

## President's Message

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**By: Corporal Fred Jones, Lake County Sheriff's Office**

Hello Fellow DARE Officers,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July. There are a lot of things happening with the DARE Program. We continue to grow despite the economic conditions. I was privileged to attend the DARE Officer Training in Ocala on July 2, 2010. It was amazing to watch some thirty officers graduate from the DARE Officer training program. There were officers from all over the state of Florida from such places as Coconut Creek PD, Tarpon Springs PD, Miami Dade PD, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, Highlands County Sheriff's Office, Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, Ocala Pd, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Dixie County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Beach Police Department, Martin County Sheriff's Office, and Doral PD. There were also an officer from the Saint John Police Force of Canada and an officer from New Mexico. The DARE program is alive and well. I truly believe that as the economy continues its upswing we will see more agencies return to the DARE Program.

We are approximately two weeks out from the DARE International conference. I look forward to seeing my fellow officers and joining them in the outstanding classes that have been prepared for us. There will also be a Florida DARE Officers meeting (time and location TBD), look for the FDOA banner and information table. In the meantime join your fellow DARE Officers on facebook at: Florida D.A.R.E Officers Association. Take care, and be safe.

Sincerely,

Corporal Fred Jones  
FDOA President