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D.A.R.E. to Know...D.A.R.E. News

How D.A.R.E. “Fulfills” a Police Officer’s Needs...*One Officer’s Story*

The Bartlett Police Department, located in suburban Chicago, has been teaching the D.A.R.E. program continuously to all fifth grade students for the past 21 years. D.A.R.E. has become a vital component of our educational curriculum and our community policing strategy. As a police officer for 26 years, Deputy Chief Kent Williams can proclaim without hesitation that D.A.R.E. also fills a profound need for each and every law enforcement officer.

According to Williams, police officers, sheriffs, and all other law enforcement personnel are drawn to serve and put their lives at great risk with only modest expectations for broad gratification; the nature of the work simply precludes it.

“Teaching D.A.R.E. provides one of the few opportunities in a law enforcement career where an officer is able to directly associate the benefit they are providing the community with the motivation for serving. There is something profoundly special about the relationships developed through the D.A.R.E. program that allows our officers to simultaneously give greatly of themselves while achieving professional and personal fulfillment,” Williams states. “This is a powerful experience for both a police officer and the children alike...an experience occurring throughout communities in America wherever D.A.R.E. is taught.”

In short, those who teach D.A.R.E. experience the blessing of receiving more than they give. This sadly is all too rare in law enforcement where dedicated policing is predictably taken for granted. My wish would be for every law enforcement officer to have the opportunity to experience this gift – a gift that D.A.R.E. delivers every day for tens of thousands of law enforcement officers throughout America and the world.



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Richard R. Clayton, Ph.D.

D.A.R.E. Scientific Advisory Committee Chairman Profile

*Comprised of leading experts in the fields of prevention and research, D.A.R.E.'s Scientific Advisory Committee addresses issues of programming and research with the goal of always improving the DARE program for the nation's students and D.A.R.E. officers. **Dr. Richard R. Clayton** serves as Chairman of the Committee and is the Good Samaritan Foundation Endowed Chair in Health Education and Health Behavior at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health. His first research on drug abuse began in 1973 with a grant from the Executive Office of the White House and has continued to the present. Clayton has served on a number of national committees including the National Advisory Council for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He was the founding Director in 1987 of the Center for Prevention Research at the University of Kentucky funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He has published eight books and well over 100 journal articles and chapters in scientific journals.*

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