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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 31, 2021

TO:

Commissioner Rick Swearinge

VIA:

FROM:

Chain of Command ()

Inspector David Bullard

D.A.R.E. Coordinator

SUBJECT: Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (D.A.R., E) 2020 Annual Report

This annual report is provided in accordance with FDLE Policy 4.7: Juveniles and details activities associated with FDLE's efforts regarding the administration of the D.A.R.E. program across the state. FDLE serves as the state training center and program administrator for the D.A.R.E. program in Florida. This administration includes preparation and oversight of the budget, training and certification of officers and preparation of the Annual D.A.R.E. report. Additionally, FDLE is responsible for ensuring compliance with national standards, delivery of technical assistance and providing statewide program management.

As a result of the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), classes for D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) in calendar year 2020 had to be canceled in Florida, as well as for the majority of the United States. Currently, there is a DOT class tentatively scheduled for July 12-23, 2021, in Fort Lauderdale.

D.A.R.E. continues to be a law enforcement officer-led series of classroom lessons that teach children from kindergarten through high school how to make good decisions and wise choices. According to D.A.R.E. America, D.A.R.E. programs are in over 70 percent of school districts nationally, and has been implemented in more than 50 countries. The training is designed to provide alcohol and drug awareness and facts to elementary and middle school students. Gang and violence prevention strategies are also included in the curriculum to provide a more solid foundation.

The last Florida offered DOT training was in July 2019, at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. That class was the 84th DOT class and consisted of 30 law enforcement officers from Florida agencies. Currently, Florida has 55 agencies currently participating in D.A.R.E. Thirteen agencies are scheduled to attend the July 2021 DOT training.

In 2020, Florida agencies reported teaching at 133 elementary schools and instructing 12,751 students. For additional information, please see the attached D.A.R.E. 2020 Annual Statistics.

Attachment

2020 DARE ANNUAL STATISTICS

Agency	Elem. Schools	K-4 Students	5th/6th Grade	5th/6th Grade	Middle Schools	7th Grade Classes	7th Grade Students	Certified D.A.R.E.	N/A
(*New Agency)	Taught	Taught	Classes Taught	Students Taught	Taught	Taught	Taught	Officers	1.,,,,,
Aventura Police Department									
Coconut Creek Police Department	4		31	650				5	
Collier County Sheriff's Office									\vdash
Coral Gables Police Department	1		3	97				2	
DeLand Police Department									
Doral Police Department	9		55	1,236				10	\vdash
Eatonville Police Department									\vdash
FL School for the Deaf & Blind PD									
Florida State University PD									\vdash
Franklin County SO	2		7	154				2	\vdash
Gadsden County Sheriff's Office	5	370	9		3	6		3	_
Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office									\vdash
Gulf County Sheriffs Office	1							1	\vdash
Hallandale Beach Police								1	-
Department									
Hendry County Sheriff's Office									
Highlands County Sheriff's Office									
Holmes Police Department									
Indian River County Sheriff's Office									
Key Biscayne Police Department	3	600	13	310				2	
Lake County Sheriff's Office									
Marco Island Police Department*									disco ntinu ed
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Marion County Sheriff Office	22		112	2730				21	\neg
Martin County Sheriffs Office					Ī				
Miami Police Department	Ì								
Miami Springs Police Department									
Miami-Dade County PD	64		218	5350				15	\neg
Miccosukee Police Department		Ī							\neg
Naples Police Department		T							\dashv
Nassau County Sheriff's Office				Ť					\neg
New Smyrna Beach Police Department									\dashv
Ocala Police Department	9	726	48	905				8	\neg
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Okeechebee County Sheriffs Office									
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Orange Park Police Department					1	T T		1	\dagger
Ormond Beach Police Department	9		30	800				2	1
Oviedo Police Department			İ			†			\top
Pinecrest Police Department			İ			1		1	\top
Pinellas Park Police Department									
Punta Gorda Police Department									T
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office									Disco ntinu ed
Sebastian Police Department						Ì			T
Sebring Police Department									
Seminole Police Department									disco ntinu ed
Sunny Isles Beach Police Department									
Sweetwater Police Department									
Taylor County SO									
Vero Beach Police Department								2	
Village of Palmetto Bay									Т
Village of Pinecrest									Т
Washington County SO	2		12	300				2	Î
West Miami Police Department									
Winter Haven Police Department									
2020- 15 Reporting	133	1696	548	12751	3	6		76	T
2019 - 20 Reported	70	1657	274	6,683	10	12	285	59	
2018 - 42 Reported	301	4,320	1,282	32,022	9	28	696	177	\Box
2017 - 38 Reported	637	9369	2652	64207	25	52	981	388	
2016 - 40 Reported									