


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 Everyone;

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. If it was anything like mine it was way too short.

I know she has been thanked many times but again I would like to thank Angie and the crew for a great conference. The location was top notch and the training classes were some of the best we have had.

I am looking forward to a busy and, hopefully, productive year for all of us. I know that sometimes change is hard especially when it involves people who have devoted so much of themselves and their talents to making things successful. I thank Jan Walton for her many years of service to DARE. I am sure we all will continue to strive for those high standards she set. We will continue to keep DARE a positive and productive influence in Ohio.

The DAO Board will continue to review past practices and operations of the organization and will be assessing and making some positive changes. One of the areas we will look at is our bank account. We have found nothing amiss so far and we do not expect to. The Board is reviewing the bank accounts and considering different banking options that are suited for our operation and those that offer us a better rate of return.

I would also like to have the web site up-graded. Improvements could include a links section to other DARE web sites, DARE vendors, missing and exploited children, law enforcement sites, etc., as well as having online availability to the By-laws and Constitution. If you have any suggestions, please give them to your district representative so they can pass them on to the board.

Speaking of district reps., congratulations and welcome to the new members of the board. Thank you for your time and for bringing your talents to DARE of Ohio. Please support your district rep by attending the meetings in your district. We work for you and we value your input and need your support. We want to hear from you.

District 7 is hard at work getting ready for the 2009 conference. We have interesting plans in the works and hope you all will like what we have in store for 2009. Stand by for more to follow on the topic.

This next subject is somewhat difficult for me to express my feelings and concerns about DARE in Ohio. What makes it so hard is that one of the best parts of a DARE Officer, especially in Ohio, is the caliber of the officers involved with the program. Please understand

that the following is only my view and offered as food for thought.

The last several conferences have had very low attendance at the opening of the conference. In particular officers have poorly attended the opening ceremonies and business meeting. The opening of the conference is important. We all need to be there. Many of the Sheriff's, Police Chief's and other officials attending are also the ones that approve our budgets and have to make tough decisions on what program(s) to keep and which ones to cut. It seems to me that we need to show support for each other, especially when those that make important decisions are present. This is the time to show support for the DARE program and each other by a strong show of attendance.

I am finding out how much effort the sponsoring districts put into the conference to make it educational and fun. I think it is important to attend these opening ceremonies and educational sessions. Poor attendance sends the message that we do not care about the DARE program.

As funds get tighter for many departments, I would hate for our decision makers to think they are paying for a vacation and not quality training for their officers. Please attend opening ceremonies and the business meeting; it is truly important.

If I have offended anyone, you have my apology. This was in no way intended to hurt anyone's feelings. We understand how important DARE is to our communities and we need to communicate that in a positive way to others.

Again, please contact any board member or myself with concerns, suggestions or anything we can help you with.

Take care & stay safe!

Respectfully,

Kenneth P. Klayer, DAO President

P.S. If I have upset you, I've included a picture of me in the event you want to throw darts at it!



Officer". Mr. Tinney has served as classroom teacher for DARE for 18!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- 2009 D.A.R.E Officer Training Schedule: CLASS #60, April 20 – May 1, 2009, Application Deadline: March 2, 2009, Location: TBA, CLASS #61, September 28 – October 9, 2009, Application Deadline: August 7, 2009, Location: OPOTA (London, Ohio)
- Ohio Crime Prevention Association and Miami Township PD, in partnership with Fox Valley Technical College, is offering two trainings on "Community Planning For Crime Reduction". Scheduled dates: September 10-12, 2008 at Miamisburg, Ohio and September 23-25, 2008 at Columbus, Ohio. For more information contact: OCPA office or Barbara Nelson, Fox Valley Tech. College, at 920-735-4818 or nelsonb@fvtc.edu.
- The Ohio School Resource Officers Association is hosting a 1 day training for SRO Supervisors on "Creating and maintaining a successful School Resource Officer Program". The six-hour class is design to provide the tools and information needed to supervise this specialized position. For more information contact Kari Parsons at OSROA/DARE office 614-718-3210 or visit the OSROA website at www.osroa.org.
- OACP and OSROA are hosting the "15th Annual Creating Safe Learning Environments in Ohio Schools" on November 16-18, 2008 at Salt Fork State Park Lodge. For more information go to www.oacp.org.
- 2009 Ohio Crime Prevention Association Conference will be held May 11-13, 2009 at Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. For more information go to www.ocpa-oh.org.

2008 D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year

Richard Tinney, Teacher at Hayes School, Lakewood, Ohio was selected as the 2008 Educator of the Year. The submission was by Officer Will Albrecht of Lakewood PD. Officer Albrecht says, "Mr. Tinney is as dedicated to the success of Lakewood's children as any other teacher or DARE

2008 Larry R. Cox

'DARE OFFICER OF THE YEAR'

The 2008 DARE Officer of the Year was awarded to **Officer Mike Poddany**, Oregon PD. Officer Mike was trained in DOT class #10, November 1990. Mike's wife Shirley says, "He has dedicated the last 18 years to the Oregon 5th grade students, making sure they have the BEST DARE experience they can have". Shirley adds, "In the early years both our daughter and I were 'pushed out of the way' by kids who wanted to give Officer Mike a hug". "Over the years the graduations have been scaled down, but Mike's love for the kid's and his role as DARE Officer has remained as strong as ever", she also adds. Congratulations Mike!

For your information.....

- Officer Bob Adamich has retired from Lakewood PD after 31 years on the dept. and 17 years as a DARE Officer. We wish him the best of luck in future endeavors, Bob! Congratulations!
- The DARE Team of Allen Co., Lima PD, Defiance Co., Putnam Co., Van Wert Co. and PD has completed five 3 day Summer Day Camps reaching over 500 students combined during the months of June/July.
- DARE Officer/Det./Lt. Kenneth Frost retired in May from the Beaver Twp. PD. He would like to thank the DARE Ohio Office for all of their support over the years and commend us for our dedication to the finest program ever. He wishes everyone the best of luck in the future. Keep up the good work!
- The MADD "Top Cop" 2008 Career Commitment to MADD was awarded to Officer Jerome T. Klue, Medina City PD.


WANTED

Your stories, news about Officers sick or having surgery, having babies and in-formation on the activities you are holding! Email to your Secretary,

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