



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Joe Hawn

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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 Hawn: I saw how kids responded to their D.A.R.E. Officer, and how kids approached road officers and asked “Do you know my D.A.R.E. Officer?”. Kids understood that police officers were there to help and having D.A.R.E. in the schools helped those kids to feel comfortable approaching that Police Officer and talk with him or her.

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

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

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hawn: 28 years

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

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

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hawn: I teach the Middle School curriculum.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hawn: Approximately 20 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 Hawn: When a former student tells you that you made a difference in their life.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hawn: Decision making. If you can get the students to understand there are consequences to every decision they make, you have done your job.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Hawn: Being with the kids. They help me feel young and as the years pass I need those feelings even more.