

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 Presidents desk.....

Hi All;

Wow, it's the end of the year already. I hope all is well with you and your family and that your school year was a successful one.

Everything is on track for the Retraîner this August at the Kings Island Inn. It appears that Kings Island Amusement Park will be able to offer a good price (50% discount) on admission tickets. With the economy as it is, this year Retraîner sponsors for some events are slow in submitting funds. More information to follow regarding activities such as hospitably rooms, etc. D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio is pleased to announce that training for the new Middle School Curriculum, 'Keepin It REAL', will be provided at the Retraîner. More information will be posted on www.dare-oh.org Stay tuned.

As many of you know, the Ohio Attorney General's Office had 2.2 million dollars in unused funds earmarked for drug abuse resistance education program grants. This extra money offered by the AG's office in April and May as a 'one time emergency grant'. The idea was to help give a financial boost to D.A.R.E. programs that are in jeopardy of being disbanded. The news of this grant caught the D.A.R.E. Board of Directors off guard. Unfortunately, we did not have the opportunity to meet with representatives of the AG's office to offer any insight into how the money was going to be disbursed and to whom.

I called the AG's office on April 16, 2009, was told this is a one-time only grant, and would not affect the normal D.A.R.E. grants that we apply for each year. It is now my understanding that SRO's or any other officer that present any type of 'drug resistance program' is eligible for a share of this grant money. The Attorney General's Office is even talking about offering a four-hour training to certify an officer to teach a drug resistance education. I have several concerns regarding the information packet the AG's office sent out. They will recognize just about any drug

resistance program a police officers uses. I believe, as you probably do to, that when people think about drug resistance programs they think of D.A.R.E.. I am afraid D.A.R.E. will take the blame for a sub standard drug resistance training programs presented by officers that have not had the formal training that D.A.R.E. Officers had.

The Attorney General assures me that D.A.R.E. Officers will still take priority in the awarding of the grants.

As an organization, I would like to see us urge the Attorney General to increase the amount awarded for the D.A.R.E. Officers salaries. Currently the award amount cannot exceed 50%. Legislation must be introduced and passed that would increase this amount to 75-100%. The first thing we need to do is to show that D.A.R.E. Officers are a strong, dedicated people working to make Ohio a better place. This is why it is important for all D.A.R.E. Officers to attend their district meetings and, yes, the Retraîner. Some of the older D.A.R.E. Officers, myself included, may remember the trip to the State House to attend a session where voting took place to give D.A.R.E. funding away to help fund another program. We packed the hearing room and took a stand. Needless to say the funding stayed. Remember that politicians are here to represent the public and they are attuned to the people. If we do not show them how important it is to us, someone else may.

On another note, I am sorry to report that Jeanne Botkin will be retiring effective June 30. Her Sheriff's Office is discontinuing their D.A.R.E. program for budgetary reasons.

Thank you Jeanne for all you have done for your community and for the betterment of D.A.R.E. in Ohio. You will be missed.

Take care and hope to see you all at the Retraîner.

Yours truly, **Ken Klayer, President**

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www.dare.oh.org/retrainer/D.A.R.E.americaconference.pdf or www.D.A.R.E.com - Officers Section Tab/Conferences



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 Reservations: 1-800-727-3050
 2009 D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio
 Annual Retraîner
AUGUST 10 – 14, 2009
 To register go to www.dare-oh.org

**NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
 CURRICULUM OFFERED
 ‘KEEPIN’ IT REAL’**

See website for registration form

Brief 2009 Retraîner Agenda

Monday 8/10

Noon- 4 p - Registration
 4 p – 6:15 p Opening and General session

Tuesday 8/11

8 a – Noon – Educational General Session
 D.A.R.E. America Up-date
 New D.A.R.E. Middle School Training
 Noon – 12:45 p – Box Lunch Provided
 12:45 p – 2 p – Business Meeting
 2:15 p – 4:45 p – Ed. General Session
 Evening on own/Kings Island Activities

Wednesday 8/12

8 a – 8:45 a – Vendor Breakfast
 8 a – 4 p – D.A.R.E. Vendor Show
 9 a – Noon – Fishing for Kids
 8:45 a – Noon – Breakout Sessions
 Noon – 1 p – DAO Voting
 1:15 p - 5 p – Breakout sessions-repeated
 Evening Events – TBA

