



D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. Officer Floyd Hastings

Shelbyville Police Department



You are responsible for everything you do and your character follows you everywhere you go.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: In December of 2000, I hit and killed a subject with my police car while on duty. The subject after an autopsy showed he was intoxicated. I wanted to educate others, even if you are not the one drinking you can still get hurt.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: No, I was not.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: 18 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: 13 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: I am teaching the elementary 5th-6th grade curriculum.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: Approximately 500 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 Hastings: There are several things: Parents that come up to you and thank you. Students that see you years later and thank you and tell you what they are doing. They will also tell you they are still drug free.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: Responsibility, character and making safe and healthy decisions. Because you are responsible for everything you do and your character follows everywhere you go.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hastings: Being in the schools, also being able to help those that need the help. Not just in the school setting, but also at home.