



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Landon Dean

Henry County S.D.

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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 Dean: When I worked for another department I had heard from officers, teachers, and students many positive comments. So when I was hired at HCSD, I was able to become a D.A.R.E. instructor and I am pleased to be a part of a program that makes a difference in the lives of our young people.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Dean: No, it was not available in the early 70s.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Dean: 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 Dean: Approximately 14 years

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Dean: I teach both 4th and 5th grade.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Dean: Around 60 students in each grade level, 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 Dean: I enjoy the trust that I gain from the students. To have students come up to me and remind me of something that learned in D.A.R.E. is a great reward. Finding out that a student has taken the information and shared it with others is the best feeling ever. Knowing they are sharing is success.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Dean: The new cognitive style is the most important. It teaches the students to think through these problems instead of giving them the repetitive motor skills alone. Both are important.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Dean: Watching the students begin to think on their own and discover the consequences of bad choices and drugs is my favorite part of each lesson. The celebration and making friends forever is the most important.