



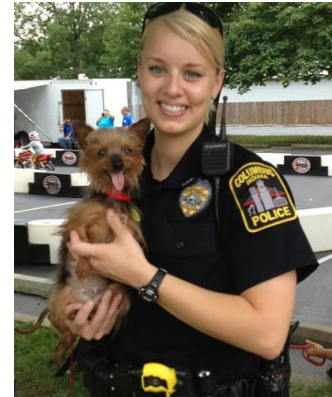
D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Alyson Rech

Columbus Police Department

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D.A.R.E. Indiana: Why did you decide to become a D.A.R.E. Officer?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: I enjoy teaching children along with being a police officer. Being a D.A.R.E. Officer combines both my love of teaching and my desire for law enforcement.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: Were you a D.A.R.E. student?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: I was a D.A.R.E. student at Carthage Elementary (Carthage, IN). Deputy Darling was my D.A.R.E. Officer.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: How many years have you been a law enforcement officer?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: I have been a law enforcement officer for two years.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: How many years have you been a D.A.R.E. Officer?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: This is my first year being a D.A.R.E. Officer.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: Which D.A.R.E. curriculums do you teach?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: I teach the elementary curriculum to sixth grade students.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: How many students do you teach each year?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: My first semester of teaching, I had two classes of roughly thirty students.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: What is the most rewarding thing about being a D.A.R.E. Officer?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: The most rewarding thing about being a D.A.R.E. Officer is making a difference and being a positive roll model for the youth in Columbus, Indiana.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: What are the most important aspects of the curriculum? Why?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: How to handle stress in healthy ways. A lot of people turn to drugs and alcohol as unhealthy ways to deal with stress. Teaching students how to handle stress in healthy ways is important.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: What is your favorite part of the D.A.R.E. program?

D.A.R.E. Officer Rech: I enjoy teaching and interacting with children. I love educating our youth and being a good influence and roll model.