

Virginia D.A.R.E. Officers Association Report
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2005-2006 D.A.R.E. Association Officers

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President's message

On behalf of the Virginia D.A.R.E. Officer's Association I would like to wish each of you a safe and happy school year. The VDA one day conference held at the Kelly Ford Inn in Culpeper County was well received by all in attendance. We had almost one-hundred D.A.R.E. Officers from around the state in attendance.

A new board was installed with new members Bill Eanes-Culpeper Sheriff's Office, President; Derrick Mays – Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, Vice President; Rob Hefner – Culpeper County Sheriff's Office, Treasurer; Kevin Sanders – Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Secretary.

The incumbent board members are Cindy Saulman – Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Corresponding Secretary; Chris Brown – Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant at arms. Cindy and Chris's terms will expire at the next annual conference.

Currently, the VDA is working on trying to receive funding through the General Assembly. We have been receiving assistance from The Honorable Ed Scott, state delegate from Culpeper County. Delegate Scott is working with Senator Ed Houck, Fredericksburg. This is extremely important since it provides support in both the House and the Senate. Both Delegate Scott and Senator Houck are working diligently for our cause.

The Association encourages each D.A.R.E. Officer in the state to contact their local delegate or senator and ask them to please vote yes to this bill for state funding. A phone call or e-mail to their office will be sufficient. We need your assistance in obtaining the financial support to continue this outstanding program.

The VDA is also planning on giving a scholarship for a graduating senior this year. We also have a fund for any D.A.R.E. Officer who may have undergone a financial hardship such as fire, flood, etc. The Association recently sent \$500.00 to Mississippi to assist D.A.R.E. Officers that suffered loss from the hurricanes. We assist with the Virginia State D.A.R.E. Training Office by purchasing various items needed to complete D.A.R.E. Officer Training Seminars.

Hopefully, with funding through the General Assembly we would be able to procure workbooks to supplement local agencies and continue to assist with D.A.R.E. Training Seminars. Please remember to contact your respective members of the General Assembly and solicit their support.

We wish Gene Ayers the best for his November surgery. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me at (540) 948-4008 and I will certainly try to help during Gene's absence. All our thoughts and prayers are with him.

On behalf of the Virginia D.A.R.E. Officer's association we wish everyone a wonderful school year. As always; stay safe!

Bill Eanes

President