



# D.A.R.E.



## D.A.R.E. Officer Mark Owen

Plymouth 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 Owen:** I believed it was a good program and I saw career advancement.

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

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

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Owen:** 19 1/2 years.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Owen:** 14 years.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Owen:** K-4, Core (6th).

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Owen:** 600 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 Owen:** I feel so connected to the kids and community. It drives my own children crazy. I get treated like a rock star when I walk into a group of kids. It's a lot of fun!

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Owen:** Decision making and drug information. When kids understand what it can do to them.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Owen:** The difference in the relationship of the D.A.R.E. Officer and kids, before and after the program. Maybe D.A.R.E. won't solve all the nations problems, but no-one can tell me it doesn't help!