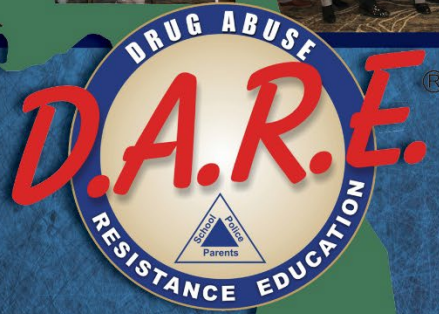


2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE
EDUCATION**

FLORIDA D.A.R.E. TRAINING CENTER

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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Letter from D.A.R.E Coordinator

On behalf of the Florida Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, I am pleased to announce that 2022 was another amazing year. I am frequently asked if D.A.R.E. is still around and if D.A.R.E. really works. The answer remains a definite "Yes!". The D.A.R.E. program is growing with educational programs on subjects including opioid abuse prevention, vaping and teen suicide. Because of the partnering with educational institutions to adapt the curricula, D.A.R.E. has enhanced lessons which include bullying, cyber security, a supplemental marijuana lesson, family talks, mental health, celebration of life lessons and the recently launched K-12 Opioid Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention lessons.

With the D.A.R.E. curriculum constantly being updated to address current issues facing our children, it is important that the school resource officers stay well-trained on the updates. We conducted our 86th and 87th Florida D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) salary incentive certification classes this year at the Hilton Orlando in Altamonte Springs, Florida and the B Ocean Resort Conference Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, respectively.

This year's training conferences had 55 graduating students from the following 28 agencies: Anderson County (KY) Sheriff's Office (SO), Bay Harbor Islands Police Department (PD), Bunnell PD, Clermont PD, Coconut Creek PD, Doral PD, Fort Myers PD, Gadsden County SO, Green Cove Springs PD, Hamilton County SO, Hendry County SO, Hialeah Gardens PD, Jackson County SO, Lake County SO, Lowndes County (GA) SO, Macon County (NC) SO, Madison County SO, Margate PD, Marion County SO, Miami Beach PD, Miami-Dade PD, Orange Park PD, Ormond Beach PD, Rocky Mount (NC) PD, Senoia (GA) PD, Volusia County SO, Washington County SO, and West Miami PD.

This year's training team was facilitated by Corporal Ken Vila (Collier County SO), Annette Castor (Osceola Elementary School, Collier County), Lieutenant Anglie Hightower-Holmes (Gadsden County SO), Deputy Terry Allen (Retired, Lake County SO), Lieutenant Fred Jones (Lake County SO), and Corporal Rochelle Mims (Marion County SO).

As we enter 2023, we are preparing for our next DOT classes this summer in Fort Lauderdale and Ocala, Florida.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing D.A.R.E. training to Florida's youth. This is very much a team effort and we commend you for your exemplary efforts.

Inspector David Bullard
Florida D.A.R.E. Coordinator

D.A.R.E. Program Overview

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has been actively involved with the D.A.R.E. program since 1988. It is a statewide diversion and prevention program for drug abuse in juveniles that is administered throughout Florida's schools. The primary role and responsibility of FDLE in the D.A.R.E. program is to serve as the state training coordinator and program administrator. 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.

The D.A.R.E. program was developed and implemented in California in 1983 through the combined efforts of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District. The initial 17-week curriculum was designed to provide awareness and facts to elementary school students with the intent that this knowledge would help them resist peer pressure to experiment with alcohol and other drugs. Gang and violence prevention strategies were included in that curriculum to provide a more solid foundation for our children. The evaluations of the curriculum for students in grades 6 through 9 show students completing the course experienced the following:

- 32-44% reduction in marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol use
- 29-34% decrease in intent to accept substances
- Reduction and cessation in substance use among those already using

Although the program has undergone revisions over its 39 years, D.A.R.E. continues to be a law enforcement officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through high school how to make good decisions and wise choices. The curricula cover a wide range of risks that children face daily, including drug use, and encourage them to lead a positive lifestyle. Today, D.A.R.E. is in over 70% of school districts nationally, has been implemented in more than 50 countries, and, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, "the D.A.R.E. program offers students the opportunity to gain a trustworthy adult friend, develop a positive attitude toward law enforcement personnel and acquire greater respect for the law."

