

D.A.R.E. OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

August 16 – 27, 2010
(80 P.O.S.T. Credit Hours)

This course is designed for the sworn, certified, and experienced officer who is to be assigned as a D.A.R.E. officer in his/her community's school system. This course is mandatory requirement for any department that wishes to use the D.A.R.E. curriculum in the local schools.

The topics covered will include: facilitation skills, brain base learning and modalities, collaborative learning, classroom management, drug situations and substance abuse, stages of adolescent dependency, school violence/bullying, youth culture/youth gangs, media training, officer/school relations, science based programming, working with classroom teacher, and P.I.E. (prevention, intervention, enforcement problem solving). In addition, students will review and become with familiar with the entire D.A.R.E. curriculum for elementary and middle school.

Each student will be assigned to a team for the duration of the school and will be required to participate in team projects and competition. The students will also be required to present information in front of the class to help improve facilitation skills. The student's skill will be tested at the completion of the course by making a D.A.R.E. curriculum presentation in front of an actual elementary or middle school classroom.

This course will be taught by experienced, specially trained Wyoming D.A.R.E. officers, who are committed to working with the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy to provide excellence in training to new D.A.R.E. officers.

- Administrators wishing to send students to the D.A.R.E. Officer Training Course must ensure that their applicant(s) meet the special criteria set by D.A.R.E. America, and endorsed by Wyoming D.A.R.E., as specified on the second page of this announcement.

Application deadline: July 30, 2010

Confirmation date: August 2, 2010

Registration fee: \$650.00

All non-Wyoming agencies must pre-pay the registration fee prior to the beginning of training.

Submit application form [#DARE-3](#)

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) OFFICER SELECTION CRITERIA

SELECTION OF D.A.R.E. OFFICER CANDIDATES

The Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy has been accredited as a D.A.R.E. Training Center. In accordance with D.A.R.E. America Policies and Procedures, criteria have been established for D.A.R.E. officer selection.

A carefully structured selection process ensures that prospective candidates have the skills, background and personal traits that have proved to be essential for successful D.A.R.E. instructors. These established guidelines for selecting D.A.R.E. officer candidates will help maintain the integrity of the program. The Wyoming State Coordinator and the D.A.R.E. Regional Director must approve any request for a waiver of minimum selection criteria.

MANDATORY SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1. A D.A.R.E. officer must be a sworn, certified law enforcement officer.**
- 2. The officer must meet the minimum training standard for peace officer status in the State of Wyoming.**
- 3. The officer must have received peace officer certification two (2) years prior to application to the D.A.R.E. Officer Training.**
- 4. The officer must have at least one (1) year patrol duty.**
- 5. Additionally, the sponsoring law enforcement agency which is contemplating beginning a D.A.R.E. program must have a memorandum of understanding with the school district(s) to teach D.A.R.E. after the selected officer completes the D.A.R.E. training.**

In addition to a validated curriculum and the suggested criteria, the success of the D.A.R.E. program is directly related to and dependent on the individual success of each D.A.R.E. officer. The following list identifies specific characteristics that should be considered when selecting a D.A.R.E. officer candidate:

1. Have excellent oral and written communication skills that are adaptable to age-specific audiences.
2. Is responsive to instructions and shows initiative in carrying them out.
3. Projects a professional image and has habits consistent with the role of a D.A.R.E. officer (this officer will represent your agency).
4. Is prompt and completes assignments in a timely manner.
5. Is an exemplary role model in both formal and informal situations.
6. Refrains from sexual, racial, or ethnic stereotyping, or other inappropriate or insensitive remarks.
7. Is flexible and able to handle the unexpected.
8. Has demonstrated the ability to comfortably interact and relate to children.
9. Shows excellent judgment, common sense, and good organization skills.
10. Demonstrates commitment to substance use/violence prevention education and a strong desire to work in D.A.R.E. as a classroom facilitator.
11. Committed to careful replication of the program model.

Choosing well-qualified, committed officers is essential to the success of your D.A.R.E. program. Time and consideration should be given in your selection. Observe and interview your candidate officer carefully to determine if they meet the above qualifications.