



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Charles Jones

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 Jones: I love and enjoy interacting with children. I feel it is very important in today's world for law enforcement to have a presence in schools. It is a great way to stay connected with the community.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: I was not a D.A.R.E. student because D.A.R.E. had not been established when I was a student. We did have Officer Friendly visit our schools though. Officers were also present and active in my community growing up. They were very well received in the community and I respected and admired our local law enforcement.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: I have been in law enforcement for 16 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: I have been a D.A.R.E. Officer for six years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: I teach the core elementary curriculum (6th grade).

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: Approximately 150 to 160 students 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 Jones: Knowing that I've made a positive impact on a student's life and not only affected them, but their entire family. It's a great feeling to see students a few years later. They often remember things we did in class and I actually remember their name. I can not forget the numerous family dinner invites!

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: I think Confident Communication/Communicate Effectively are essential. It gives the students confidence to explain and really communicate what is going on with them.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Jones: Interaction with the students, staff and community. Having family members come up to me at the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony and say, "Thank you for all you do and the kids really enjoyed their time in class and think that you are amazing." Knowing that I have made life long friends is rewarding!