



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2010 Annual Report DARE Program

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A. Mandate of the Unit

The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program provides early education to Grade 5 and 6 students in North Bay and Callander. The students are introduced to numerous subjects and scenarios including drug and alcohol abuse, violence in the school and self esteem promotion and are provided with tools to support themselves with day to day problems.

B. Executive Summary

Local schools continue to support this program and the assigned officers. The Police Officer in the school is regarded as a role model who is a credible resource when speaking about drug and alcohol issues.

The DARE program introduces a police officer into a classroom setting with a focus on an interactive approach with the students. This permits the officer to virtually become part of the class, involving themselves in all types of school activities, including after school events.

This program covers a portion of the health curriculum, which must be taught within the school system. It is also a very interactive program that addresses many issues that students may encounter. The program is widely accepted by parents as it engages young people in conversation with a police officer on many fronts and promotes dialogue on almost any issue that students may identify as being important to them.

The program is beneficial for the Service as it engages youths into decision making processes with respect to the harms of drugs and/or alcohol abuse. A discernable benefit of this program is to the extent that positive relationships are forged with students and police. The police officer becomes a trusted resource for students and in many instances the DARE Officer acts as a liaison between the school community and General Patrol, solving and answering numerous issues.

DARE is a nine week program. Graduation day is different for each school and in most cases half a day is put aside. The successful students receive a certificate, a t-shirt and a day of sports with the DARE officer's participation. This end of year interaction further reinforces the police/student relationship.

English language schools are divided into 3 semesters, and the French language schools are taught in 1 semester by a French speaking officer.

The goal of the D.A.R.E. program is to reduce/eliminate drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse, and to strengthen the bond between young people and the police.

C. Activities

Constable Robin Boucher graduated from Dare Officer Training (DOT) in December 2009 and started teaching French DARE classes in January of 2010.

From January 2010 through December 2010, Constable Northrup taught 14 classes in 12 different schools, graduating 303 students from the program.

Constable Boucher taught in 5 French speaking schools, 7 classes, graduating 108 students from the program.

On January 28 2010, Cst Northrup took part in a Fundraiser for Haiti earthquake relief. Students from Marshall Park Public School were challenged to raise \$1000.00. In return, teacher Ian Mizzi and Cst. Northrup would shave their heads, The students were very successful in their endeavour, raising \$1610.54. As promised, Mr. Mizzi and Cst. Northrup were bald by 3:00 pm.

On May 12, 2010 the North Bay Police Service hosted a Police Camp Day, 10 local DARE graduates were selected to attend a day of policing, compliments of Chief Cook. This event was hosted by Cst. Northrup and Cst. Boucher. The students were sworn in as honorary Constables for the day, had an opportunity to use a radar gun, met with Judge Rodgers at the courthouse and participated in some training scenarios.

Tim Horton's Earn a Bike program took place on July 6th 2010 at the North Bay Police Headquarters. Three (3) local DARE students were selected as youth community leaders, earning their new bike and helmet compliments of Tim Horton's and Cheapskates.

D. Performance Indicators

Feedback received from parents and other officers has been very positive for a number of years. In many instances former DARE graduates readily identify themselves as successfully participated in the program and remark how it was a positive experience in their lives. Many parents speak highly of the program and desire more police/student interaction in positive settings such as DARE.

New, positive relationships forged between young people and the police are a noticeable benefit of this program. Outside the school environment DARE officers

are often approached by former students of the program. This interaction is constructive and reinforces the role of the police officer in the community.

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

The only issue that may surface is fundraising and the ability for schools to pay the \$15.00 student cost, but as of this point, the North Bay D.A.R.E. program is financially stable.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

To continue the relationships built between the Police/Students and the Schools.

G. Other

The following are the number of D.A.R.E graduates since 1997.

1997 graduates	288
1998 graduates	496
1999 graduates	698
2000 graduates	645
2001 graduates	968
2002 graduates	913
2003 graduates	1095
2004 graduates	602
2005 graduates	691
2006 graduates	819
2007 graduates	635
2008 graduates	734
2009 graduates	676
2010 graduated	411

Total students graduating from the North Bay D.A.R.E program since 1997 - 9,633