

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



D.A.R.E. AMERICA ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
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From the President's Desk

Dear DAO members,

Well, it's hard to believe how quickly time has past. The summer seemed to fly by and what a summer it was for D.A.R.E. in Ohio!

First, let me congratulate the Great state of Ohio for their excellent showing at the National D.A.R.E. Conference in San Antonio. The conference was very enlightening and Ohio was prominently featured. The Ohio D.A.R.E. Training component received it's reaccreditation at the Retainer. Having been a member of the training staff that was evaluated, I can attest to the rigorous screening process, Special thanks to fellow Mentors Hyda Slone and Joe Keough, educator Lee Hall, Regional Director Lloyd Bratz and, especially, Mom.

Kudos to Chief Jeanne Miller on her selection as the D.E.A./D.A.R.E. Law Enforcement Executive of the Year! Not only is Chief Miller a worthy recipient of this prestigious award, we also found out that she can do the Mambo with the best of Texas. Congratulations Chief Miller!

And, last but not least, to Jan Walton on her D.A.R.E Lifetime Achievement award. I can't think of any other person who is more qualified to receive this award. Nice job, Jan!

I also want to thank outgoing President Brett Warner, his Retainer staff and Sheriff James Telb, for a great conference. You have really set the standard high for us next year. Speaking of which, we are looking at the last two weeks in June (Weeks of the 19th or 26th) as dates for next year's Retainer in the Central Ohio area. More info as it becomes available.

On October 3rd, the Executive Board meet with the State of Ohio's Senate President Bill Harris. Senator Harris was the recipient of the 2005 Honorary D.A.R.E. Officer Award for his support during last year's funding crisis. Senator Harris is a strong supporter of D.A.R.E. and he was very appreciative of the award.

I am looking forward to this year. We are already making progress in some of the areas that I see as priorities for my tenure in office. We have opened a very valuable dialogue with the Ohio School Resource Officer's Association and have established some groundwork for training across previously perceived barriers. Joe Middendorf and Mike McCaskey will be helping the training staff

teach some of the SRO components at the DOT in Westlake. I'm excited about this budding partnership.

That's all for now. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or e-mail. Until next time, remember "If we are to have real peace, we must begin with the children." - Mahatma Gandhi

K.C. Jones

President, D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio

VIDEO GAME "BULLY" TO BE RELEASED

Rockstar Games, maker of the controversial video game "Grand Theft Auto," is about to release "Bully" for Play station and XBox video gaming systems. In this game, players assume the role of a bullied student who assaults his classmates in a variety of ways. Unfortunately, this new game simulates violence directly in the school environment. As we all work to improve school climate, we need to remain aware of these types of outside influences that are counterproductive to our work. Below is a link to the announcement -- wait for the title animation to complete and then click the "screen shots" link to view three images from the game.

<http://www.rockstargames.com/bully/>

Greg Viebranz ,Director of Media Relations & Communications ,Columbus Public Schools

12TH ANNUAL "COPS AND KIDS" DAY

The Westerville Division of Police hosted the 12th Annual "Cops and Kids Day" on Sunday, September 11, 2005. The event is designed to provide children of all ages with an opportunity to interact with law enforcement officers in a positive way. They had a variety of displays, competitions and demonstrations including SWAT, Helicopters, DARE Cars, Mounted Patrols, K-9 Units, Police bicycle races, Water Rescue as well as the "Dunk-A-Cop" tank. Trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places as well as a "Kids Choice Award." There were also souvenir water bottles and holders given out to the first 2000 kids. Admission was FREE for everyone. There was a special tribute half-way through the event, with an honor guard presentation, bag pipers; and police officers singing a tribute to 9-11.



Deputy Brett
Warner
Representing
Ohio at the
National
DARE
Conference

CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe Keough, Geauga Co. SO, longtime DARE Officer and Senior Mentor, has taken a promotion to become a Detective with his Department. Joe was the first to teach DARE in the Amish Schools in his community. We wish you the best in your new police position.

Deputy Melissa Bogunovich, Stark Co. SO had a Baby Boy (one week early) "Garet Anthony" on June 27th, 2005. - Weighing in at 7lbs,3oz.

DARE Officer Craig Brockmeier, Washington Co. SO, was promoted to Sergeant of the Detective Bureau and is no longer teaching DARE.

Sergeant Teena Gallagher, Madison Co. SO was promoted to Lieutenant in charge of the Community Resource Unit (which includes DARE).

THINKING OF YOU!

Deputy Terry Brinkman, Stark Co. SO had knee surgery in July

Officer Jack Shay, Mansfield PD recently had gall-bladder surgery, as well as, some problems with his heart. He will be back to work in October.

Deputy Rod Puckett, Highland Co. SO had a heart attack shortly after the DARE Ohio Retrainer. He is recovering and is expected back to work Mid-November.

Ptl. Kate Hartle's, Mother passed away in July 2005. (Waterville Twp. PD)

Officer Bob Stoodt's Mother passed away in August 2005 while he was recovering from kidney stones. (Lima PD)

DARE 5TH GRADER'S SUPPORT HURRICANE VICTIMS

Brimfield Twp. Police and area 5th Graders have adopted Bay St. Louis/Waveland School District in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. This area was devastated by hurricane Katrina. They are collecting much needed school supplies for these students and families hardest hit. Sgt. Bill Reese and his two daughters Sheyanne and Savannah will be delivering these School Materials after Oct. 28th. The supplies will help get the schools back up and running.

NORTH CANTON OFFICER COMMENDED FOR DEDICATION

"What's a child but all that is possible," these are lines from a poem the North Canton Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer Mike Foltz has put into his DARE Graduation program for this year. Officer Foltz was honored on April 23 for his commitment to drug awareness. He received the Robert E. Powell Drug Awareness Education Award from the Ohio Elks Association. Powell, who the award is named for, was an Elks State Drug Awareness Chairman, who made drug prevention "his life." Officer Foltz has kept in touch with each one of his former students through their own writings. This year he returned essays written by the students while they were in D.A.R.E. to remind them of what they learned. It is just one way that he has reinforced drug education. Both the program and Officer Foltz have left their mark on the students of North Canton



Kidsfest 2005

DARE officers from district 2 have annually helped out at KIDS FEST sponsored by RAINBOW

BABIES AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF CLEVELAND. This three day event promoting the health and well being of children and over 300,000 attended during the course of the event. We have A DARE booth on Sunday and have been well received over the years as we pass out DARE items and stickers!

Events

- Newsletter Deadlines:
January 2006 Due 12/12/05
March 2006 Due 2/13/05
May 2006 Due 2/13/05
Summer 2006 Due 6/12/05
- District 2 DARE Night at Iceland USA
November 22, 2005
- Ohio DARE Training Conference
Central Ohio Area
projected for June 2006
- National DARE Conference Orlando, Florida
July 26 - 28, 2006

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