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D.A.R.E. to Know...D.A.R.E. News

President Obama Declares April 7th National D.A.R.E. Day

The Presidential Proclamation declaring April 7th as National D.A.R.E. Day is a reflection of and testament to the regard in which D.A.R.E. is held. Since the inception of D.A.R.E. in 1983, each one – Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama – has endorsed the D.A.R.E. program.



In his remarks, President Obama stated, “Law enforcement is often a critical partner in implementing community based drug abuse prevention strategies. ***The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program...*** serves as a resource in helping educate young people on how to resist peer pressure and refrain from drug use and violence.” The President is not alone in his praise of the D.A.R.E. program. Major law enforcement agencies, educational and scientific organizations, and state legislatures have recognized D.A.R.E.’s effectiveness including the **National Sheriff’s Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Middle School Association, and even the United Nations.** ([Click here for full text of Presidential Proclamation](#))

Other D.A.R.E. News

D.A.R.E. Success: One Community’s Story



As a police officer for 10 years, Constable Rick Lemieux has seen his fair share of excitement chasing down the criminal element in his city of Timmins, Canada. At the D.A.R.E. graduation for his 6th grade students it's the knowledge and life skills they are walking away with that he calls "his greatest accomplishment." "This was the best experience I ever had as an officer -- teaching D.A.R.E. is unmatched by anything I've ever done in my career." The feelings were mutual as the students gave Lemieux rounds of applause prior to the start of the ceremony.

The guidance D.A.R.E. has provided young people is paying off in Canada. Every four years, D.A.R.E. Canada conducts surveys and each of those four years, the study shows that the number of teenagers smoking in Canada has dropped. When Lemieux started teaching

DARE six years ago, the percentage of teens smoking was 9.3%. Today that number sits at 7.1%. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

D.A.R.E. Profile: Update on D.A.R.E. Graduate Marquita Richey



D.A.R.E.'s impact continues to be long reaching...not only geographically, but in the span of generations that have been influenced by this remarkable program. This year, Marquita Richey, a D.A.R.E. student from Saltillo, Mississippi in the 1990's, and the D.A.R.E. America Scholarship co-recipient in 2002, will be hosting the new D.A.R.E. curriculum in her own 4th grade class in Saltillo,

Mississippi. The class will be taught by Marquita's original D.A.R.E. Officer, Lieutenant Sheri Hall from the Lee County Sheriff's Department. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

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