Thursday 8/13

8 a – 11 a – Ed. General Session
 Noon – 1:30 p – Breakout Session
 1:30 p – 3 p – Car Preparation
 3 p – 3:30 p – Car Parade
 3:30 p – 5 p – Car Show/Cruise In
 5 p - ?? – Reds Game/Meal

Friday 8/14

8:30 a – 10:00 a – General Session/AG Cordray
 10 a – 10:30 a – Check Out Break
 10:30 a – 12:30 p – DAO Inaugural Brunch

**2009 –2010 DAO Executive Board
 Slate of Candidates**

1st Vice President

Sgt. James Knallay, Ottawa Hills PD

2nd Vice President

Officer Tony Risley, Enon PD
 Dep. Bobby Stroop, Highland Co SO

Secretary

No Nomination

Treasurer

Dep. Rebecca Parker, Wood Co SO

Sergeant-At-Arms

Dep. Samuel Blank, Auglaize Co SO
 Off. Robert Swope, Olmsted Falls PD
 Dep. Brett Warner, Lucas Co SO

'In Thoughts and Prayers'

Deputy Slug Custar, Williams Co. SO, is at home recuperating from health complications. You are in our thoughts, Slug.

Good Luck - Best Wishes!!!

D.A.R.E. Officer Training Class #60
 April 20 – May 1, 2009

Row 1 – Ofr. Jeff Shipper, Ashland PD, Ohio AG Richard Cordray, Kari Parsons, D.A.R.E. Training Director, Dep. Sharon Centener, Medina SO. Row 2 – Dep. Kari Scherer, Portage SO, Dep. David Whitford, Presque Isle SO (MI), Ptl. Larry Lane, Norton PD, Ofr. Parris Johnson, Warrensville Hgts PD, Ptl. Delana Embry, Springfield PD, Ptl. Philip Belcher, Springfield PD, Sgt. Paul Grimes, Boardman PD. Row 3 – Dep. Michael Beers, Summit SO, Ptl. Shawn Bouyer, Sylvania Twp PD, Ptl. Brian Meade, Bellbrook PD, Ofr. David Acklin, Lakewood PD, Ofr. Jeffrey Matuszewski, Sylvania Twp PD, Ptl. Michael Edwards Vienna Twp PD, Ptl. Jacob Scully, Fremont PD.





Submitted by: Deputy Jeff Powers, Geauga Co. Sheriff Office

On Saturday, May 16, Geauga Co SO held the First Annual Amish Picnic. D.A.R.E. graduates and families of twelve Amish Schools attended the picnic. The day was filled with many positive alternatives like canoeing, baseball, fishing and other games. The Amish culture is unique for their way of life shuns most of the modern conveniences that most of us are use too. Officers Roy Lundstrom, and Jeff Powers hosted the successful event.

Wintersville PD to add Dog to the force including D.A.R.E.

Officer Art Fowler approached city council with the request of adding a new dog to the force, which would mean a dog on patrol everyday instead of part-time. This will mean extra patrol of schools, courts and community, and when the current police dog, a 7 yr. old shepherd retires there will be a seasoned dog to take the reigns. Council approves the request.

Officer Fowler will take on the responsibility of training the 1 yr old Belgian Malinois as his partner. A local vet has agreed to provide care at no charge and a private individual has donated one year of food. They will be fully trained by July 1st.

Officer Fowler teaches D.A.R.E. in the Indian Creek Local School District; wait until the students get a look at his new partner. I think DAREN has some competition this next school year in Officer Fowler's classes.

D.A.R.E. Essay, by Opal Contizano

Fifth grader at Robert C. Lindsey Elementary
Submitted by: Deputy Jeff Powers, Geauga Co. Sheriff Office

I would like to share
What I learned in D.A.R.E.
I will use simple numbers one, two, and three
Listen closely and follow me

One, use the model, don't procrastinate
Define, Assess, Respond, Evaluate
Two, don't go with the flow
Learn to say NO

Three, Don't give into pressure from your peers
Just keep yourself in the clear
Let's back up and start at one
Now its time to have some fun

