



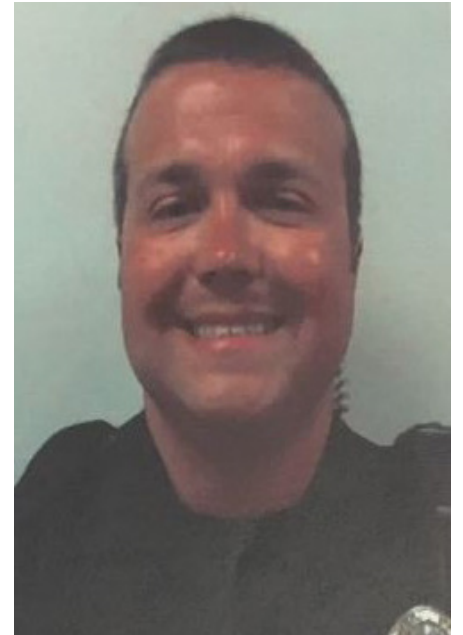
D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Michael Steffen

Noblesville 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 Steffen: It was a requirement of the SRO Program.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Steffen: Yes, I was.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Steffen: Over 10 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Steffen: 3 years.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Steffen: 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 Steffen: Approximately 400-500 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 Steffen: Improving perceptions and making positive personal relationships between students and law enforcement.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Steffen: The D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model and communication. It helps students to think critically and communicate their position effectively.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Steffen: Reading student essays.