



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Christine Rapp

Hancock 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 Rapp: I was actually assigned as our D.A.R.E. Officer. Our first D.A.R.E. Officer was taking a position with the Indiana State Police and the Sheriff told me I would be taking over the program.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Rapp: When I was a 5th/6th grader D.A.R.E. was not yet around. “Officer Friendly” however, did visit our school and he got me really excited about police work.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Rapp: I have been with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department for 25 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Rapp: I have been a D.A.R.E. Officer for 15 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Rapp: I teach both the core (elementary) and middle school curriculums.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Rapp: I teach approximately 600 students each 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 Rapp: The most rewarding thing about being a D.A.R.E. Officer is when you see a student out in public and they are excited to see you and introduce you to their parents. That is when you know you have made a connection with that student.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Rapp: The most important aspect in this new curriculum is the scaffolding of the D.A.R.E. decision-making model. The kids really seem to understand it better and can use it in all aspects of their lives, not just drug situations.

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

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