

NEW D.A.R.E.

Project Partnership



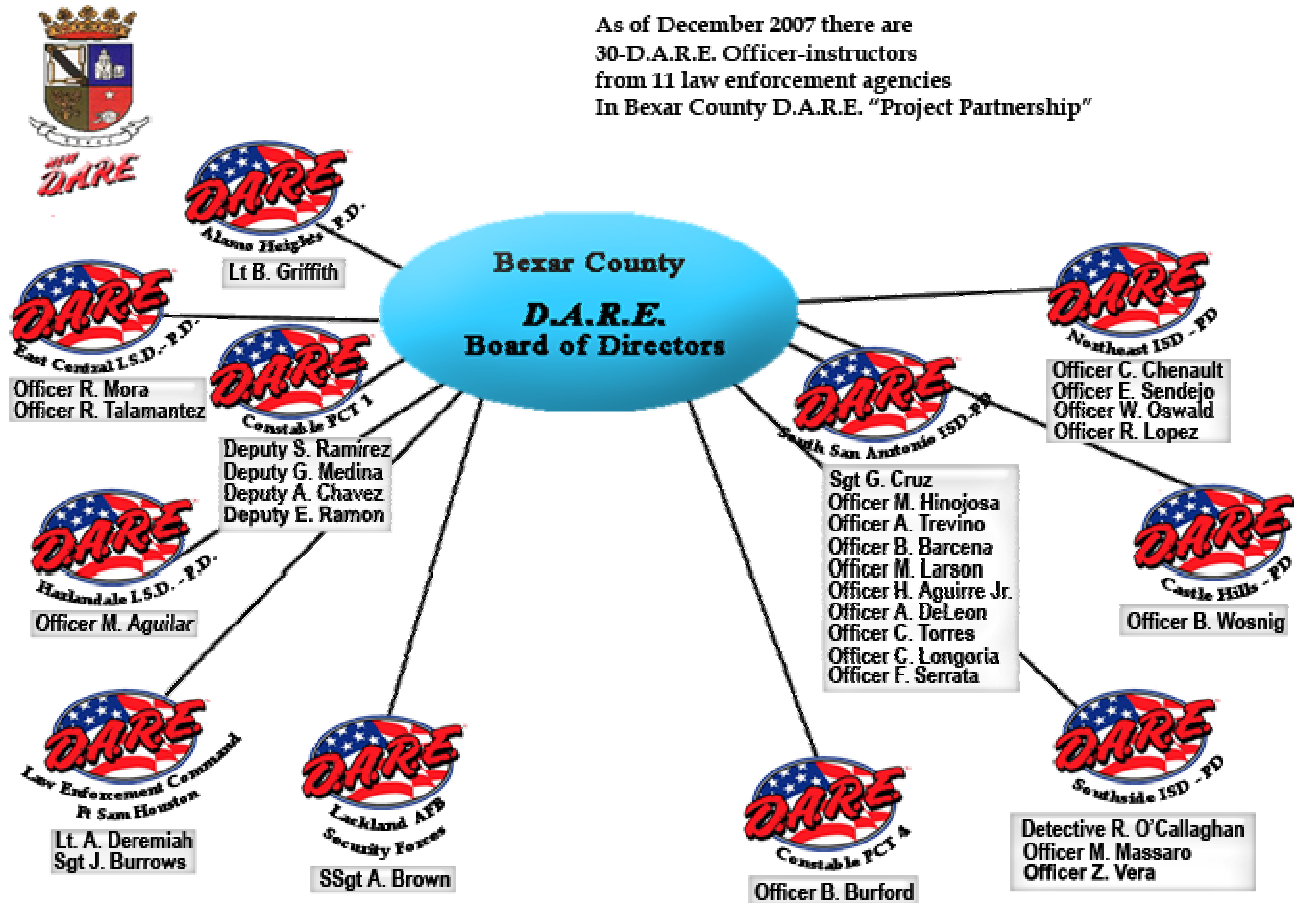
The **Bexar County D.A.R.E. Board of Directors** had instituted a "Project Partnership" in May of 2003. Local municipalities and school districts work with the **Bexar County** and allow their existing officers to become certified to teach the **D.A.R.E.** curriculums within their respective Communities and/or districts under the **Bexar County D.A.R.E.** Program. These volunteer (select) officers are then trained and certified as **D.A.R.E.** instructors by the **Center for Safe Communities and Schools (CSCS)**. In addition all officers received through their initial **D.A.R.E.** training and recurring concurrent annual training additional certification as **School Resource Officers (SRO's)** and **School Safety Officers (SSO's)** providing a tangible benefit to their students, Communities, schools and districts. The law enforcement agency and/or school district ends up with a better trained, confident and more professional officer.

The **Bexar County Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program - D.B.A. - D.A.R.E.** Board pays all **D.A.R.E.** certification training and annual re-certification and recurring current training cost. All law enforcement agency desiring to participate within **Bexar County** need only to send a request to the **Bexar County D.A.R.E.** Board. This is just another example of your **D.A.R.E.** Program saving the taxpayers and school districts money while keeping the education, health and safety of our children at the forefront.