2023 Florida D.A.R.E. Training:

June 5 - 16, 2023 South Florida (Fort Lauderdale, Broward County)

July 24 - August 4, 2023 Central Florida (Ocala, Marion County)

For additional information, contact FDLE Inspector David Bullard at (850) 410-7580 or Chad Lucas at (850) 410-8694.

2022 D.A.R.E. Training Team



2022 D.A.R.E. training mentors and coordination staff pictured from left to right are: Chad Lucas (FDLE), Annette Castor (Educator, Collier County Schools), Lieutenant Fred Jones (Lake County SO), Corporal Ken Vila (Facilitator, Collier County SO), Corporal Terry Allen (Retired, Lake County SO), Lieutenant Anglie Hightower-Holmes (Gadsden County SO), Corporal Rochelle Mims (Marion County SO), and Inspector David Bullard (Florida D.A.R.E. Coordinator, FDLE).

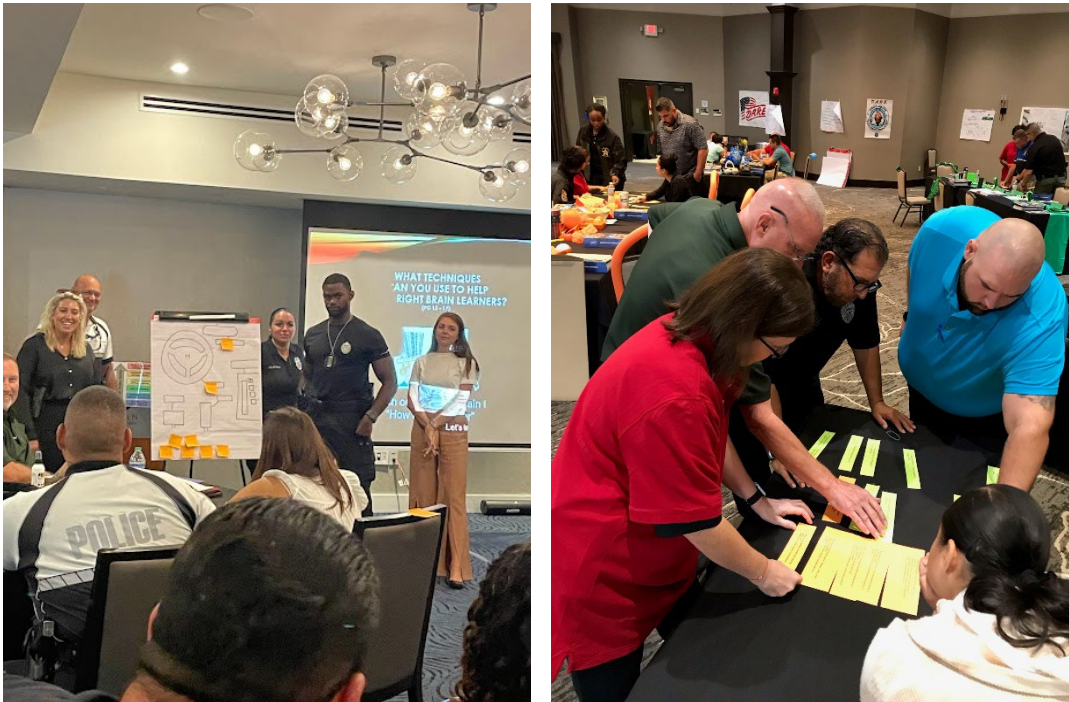
2022 D.A.R.E. Graduates



D.A.R.E. classes #86 and #87 were successful 80-hour salary incentive officer training classes stressing the D.A.R.E. mission of “teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives”. Its purpose is to fulfill a vision of “a world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance use and other dangerous behaviors”.

