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MEMORANDUM

TO: Director Dean Register *DR*
VIA: Chain of Command
FROM: SAS Daniel Augustyniak *DA*
SUBJECT: DARE 2019

FDLE serves as the state training center and program administrator for the D.A.R.E. program. 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, the FDLE is responsible for ensuring compliance with national standards, delivery of technical assistance, and providing statewide program management.

In July of 2019, we conducted a DARE Officer Training hosted by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). The 84th DARE class consisted of 30 law enforcement officers from Florida who were provided with the DARE training, which is designed to provide awareness and facts to elementary school students to help them to resist peer pressure to experiment with alcohol and other drugs. Gang and violence prevention strategies were included in the curriculum to provide a more solid foundation.

In January 2019, the D.A.R.E. coordinator accepted another position within FDLE. Due to the absence of a D.A.R.E. coordinator, we were forced to cancel the second D.A.R.E. Officer Training due to staffing issues. The Sworn Training Unit plans to fill the position in January 2020. FDLE has received numerous requests for future D.A.R.E. Officer Training courses and upon filling the D.A.R.E. Coordinator position, we plan to offer two courses over the summer 2020.