



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Nathaniel Springer

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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 Springer: I wanted to help the youth make good choices.

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

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

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Springer: 16 years

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Springer: I was a D.A.R.E. Officer from 2002-2006 and now from 2013-present.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Springer: I teach the 5th Grade curriculum.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Springer: Close to 90 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 Springer: Seeing the children excited. It is also nice to see them grow and become adults.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Springer: Consequences - makes a person think. Role Playing keeps the students active.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Springer: Spending time with the youth.