

Drug Abuse Resistance Education  
**D.A.R.E.**

# TO DIALOGUE



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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings to all of you,

Hope you are having a great D.A.R.E. year. I wanted to remind everyone to hold the dates of July 14-18, 2008 for the Ohio D.A.R.E. Retraimer at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. I have had a lot of questions about the Retraimer thus far, so I am hoping for a great attendance number. The registration fee will be \$150.00 and the hotel room will be \$114.00 per night. Officers from Districts 1, 2, and 5 have been working very hard in planning this Retraimer for you to attend, learn, and enjoy. I greatly appreciate all of their time and effort.

I returned on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> from the 6 Month-Out D.A.R.E. America Regional Meeting in San Antonio, TX (Where the National DARE Conference will be held this year from Aug. 12-14, 2008) and have a few things to share. Your District Representatives were advised at the recent DAO Executive Board Meeting and they will relay the information to you.

In His Hands,

Deputy Angie M. Hamilton, DAO President

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**NATIONAL D.A.R.E. DAY**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008**  
Proclamation by  
The President of The United States  
President George W. Bush

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## **D.A.R.E. OTC/RX DRUG AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM TRAINING**

- Offered at the Retraimer -

Session 1: Monday, July 14, 2008, 1:00-5:30pm OR

Session 2: Thursday, July 17, 2008, 1:00-5:30pm

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

[www.dare-oh.org](http://www.dare-oh.org)

**2008 D.A.O.**  
**ANNUAL RETRAINER**  
July 14 – 18, 2008  
**Kalahari Resort (Sandusky, Ohio)**  
Registration Available at [www.dare-oh.org](http://www.dare-oh.org)

## *JUVENILE OFFICERS HONORED*



Steubenville DARE Officer Jean-Phillip Rigaud and Officer Erik Dervis were late for their own honors ceremony. The two Steubenville police officers were set to receive Patrolmen of the Year awards from the FOP Lodge No. 1 prior to the Tuesday City Council meeting. But, just as the two juvenile division officers were set to enter the council chambers for the ceremony, a young male showed up at the police station with injuries he said were inflicted by a gang of juveniles. So while their families patiently waited, DARE Officer Rigaud and Officer Dervis started gathering evidence for an immediate investigation. "They could have waited until the morning to start their official investigation but that is not who these men are. They are always ready to go above and beyond the call of duty at all times. That's one reason why the FOP voted officers Rigaud and Dervis as "Patrolmen of the Year", said Patrolman and FOP Chaplain Shawn Scott. "These men are heroes to me," Scott stated. Sgt. Ken Anderson, the juvenile division supervisor, said Rigaud and Dervis are excellent police officers and committed to working with juveniles and their issues. "The city is lucky to have these guys on our police force," Anderson added. Scott said the two officers received the nomination and vote "by their fellow officers of the FOP."

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## PRIDE 2008 in Cincinnati, April 2-5, 2008

Would you like to make difference in your community? Look no further than the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual PRIDE World Drug Prevention Conference at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 2-5, 2008 - the world's largest youth conference pertaining to drug and violence prevention. There will be a special appearance on Thursday am, April 3, 2008 by the U.S. "Drug Czar" Mr. John P. Walters, Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). As well as the ODADAS Director Angela Cornelius who will be providing remarks at this event. For additional information, call the International Office at 1-800-668-9277, email [info@prideyouthprograms.org](mailto:info@prideyouthprograms.org) or visit the web at [www.prideyouthprograms.org](http://www.prideyouthprograms.org)

## Sparks Energy Drink Raises Concern

An energy drink that contains alcohol is raising concern. Police have been advised that young people have been buying cans of Sparks in some local convenience stores, and they may not realize the beverage is malt liquor. Mother's Again Drunk Driving said it's the wrong type of packaging for alcoholic beverages. There is another energy drink called Spark, which has been marketed to children. Sparks contains a jolt of caffeine, ginseng and almost double the alcohol content of some beer. (6% alcohol content) Dr. Ken Cheyne, of Blank Children's Hospital, said the combination of alcohol and caffeine puts a shock on the system and causes dehydration. Some cardiologists caution that too much of the mixture may cause a person's heart to race and blood pressure to rise as well.

## Feds Alarmed About Abuse of Cough Medicine

Federal researchers say that about 5 percent of 12- to 25-year-olds have misused over-the-counter cold and cough medicines to get high, [MSNBC](#) reported Jan. 9. Both the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMHSA) and the Drug Enforcement Administration have warned about the growing abuse of DXM- and codeine-based medications that in high doses can cause hallucinations and other problems. The medicines can be mixed with soda or sports drinks to create concoctions dubbed "Syrup," "Purple Drank," or "Lean." Use of such mixes has been popularized in some rap songs. NyQuil, Coricidin, and Robitussin are among the popular brands of abused medications, researchers found.

## OHIO RESOURCE NETWORK CLEARINGHOUSE

**DARE OFFICERS** may obtain **FREE** materials related to substance abuse and violence prevention through the Ohio Resource Network Clearinghouse. There is also no cost for shipping and handling. A selection of over 700 different items include resources for prevention and treatment professionals, and informational brochures, booklets, toolkits and posters for all age groups. For more information, contact the Ohio Resource Network Clearinghouse at (614) 540-9991, or (800) 788-7254, # 3 or visit [www.EBasedPrevention.org](http://www.EBasedPrevention.org).

### (C.A.R.T.) Child Abduction Response Team

Ohio Cart is a network of trained public and other individuals from various agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines who are prepared to respond to missing, endangered or abducted children. Cart Teams consist of search and rescue Detectives, Investigators, Canine and other search teams working together to bring home the abducted child alive. The following Orientation Training Dates will be offered: April 1, 2008, Centerville PD (8:30am-4pm) and April 3, 2008, Sandusky Fire Dept. Training Facility (8:30am-4pm), Training is **FREE**, CPT Credit Approved: 6 hours. For more information, contact Jeff Hill, at [Jeff.hill@oacp.org](mailto:Jeff.hill@oacp.org) or (614) 761-0330.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Officer **Wendy Newsome**, Maumee PD had a baby girl (Kendall Lee) on November 24, 2007. Kendall weighed 4 lbs, 9 oz, and 18 1/2" long.
- Deputy **Laura Worthington**, Franklin Co. SO had a baby girl (Eva Marie) on January 11th. Eva weighed 8 lbs. 4oz. and 20 1/2 inches long.

## GENERAL NEWS

- Deputy **Adam Chellis**, Wayne Co. SO was involved in a car accident (December) involving a women who failed to stop at a stop sign. Adam was treated for minor injuries and is back to work.

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- DARE Officer/Chief **Joseph Stehlik**, Middlefield PD is recovering from recent surgery. The outlook is good and a full recovery is expected.
- Deputy Robert "**Slug**" **Custar**, Williams Co. SO was recently diagnosed with some health issues. We wish him a speedy recovery.