



# D.A.R.E.



## D.A.R.E. Officer Brent Johnson

Hendricks County Sheriff's 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 Johnson:** I want to help the students in my community resist the peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol that are too prevalent in their lives.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** I was not a D.A.R.E. student.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** I have been a police officer for approximately 7 years.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** This is my 4th year as 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 Johnson:** I teach the Elementary curriculum to 6th grade students.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** I average about 115 kids per year.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** The most rewarding aspect about being a D.A.R.E. Officer is when former students tell me they used the knowledge they gained from the program to resist a negative peer pressure situation.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** The most important aspect of the curriculum is the resistance strategies. Those skills are what they will have to use when they're faced with a negative peer pressure situation.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnson:** My favorite part of the D.A.R.E. program is when we discuss the effects of alcohol on the body. I utilize the Fatal Vision goggles and create an obstacle course for the kids to go through. It really helps them see the effects alcohol can have on the body.