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"Project Partnership" will be in its fifth year for the up-coming 2007-2008 school year. We had resounding success from the 2006-2007 school year. As a result of this cooperation we were able to reach more children and schools within **Bexar County**. We will be expanding to even more schools with an upcoming **D.A.R.E.** Officer certification and graduation in May 2007. Our goal is to be in all **San Antonio/Bexar County** schools with the "NEW" **D.A.R.E.** elementary, middle/junior high and high schools by the 2007-2008 school year.

Our current participants in "Project Partnership" include Alamo Heights Police Department, Castle Hills Police Department, Constable's Office Precinct #1, Constable's Office Precinct #4, Northeast ISD - Police Department, East Central ISD - Police Department, Harlandale ISD - Police Department, South San Antonio ISD - Police Department, Southside ISD - Police Department and Fort Sam Houston Military Police/Law Enforcement Command (Department of Defense Police).



TOP TEN BENEFITS of the DARE Trained Officer



10. Written skills are improved

- ✓ Report writing
- ✓ Investigative reports
- ✓ Professional communication
 - ✓ Memos
 - ✓ Letters to the public

9. Verbal and non-verbal communication improved

- ✓ Community relations
- ✓ Co-worker relations
- ✓ Court testimony
- ✓ Investigative interviews

8. Link to information in communities

- ✓ Knowledge of trends
- ✓ Trusted by community: may assist with investigations
- ✓ Conduit for intervention
- ✓ Non-threatening: officer may ask for assistance
- ✓ Build relations with disenfranchised communities

7. Creativity and flexibility

- ✓ Knows how to access more resources for problem solving
- ✓ Practiced flexibility
- ✓ More knowledgeable about alternatives
- ✓ Maintains professional relationships with differing occupational groups

6. Increased “people skills”

- ✓ Maintains relationships with diverse groups of children and adults
- ✓ Practice effective communication with differing personalities, learning styles and abilities
- ✓ Views the positive side of people.
- ✓ Practiced in team environment

5. Increased motivation for public service

- ✓ New perspective on law enforcement and community
- ✓ New personal mission: prevention/intervention
- ✓ Part of a larger mission
- ✓ Increased confidence in ability
- ✓ Common language locally, nationally and internationally.

4. Increased ability to assess self and other seeking improvement

- ✓ Practiced in “critiquing for success” model
- ✓ Constant evaluation of personal effectiveness in presenting
- ✓ Constant evaluation of others’ effectiveness in presenting
- ✓ Knowledge of “role model” expectations (behavior)
- ✓ Walking the talk of the lessons

3. Decreased potential for liability

- ✓ New skills gained in behavior management – alternatives
- ✓ New skills gained in conflict resolution
- ✓ Importance of appropriate language and action is reinforced for maintaining professional relationships

2. Seen as a community partner

- ✓ Community policing image
- ✓ Shared responsibility
- ✓ Realistic expectations of police and department
- ✓ Given access to various resources

1. Represents your department

- ✓ Positive image
- ✓ Can off-set negative image
- ✓ Effectively present your department’s message (personally or publicly)
- ✓ Provide information
- ✓ Obtain community support
- ✓ Provide community support
- ✓ **Serve the public!**

This will further serve your law enforcement agency as all D.A.R.E. Officer-instructor training additionally certifies your officers a school trained School Resource Officers (SRO) and as School Safety Officers (SSO) providing additional liability certified training. It is a win – win training opportunity. D.A.R.E. will not drain your manpower – it allows your officers to perform their routine assigned patrol duties when they are not in a classroom teaching. Your officer does not have to teach D.A.R.E. full time, we are all law enforcement officers first and foremost. You can make this work for your department, school district and the children you serve.

“Project Community Outreach”, Bexar County Sheriff’s Office Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer/instructors reach out beyond their primary mission of teaching the D.A.R.E. Program in the classrooms of our schools – taking their scientific and researched based powerful drug prevention message (D.A.R.E. curriculum) to the housing projects, Community centers and Community events. Highly trained Bexar County D.A.R.E. deputies are taking the message to the streets so-to-speak. Bexar County D.A.R.E. officer/instructors interact with children outside the classroom taking the same positive message of **“Take Charge of Your Life”** by being drug, gang and violence free to them where ever they are. Many times reinforcing what they learned in school through the D.A.R.E. Program, as well as reaching some for the first time who did not have the opportunity to have the D.A.R.E. Program at their schools. This is just a small part of the over-all philosophy of Sheriff Ralph Lopez and his **“Commitment To Excellence”** of prevention and law enforcement support to our citizens and their respective Communities throughout San Antonio & Bexar County.



Bexar County D.A.R.E. goes way beyond the classroom and deep into our Communities to help reach and save our children. **“Evil triumphs only when good men and women stand by and do nothing”**...unknown author. D.A.R.E. Works!



