



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Dave Benson

Crown Point Police Department

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

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: No, D.A.R.E. was not around yet.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: 25 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: 7 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: I teach Kindergarten Safety Posters and 5th Grade Elementary.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: Average 600 annually.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: Knowing that I am being a good example and influence for young people.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: Tobacco and Alcohol because they will be the first bad thing to cross their path. High School Role Model lesson because it is a great example of how they could be in 7 years if good decisions are made.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Benson: Graduations, High School Role Model Lesson, Lesson 1 Meeting the Students, Recess and Field Trips.