

President's Message

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

Hello Fellow DARE Officers,

I hope this letter find you all doing well. I realize that in these economic times many of you are teaching classes under very stressful circumstances. There are those of you whom may teach five or six classes in a row with no break and limited resources. Then there are the classes with the behavior problems that keep interrupting your teaching, and the list may go on and on.

Know that your hard work does not go unappreciated. The children whether they vocalize it or not appreciate and look forward to their day in school with you. I applaud you and encourage you to continue the outstanding work in which you are doing.

As we head toward the end of the year we are gearing up for the 2011 Conference at Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in –the Hills. This conference will be unlike any other. The conference will be open to DARE Officers as well as School Resource Officers/Deputies. There will be a wide range of classes focusing on law enforcement officers and the children they teach and protect within the schools.

This will be the first year that we have invited SRO's to the conference. The Florida Dare Officers Association feels that we as DARE Officers and those of you as School Resource Officers share the same goal, keeping our children safe and teaching them skills to help them make healthy choices. We look forward to coming together in July of 2011 and learning together.

We are also looking for Board members and subcommittee members to join us. Please contact me at fdoa2010@yahoo.com if interested. Also please join us on facebook at Florida D.A.R.E Officers Association, and share your stories and experiences. **Our next board meeting will be November 20, 2010** at the Institute of Public Safety located at 1565 Lane Park Cutoff, Tavares Fl.32778. It is open to each and every one of you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Once again, thanks for all that you do for the children of our state.

Sincerely,
Corporal Fred Jones
FDOA President