



D.A.R.E.



D.A.R.E. Officer Tim Williams

Mishawaka 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 Williams: I wanted to help improve the relationship between our police department and the children in our community. I believe that the D.A.R.E. program is an outstanding way to empower children to lead safe and healthy lives. I want the children in our community to achieve their goals and dreams.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: Unfortunately I was not a D.A.R.E. student. I graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1985 just two years after D.A.R.E. began in California. The Mishawaka Police Department's D.A.R.E. program started in the fall of 1989.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: I have been a law enforcement officer with the Mishawaka Police Department for 26 years. I will celebrate my 27th anniversary on March 7, 2015.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: I was certified as a D.A.R.E. Officer on March 22, 2002 when I graduated from the Illinois State Police D.A.R.E. Academy. I was appointed as the only D.A.R.E. Officer for the Mishawaka Police Department on April 2, 2002.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: I enjoy teaching the new D.A.R.E. Keepin' it REAL Elementary and Middle School curriculum's.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: I teach between 600 and 800 elementary students and 200 middle school students in Mishawaka.

D.A.R.E. Indiana: What is the most rewarding thing about being a D.A.R.E. Officer?

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: Being able to see a child's face light up with a great big smile, ear to ear, because they know that their D.A.R.E. Officer is not just another Officer, but a person that genuinely cares about them. I feel, "As a D.A.R.E. Officer, I never worked harder but I received so much more than I gave."

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: I feel all of the lessons are important in the D.A.R.E. curriculum, because we are giving each child a foundation that will help them make safe and healthy choices for their future.

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

D.A.R.E. Officer Williams: Every day that I am in the classroom teaching the D.A.R.E. curriculum, building that important relationship with each and every student as well as running into D.A.R.E. graduates that have become successful. I am just so blessed.....