

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Did you ever wonder why the alphabet is layed out on a keyboard in the manner that it is?

QWERTYUIOP ASDFGHJKL ZXCVBNM

The system for how your fingers lay on the keyboard, how the letters are placed, is based on their frequency of use in the English Language. The Special Characters are the same way. (!@#%\$^&*()_+ =[]\|'":;./<>?). We use them both for what we mean to say, and how we say it. Looking back at the row of them, they sometimes get used to say things we don't wish to include in a spelled out version. However, the numbers are in order!! (1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9) What does any of this have to do with D.A.R.E.? I expect that like me, most of you are well into your school year, getting your lesson plans together, and traveling from school to school, class to class. I'm sure you have a plan. You have things in order, like the numbers. Preparation and commitment are the words we use at DOT's to describe what it takes to be a D.A.R.E. Officer. It takes someone who is prepared with lessons and committed to a plan for the day and year with the betterment or our youth in mind. Sometimes your plan might look like the numbers on the keyboard and sometimes your plan becomes jumbled like the letters. The amazing thing is it still works! Just like the letters, they appear to be placed at random, but there is actually a plan. Have a plan, know your system, make it work for your students; they deserve it! **"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."** Herm Albright

Ken Delfing, 06-07 DAO President

A TEAM EFFORT!



Franklin County Sheriff Jim Karnes and his D.A.R.E. Unit pose with Roy Hall, David Patterson and Quinn Pitcock from the 2006 OSU Football Team. When the players heard it was for D.A.R.E., they quickly agreed to the photo shoot. Photos were also taken individually to be used in the Officer's DARE Graduation power-point presentations. One of the D.A.R.E. Officers was heard to comment, "Those are some big dudes!"

D.A.R.E. SPECIALIZED TRAINING CLASSES

"How to Talk to Your Students About Internet Safety"

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$85.00

(Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided)

"How to Understand and Educate Your "Special Needs" Students

Thursday, March 8, 2007

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$85.00

(Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided)

Location:

Dublin Hilton Garden Inn

500 Metro Place North

Dublin, Ohio

(614) 766-9900

Special D.A.R.E. Room Rate of \$99.00

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2007 D.A.R.E. OFFICER TRAINING

CLASS #56 - APRIL 16 – 27, 2007

CLASS #57 - OCTOBER 15 – 26, 2007

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Internet KeepSafe Coalition is an organization designed to inform parents about how to keep their children safe while online and other safety internet issues. They have included on their website a "D.A.R.E. Activity Center". D.A.R.E. America and I-Safe have created 14 Internet Safety Activities to be used with a Parent, Teacher, or Law Enforcement Officer. For more information: www.ikeepsafe.org.

"DARE NIGHT" WITH THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

February 11, 2007, Time: 3:30pm, Tickets: \$26 each (includes: Popcorn, Soda, & Hot Dog) Download Flyer/Order Form: www.dare-oh.org. Please distribute to all children in your schools. Groups wishing to sit together should place their ticket order at the same time.

YOUTH DRUG USE CONTINUES DOWNWARD TREND

On September 7, 2006, the Federal Government released the results of the 2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Significant among the findings was drug use for youth ages 12 to 17 continued to decline; overall use is down 15% and marijuana use is down 17% since 2002. This survey corroborates the findings of the 2005 Monitoring the Future Study which reflected a 19% decrease among teenagers from 2001 – 2005. According to D.A.R.E. America President Charlie Parsons, "this is real progress, and although we cannot take complete credit, there is no question that D.A.R.E. is a key component of the efforts made to achieve these results. I congratulate all D.A.R.E. Officers for their continued dedication and commitment to helping the nation's children resist drugs and violence." To view the entire results of this survey and the Monitoring the Future Study go to www.dare.com

EACH OF US MUST COME TO CARE ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE'S CHILDREN

We must recognize that the welfare of our children and grandchildren is intimately linked to the welfare of all other people's children. After all, when one of our children needs a lifesaving surgery, someone else's child will perform it. If one of our children is threatened or harmed by violence, someone else's child will be responsible for the violent act. The good life for our own children can be secured only if a good life is also secured for all other people's children.

Lilian Katz from The Passage Group

NEW DRUG CALLED "CHEESE"

It is a mix of Tylenol PM 94% and Heroin 1%. It is light brown in color and kind of looks like raw sugar. It is snorted. The Heroin will not show up in a field test. Information provided by: Wisconsin D.A.R.E. Training Coordinator, 262-623-0121.

FAMILY WATCHDOG

(<http://www.familywatchdog.com>)

Letting a child of any age loose on the Internet requires guidance. But how can parents provide decent guidance when the child knows more about the computer and internet than the parents? Family Watchdog.com provides services, education, and products all geared to keeping the entire family safe on the internet. Family Watchdog.com is a family owned business. With over 30 years experience in computer software development, hardware diagnosis and repair, and user training, Family Watchdog.com can handle any computing problem or need. There is a one time setup fee of \$10 for this service. Information provided by: Former DARE Officer, Randy Bailey, Westerville PD, 614/901-6490.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

- The Lally twins have arrived!! D.A.R.E. Officer **Joe Lally**, Cheviot PD, his wife Linda, and Miranda welcome the new additions to the Lally Family. Joseph Patrick entered the world at 7:45am on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006 (5 lbs, 12 oz, 19 ¾ inches long). Clair Marie joined her brother at 7:48 am (5lbs, 13.8 oz and 19 ¾ inches long). Congratulations Joe!
- Lt. **Tom King**, DARE certified in 1995, was promoted to "Chief Deputy" of the Pike Co. SO. He is still actively teaching the 5th/6th Grade D.A.R.E. Curriculum for the Pike Co. SO.

GENERAL NEWS...

- Former D.A.R.E. Officer **Rod Puckett** from Highland Co. SO has started a new career as "Minister of Music and Worship" at a church in Winter Haven, FL. "I really miss the D.A.R.E. Kids, but after 3 heart attacks, it was time for a change of pace" Officer Puckett stated. He has already spoken with the Winter Haven Chief and hopes to stay involved with DARE
- Sgt. **Teena Gallagher**, Madison Co. SO has retired and is teaching D.A.R.E. on a part-time basis. She is also a full-time Associate Pastor at the St. Simon and Jude Church.

THEY WILL BE MISSED...

- **Ed Moser**, Galion PD passed away on Sept. 19, 2006 after an extended battle with leukemia. He was DARE trained in 1991, Class #11. Ed will be greatly missed by the DARE Family and all of the children/adults, he reached during his 15 year D.A.R.E. Career.
- Former D.A.R.E. Officer, **Rodney Martin**, Sharonville PD, passed away in November. He was DARE trained in 1991, Class #14. We send our thoughts and prayers to his community, friends, and family.

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