



# D.A.R.E.



## D.A.R.E. Officer Matt Johnston

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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 Johnston:** When I became an Officer, my main goal was to help make a difference in people’s lives. It was important to me to focus on helping the youth of our community. As a young child, my parents were into using and dealing drugs. I lived in a horrible environment, but I made it.

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

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

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnston:** 15 years

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnston:** 13 years

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnston:** I teach the Keepin it Real - elementary curriculum.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnston:** 425 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 Johnston:** Making relationships with the kids.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnston:** I think every part is important but, to me, the most important part is lesson one - when we have introductions. This is the point where I begin to make a connection with the kids and it builds from there.

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

**D.A.R.E. Officer Johnston:** Pretty simple, positive interaction with the kids!!