Only officers who are carefully vetted by leadership in their community law enforcement agencies are sent to DOT. They are further vetted by the mentors responsible for training new D.A.R.E. officers. Then, D.A.R.E. officers undergo the rigorous training course conducted by mentors with a significant number of years of classroom experience as well as university-level educators. All officers are taught to deliver the curricula exactly as they are written, thereby achieving the goal of nearly 100 percent implementation fidelity. Over and above the 80-hours of course instruction, officers also undergo additional hours of practicing the lessons in small groups and in front of the entire group. Throughout the course, officers are assessed for readiness to deliver the curricula.

2022 D.A.R.E. Officer Training



As pictured above, during the two-week course, students utilized the scripted curriculum to prepare and deliver presentations and participate in group activities. One student elected to get a D.A.R.E. tattoo as an ice-breaker when introducing the D.A.R.E. program to his future students.

FDLE Capitol Police Trunk or Treat - October 27, 2022



Daren posing with FDLE Commissioner Mark Glass

Daren, the D.A.R.E. Lion, had the opportunity to hand out D.A.R.E. pencils, rulers, and activity books to kids at a safe Halloween event sponsored by the FDLE Capitol Police at the Florida Capitol courtyard.

Hamilton County Christmas Parade - December 10, 2022



Daren was invited to appear in the Hamilton County Christmas Parade.

Hamilton County Elementary School Pajama Day



Daren also handed out D.A.R.E. pencils, rulers, and activity books to kids at the Hamilton County Elementary School on Pajama Day and is pictured above with several of the students and members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office; one of Florida's many D.A.R.E. law enforcement partners.

Florida D.A.R.E. Program Statistics

Agency	Schools with D.A.R.E.	K-4 Programs	K-4 Students	Elementary Programs	Elementary Students	Middle School Programs	Middle School Students	High School Programs	High School Students	Adult Programs	Certified D.A.R.E. Officers
Aventura PD	1	1		1	120						1
Bay Harbor Islands PD											
Bunnell PD											
Clermont PD	4	4				1					4
Coconut Creek PD	6			5	550						6
Collier County SO											
Coral Gables PD	4			4	255						4
DeLand PD											
Doral PD	8			8	818						12
Eatonville PD											
FL School for the Deaf & Blind PD											
Florida State University PD											
Fort Myers PD											
Franklin County SO											
Gadsden County SO	4	3	600	6	300	4	172	1	120	12	5
Gilchrist County SO											
Green Cove Springs PD											
Gulf County SO											
Hallandale Beach PD											
Hamilton County SO											
Hendry County SO											
Hialeah Gardens PD											
Highlands County SO											
Holmes County SO											
Indian River County SO											
Jackson County SO											
Key Biscayne PD	5	5	400	3	300						3
Lake County SO											
Madison County SO	5			5	280						2
Margate PD											
Marion County SO	23	23	10,000	23	2500						23

Agency	Schools with D.A.R.E.	K-4 Programs	K-4 Students	Elementary Programs	Elementary Students	Middle School Programs	Middle School Students	High School Programs	High School Students	Adult Programs	Certified D.A.R.E. Officers
Miami PD											
Miami Beach PD	4			4	385						1
Miami Springs PD											
Miami-Dade PD, Palmetto Bay Unit	4			4	360						3
Miccosukee PD											
Naples PD											
Nassau County SO	6	1	40	6	924						2
New Smyrna Beach PD											
Ocala PD											
Ocoee PD											
Okeechobee County SO											
Orange City PD											
Orange Park PD	2			2	150						1
Ormond Beach PD	5			5	500					1	2
Oviedo PD											
Palmetto Bay PD											
Pinecrest PD											
Pinellas Park PD											
Port Orange PD	1			1	90						2
Punta Gorda PD											
Sebastian PD											
Sebring PD											
Sunny Isles Beach PD											
Sweetwater PD											
Taylor County SO											
Vero Beach PD											
Village of Palmetto Bay PD											
Village of Pinecrest PD											
Volusia County SO											
Washington County SO											
West Miami PD											
Winter Haven PD											
2022 – 15 Reporting	82	37	11,040	77	7,532	5	172	1	120	13	71

