



Mission Statement

Bexar County **D.A.R.E.** Board Official Website

Dear fellow Citizens,

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (**D.A.R.E.**) program remains a vitally important program to the youth of San Antonio and *Bexar County*. Preparing our children to make better informed decisions and to lead happy and healthy lives tomorrow must become our focus today. It is an investment in our own "FUTURE", since these children will become the citizens, neighbors, parents, civic leaders, employees, business leaders and owners of tomorrow.

Bexar County **D.A.R.E.** Program has come a long way since its inception in January 1993. The **D.A.R.E.** Program presented a new 10-week middle school and new 9-week elementary school scientific and research based curriculums during 2003-2004 school year. Two new supplemental lessons have been added one for Bullying and one for Gangs. In addition **D.A.R.E.** provides mini lessons to kindergarten through 4th grade students and a new Parenting Program. The *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Program has expanded to reach 115 elementary schools 26 middle/junior high schools in 14 out of 15 school districts. **D.A.R.E.** has reached or impacted over **675,000 (plus) students from 1993 to 2007**. The new **D.A.R.E.** High School curriculum is scheduled to be released by end of 2007. **D.A.R.E.** has consistently changed over the years to employ state-of-the-art scientific and researched curriculums. I can assure the citizens of *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Works!

Your *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Program has expanded its role to incorporate cross-training our **D.A.R.E.** Officer-instructors as School Resource Officers (SRO's) and Safety Officers. This is part of the *Bexar County* initiative for "Home Land Security" and the protection of our schools and our children. We have joined with over 12 other local *Bexar County* law enforcement agencies to include our Ft. Sam Houston military and DOD police, forming "Project Partnership" allowing us to reach more children and add more schools under one **D.A.R.E.** banner – one unified *San Antonio/ Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Program.

All of the current evaluations of the “New **D.A.R.E.** curriculums clearly indicated what we have known in *Bexar County* for years – **D.A.R.E.** does and is working for our children. I am clearly convinced, based on the over-whelming positive feedback from the school administrators, teachers, parents and students; and on the new and recurring demands calling for the expansion of our program, that our **D.A.R.E.** program is working in *Bexar County*. It is the “Right Thing To Do” for the health and safety of our children.

Our citizens should be proud as our *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Program is considered by **D.A.R.E. America** to be one of the model Community-based, Community- supported and Community funded programs in the world. In partnership with **D.A.R.E. America** we have introduced numerous fundraisers to help reduce cost and to continue expanding our local program. **D.A.R.E.** is far more than just street-smart law enforcement officers in a classroom it is a “Commitment To Excellence” for our citizens and Communities. These men and women (Your **D.A.R.E.** Officers) are committed and passionate about teaching kids the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, illegal drug and over-the-counter or prescription drug abuse. They are preparing them to deal with peer pressure, be responsible, accountable and respectful, how to handle situations without use of violence (anger management), and teaching them invaluable life and resistance skills as well as, teaching them how to make healthy and safe decisions.

I will continue to pursue meeting the needs, desires, and demands of our citizens as well as taking every precaution to keep our school kids safe. I believe **D.A.R.E.** to be a viable asset in our efforts to reduce juvenile and adult drug related and violent crimes. We welcome all citizens to join our “ *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E. TEAM**”. Together we will make a difference in our Community and protect our most precious asset, our children. I encourage you all to visit your child’s school and see our **D.A.R.E.** Officer-instructors in action.

We sincerely appreciate your contributions and consistent support.

I Remain:

Dr. Milo Colton

President, *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Board of Directors



2007 - 2008 *Bexar County* **D.A.R.E.** Program Goals and Objectives

**NEW
D.A.R.E.**

- Continue to expand the **D.A.R.E.** Program to more school districts by helping them train their officers to become certified **D.A.R.E.** Instructors, School Resource Officers-School Safety Officers. **D.A.R.E.** Officer Training (DOT) projected **July 14 – 25, 2008** here in San Antonio. Goal train 40 new school district Police Department officers. “FREE” for all participating LE agencies.
- Train additional local law enforcement agencies (Constable and Municipal) who want to join in "*Project Partnership*". Funding provided through the *Bexar County D.A.R.E.* Program Board of Directors through donations received.
- Continue to add more elementary and middle schools to existing **D.A.R.E.** program as new **D.A.R.E.** Officer-instructors are trained and certified.
- Add the new optional **D.A.R.E.** "Bullying" prevention curriculum.
- Add for the first time the "*New D.A.R.E.*" High School curriculum in San Antonio and *Bexar County* Schools.
- Implement the "*New D.A.R.E.*" Parenting Education Program at participating elementary, middle/junior and senior high schools.
- Provide more tobacco, alcohol, drug and violence free "FREE" events for our **D.A.R.E.** kids as well as promoting quality family time for the kids and their families. Annual San Antonio Missions & **D.A.R.E.** drug free baseball game.
- Work with local San Antonio Boys & Girls Clubs to develop after school project outreach program to help our children stay drug and violence free.

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The local **D.A.R.E.** Program does not receive any federal or state or United Way funding.

Make an investment to save a child in lieu of spending Millions to treat and rehabilitate. It is a proven fact that it is cheaper to prevent than to treat.

Bexar County D.A.R.E. was cited nationally by **D.A.R.E. America** as having a model program.



- Work with Communities & Schools in mentoring “At-Risk” children.
- Host D.A.R.E. America International Training Conference in San Antonio, **August 12 – 14, 2008**. Attended by D.A.R.E. Officers and Educators from all 50-states and 54 foreign countries.
- Stabilize our five (5) key fundraisers designed to save tax payers money as well as giving *D.A.R.E.* the needed funding to continue to expand, grow and reach more children. These five key fundraisers are: Quantum Child Safety ID & Toy Program, Quantum FW-1 (Car Wax), Premier Books Direct, Smart Circles and C & W Vending.



And much...much...more!

*“Working Together Everyone Achieves
More, Especially Our Children”.*



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