



## D.A.R.E. Officer Jack Grennes

Hobart Police 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 Grennes:** I wanted to work in our school district and help teach children about the dangers of drugs and how to avoid violence.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** No! When I attended elementary and middle school D.A.R.E. wasn't created yet.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** I became a police officer in 1996, 17.5 years.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** I received my D.A.R.E. Officer certification in 1999. I have been teaching for 14 years.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** I teach the elementary "Keepin' it Real" curriculum.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** Over 300 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 Grennes:** Getting a chance to make a difference! D.A.R.E. students are Great!!!

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** Teaching life skills! Life skills are important and help us make positive choices and good decisions that will help us stay drug and violence free.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Grennes:** Teaching the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model that D.A.R.E. provides for us in our workbook and we do "D.A.R.E. Cheers" at the end of class! They are "Cool".