



# Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

## Police and Correctional Training Commissions

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** D.A.R.E. Training Candidates and Agencies  
**FROM:** Claude Nelson, State D.A.R.E. Coordinator  
**DATE:** May 7, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Training Announcement and Registration Information

The Maryland D.A.R.E. Training Center at the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (M.P.C.T.C.) has scheduled the next D.A.R.E. Officer Training course in Maryland for September 13-24, 2021. The training will be held at the Public Safety Education and Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, MD 21784.

This 80+ hrs. course is required by both D.A.R.E. America and M.P.C.T.C. for certification of all new D.A.R.E. Instructors, and provides successful graduates with authorization to deliver copyrighted D.A.R.E. curricula for elementary, middle school, and high school programs, parent and community programs, as well as several enhancement lessons. The focus of the training is to provide instructors with the skills necessary for successful classroom instruction and student learning. D.A.R.E. programming is prevention education, and is community based. It is an excellent augmentation to any agency's local **Community Policing effort**.

This two-week certification course is free to all Maryland candidates representing current D.A.R.E. participating agencies or agencies who will be implementing D.A.R.E. programs for the 2021-22 school year. Lodging, instruction, and course materials are all provided free by M.P.C.T.C. to client agencies. Single occupancy dorm lodging is mandated by COVID-19 protocols. Meals are not provided free for course participants.

Training candidates representing agencies from outside the state of Maryland will be charged a nominal fee to cover the cost of lodging in the training center dormitory and incidentals. These costs are set at \$35.00 per day. Checks should be made payable to MPCTC. Credit cards are also accepted. This cost can be pre-paid, or transacted on site by the student. W-9 forms are available by contacting Claude Nelson as directed below. All candidates will be responsible for their own meals each day. A limited menu is available for purchase at the training center cafeteria. Meals are also available at any of the many area establishments. Out of state agencies must contact Claude Nelson directly for registration and waiver forms to be completed and returned.

COVID-19 protocols are strictly employed during training at the PSETC, including the wearing of masks and social distancing, resulting in smaller class sizes, lodging requirements, and limited food service. Classrooms are disinfected daily.

Participation in all sessions of the course, completion of all training objectives, and satisfactory skills performance are required for certification. There is no other entry-

level D.A.R.E. Officer Training proposed for the remainder of the upcoming 2021 fiscal year in Maryland, so carefully project your needs. It is required that participants be certified law enforcement officers with two years of experience; however, waivers to this requirement can be granted on a case by case basis.

Maryland agencies should register qualified participants through their training coordinator using the On-line Training Calendar. Once registered on-line, participants will be provided a training application for Maryland D.A.R.E., and a D.A.R.E. America waiver (if needed). Completed applications and waivers should be returned to Claude Nelson, State D.A.R.E. Coordinator, 6852 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sykesville, MD 21784, or emailed to: [claudenelson@maryland.gov](mailto:claudenelson@maryland.gov) . Applications must be authorized by the requesting agency.

Out of state agencies must complete the registration process by contacting the State DARE Coordinator, Claude Nelson. For further information call Claude Nelson at 410-875-3426.