Number One
Its time to DEFINE
You know where to draw the line
ASSESS the situation
Make sure it has no complication
Listen to the right Voices
And make the right choices
Now RESPOND
Use your knowledge and your facts
It will keep you on the right tracks
Last you must EVALUATE
Did your decisions keep you straight
Or did it make you hesitate

Number Two

Say it, talk it, shout it out loud
Use your words to make you proud
Just say NO and be firm
Don't be afraid to use that term
If they don't hear you say NO
Give and excuse or a reason to go
Don't decide to be a jerk
If your excuses do not work
If you run out of things to say
It's okay to just walk away

Number Three

Some peer pressure might sound nice
But you should probably think twice
You should ignore to teasing
Smoking is really not that pleasing
Don't let the bullies get to you
Remember all the awful things drugs can do
Positive pressure helps a lot
It helps get your friends out of a tight spot

Use these D.A.R.E. skills one, two, three
They will keep your life happy
Drugs and alcohol just don't jive
Making the right choices will keep you alive
I will stay away from all that stuff
Because they say quitting is really tough
I want to stay super healthy and strong
I know taking drugs and alcohol are wrong

I PLEDGE to make the right choices and do my best
Even if you put me through the test

Wellston PD Receives Donation

On April 22, the Wellston American Legion Post 371 donated \$1000 to their various youth programs, including D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Ackley said that the monies would specifically help benefit the annual trip to a Cincinnati Reds game later this year. Without the D.A.R.E. program, going to see a Reds game would not be possible for most of the students.

Retrainer Family Assistance Fund

The Family Assistance Fund will be holding a drawing to raise funds for D.A.R.E. Officers in need. 50% of the proceeds will go to the FAF and 50% will go to some lucky person with the winning ticket. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, August 10 through Thursday, August 13 at \$1 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing will be at the DAO Awards Brunch on Friday, August 14, must be present to win.

'alcohol news you can use'

Alcohol Linked to Brain Problems in Young and Old

In recent studies in the US and Great Britain show that alcohol has a negative impact on the brain health of the young and old.

The researchers in Great Britain found that 1 in 4 cases of dementia in the elderly were linked to alcohol. "People think dementia is something that happens in people over 65," said researcher Dr. Jane Marshall. But a lot of those under 65 have cognitive problems and a large proportion of the problems in that group are related to alcohol.

The study in the U.S. of adolescent binge drinkers found that even occasional or rare exposures to large amounts of alcohol could damage the brain's white matter, which is essential in relaying information throughout the brain. Susan Tapert, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego said, "Because the brain is still developing during adolescence, there has been concern that it may be more vulnerable to the effects of neurotoxins, such as high doses of alcohol. This study shows that adolescents with histories of binge drinking episodes have lower coherence of white matter fibers, suggesting poorer white matter health, in a variety of brain regions."

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A word from your editor.....

As I sit here today at my desk, finishing what will be one of the last few things I have to do to close this chapter of my life I look back to my first experiences with D.A.R.E., little did I know that it would be the ride of my life? One of my first experiences was the second annual D.A.R.E. Retrainer held at Bowling Green, Ohio, in August of 1990. This was just a few short months prior to my DOT. They had me from "Hello". My, the energy that was felt when the Officers came together. (Some of you old timers know what I am talking about.) Grant Tansel, Scott Thomas, Tadd Davis, and all the others who lived D.A.R.E. with their whole heart and soul.

Over the last 19 years, I have made many friends, visited many places, and had some opportunities that I would have never dreamed of. However, the place that amazed me the most was the classroom; the connection I have had with students over the years. Watching many of them grow from Pre-school to elementary, junior high to high school and on into some very fine adults, some of who I had the privilege of working with as an employee at our office, as teachers, or members of our community agencies.

I believe God brought me to this program, and now sees that it is time for me to do something else (not knowing what). He has brought me this far he will see me though down the next road. I am sorry to see the D.A.R.E. program disband in our county after 19 years. It was not the easiest decision for my Sheriff and me to make, adding the fact that my Sheriff is my brother, and his believing in the program as much as I do. After weighing all the options, we were left with two: lay-off or retirement. It really is a no-brainer!

So, as I finish this newsletter, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Retrainer in August. If you need anything, I will be only a phone call away. I wish you all well in your program, with your families, and in your lives.

Yours truly in D.A.R.E.,



JEANNE BOTKIN
DAO SECRETARY