

# FDOA 2007

FDOA Meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Stripling	President
Mark Lee	Vice President
Sal Anicito	First Vice President
Chris Taylor	Secretary
Rob Hogan	Sgt. At Arms
Daryle Green	D-Rep IIC
Nancy Thigpen	D-Rep IIB
Martha Williams	D-Rep IIIC
Marty McKee	D-Rep IVC
Bryan Perugini	D-Rep IVA
Rob Paccharotti	
Gerald Cantalupo	
Paul Griffith	
Billy Skinner	D-Rep
John Lindsay	DARE America
Bobby Thigpen	Honorary Member

**Meeting at Altamonte Springs Hilton on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
Meeting called to order at 1310 hours by President Stripling**

Taylor to read Secretary's Report from last meeting.  
Mark Lee made motion to waive minutes.  
Unanimously approved, motion carried.

## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

VP Mark Lee is resigning as VP. His department has cut DARE completely. Mark is no longer in DARE and his department wants him off the Executive Board and to have no association with DARE.

Stripling accepted resignation and Mark will put in writing.

Sal has been appointed to VP from First VP, will discuss first VP next Board Meeting

## TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Bowers was not present. Stripling went over the report and gave everyone a hard copy.

Stripling made motion to accept Treasurers Report.

Martha Seconded motion and motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Stripling advised that Martin County still has DARE and has just added two more schools to teach.

Sal wrote a letter to the Governor to have his voice heard. Martin County is getting more SRO's.

Stripling advised that if FDLE does cut our training and funds, FDOA will run the training and program.

Bryan wants to know if FDLE does cut funding, will there still be DOT in Florida. FDOA will run in Florida.

Daryl Greene- Marion Co.- Marion County. Good with DARE. They are still trying to get more SRO's. DARE is sixth on their list to get cut. Daryl is still having their fundraiser on March 29<sup>th</sup>, which will be a motorcycle run. Martin County sent 9 officers to DOT in June.

Gerald/Paul- Pt. St.Lucie- Chief behind DARE. Their DARE is good for sure. Their Chief wants their DARE Officers to teach.

Nancy-Orange Park- They will be keeping their DARE program although she is funded by school district.

Billy- Not sure if they are keeping DARE at this time

Martha-Martin Co.-she has emailed teachers with what's going on and has talked to former students to write letters to help keep DARE.

Marty- Highlands Co.- Doing good with DARE, and they are definitely having DARE for this school year. Trying to find new studies on the effectiveness of DARE since the last study of 2002.

Rob-Lee Co.- Nothing negative in their DARE program. They have new Officers going to DARE Training. Their Sheriff is a huge supporter of DARE. Rob stated to maybe do aren't surveys at DARE Graduations.

Taylor- Winter Springs PD- Chief huge supporter of DARE and has no plans to cut DARE. We are teaching this school year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chris advised that Debbie Morris from Seminole County SO has still not received her Practitioner pin and it has been 2 years. Taylor advised that this situation was handled very poorly and caused a huge negative experience form an active DARE member who comes to each Conference.

Stripling asked anyone if interested in taking over the Practitioner program.

Chris advised he was very interested.

Stripling advised we will come back to this later and appoint someone.

John Lindsay-DARE America- Put together some template facts to send out about DARE. Passed some info out to members at Board Meeting. Advised that we are competing against people who want to save and protect other things instead of our children. FDLE's budget for DARE is \$376,000.00. Advised that nation wide, we are losing some DARE, however we are also gaining new DARE Officers. DARE is in over 91% in Florida Schools with over 600 DARE Officers. There are new statistics on DARE.com and talks about the effectiveness.

Stripling advised that Ft. Meyers PD will keep their DARE and have a strong support.

Stripling advised that anyone can write a 300 word email to Gov. Crist at [myflorida.org](mailto:myflorida.org).

There is someone who reads every email to the Governor.

John Lindsay will email all members who were at this meeting with related information about DARE.

## **BREAK**

Stripling advised that they have an ex-Major in Legislature who is behind DARE and stated that he will do whatever he can to help keep and promote DARE. Advised that he will send a letter to Commissioner Bailey.

Amy Schmidt is still taking care of our website and has gone beyond to do whatever she can to help us. She is continuing to do the FDOA newsletters and emailing them.

Rob asked where the latest DARE Study was and John Lindsay advised that it was on DARE.com.

Billy advised that Florida schools mandate third through fifth graders must have certain things aught to them. DARE lessons cover most of those topics. Can find on DOE website.

John asked if all 6 D-Reps can contact Legislature and get back with Sal of who they sent emails to.

Stripling advised that those who are starting DARE early may want to get the Media involved for positive exposure.

John and Larry talked about taking a trip to Tallahassee to set up a table during the sessions to promote DARE before the vote.

Stripling advised that FCPA and FASRO set up booths at Florida Sheriff's Conferences and we can also for \$500.00.

John advised that DARE America purchases a booth at the IACP conference and National Sheriff's Conference. John will find out Monday to see where open space is available to set up a booth.

Bobby advised that the best time is Tuesday or Wednesday to actually see the people in the Legislature.

Stripling advised can come in the night before. Bobby advised that we can even stand at the front steps, which would get us more media coverage. Nancy advised to try and get some former DARE Graduates in the Leon County area to join us.

Plans for this will be talked about at a later date.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT:**

**WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**300 NORTH MOSS RD.**

**WINTER SPRINGS 32708**

**CONTACT CORPORAL CHRIS TAYLOR @321-439-6722 WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

Chris made motion to oversee the Practitioner Program

Sal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chris will oversee the DARE Practitioner Program which will be changed on website.

Stripling made motion to adjourn meeting.

Billy seconded the motion.

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