officer **Larry Cox** was recently diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. He will soon undergo surgery to lesson some of the complications.

Another resource for Parents...

"Street Drugs" is an 80-page book filled with high-resolution photos covering all commonly abused street drugs today. In addition to the 60+ drugs described, there are also sections on alcohol, tobacco, signs of drug use, drugs and the Internet, and first aid. This book is used by law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. and world as a drug identification guide. Order your copy at... www.streetdrugs.org

2008 D.A.R.E. OFFICER TRAINING

DOT CLASS #58: March 31 - April 11, 2008

DOT CLASS #59: Sept. 29 - October 10, 2008

Applications available at www.dare-oh.org (Officers Information) or contact the D.A.R.E. Ohio office at dare@dare-oh.org.

CSI UNIT AT WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

An 8th Grade Westlake, Ohio Science teacher developed six crime mysteries that took place over a weekend. Evidence was left at the scene (lip prints, bite marks, hair fibers, the tracks, etc.) Students then gathered the evidence and asked for a subpoena to question suspects (Teachers). The teachers committed the crimes and the students had to gather all the evidence and write a police report which was graded by the teachers. D.A.R.E. Officer Ken Delfing made a presentation to the students on fingerprinting and forensic science.

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