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MEMORANDUM

TO: All D.A.R.E. Officers and Supervisors
FROM: Claude Nelson, State D.A.R.E. Coordinator
DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: 2020 Annual D.A.R.E. In-Service Training

Pursuant to Policy and Procedures Statement MD-90-09 of the Maryland D.A.R.E. Coordinator and Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC), the mandated D.A.R.E. In-Service Training conference has been scheduled for April 7 - 9, 2019 at the Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842.

All Maryland D.A.R.E. Instructors are mandated to attend a D.A.R.E. specific training each year to maintain certification, unless specifically excused. Absences may be granted by the State Coordinator upon a written request approved by the instructor's supervisor. D.A.R.E. instructors who have received their certification within the past 12 months DO NOT fall under this mandate, but are encouraged to attend.

This year's course will consist of mandatory certification training for the new core curriculum for high school, new vaping and suicide prevention lessons, as well as topics of interest to you as DARE Instructors, SRO's, and Law Enforcement Officers.

In accordance with the above policy, the Commissions will provide the conference facility, instructional workshops, sleeping rooms and several meals (two breakfasts and one luncheon) free of cost to all Maryland D.A.R.E. Instructors. As always, this training will be approved by MPCTC for Police In-Service Credits (P# is pending). Registration specific to this D.A.R.E. In-Service Training Conference changed in 2019 and remains for 2020. Training registration is to be completed through the Training Coordinator for each agency using the online training calendar. D.A.R.E. Instructors are directed to submit their request to attend this mandatory training through agency channels to the Training Coordinator. Registration deadline is March 27 at 4:00 PM.

Sleeping rooms provided for attendees by the MPCTC free of cost are based on double occupancy with an assigned roommate. All conference registered DARE officers must also submit a [Lodging Request form](#) to be emailed (claudenelson@maryland.gov), faxed (410-875-3420), or mailed via USPS to the State DARE Coordinator by the March 27 deadline. Attendees wishing to reserve their own rooms, or to extend their reservations either before or after the conference dates, may do so at their own expense. These self-reservations must be made by the attendee after March 30th. The conference rate of \$65 per night (weeknights only) will be honored by the hotel for all DARE conference attendees as a self-pay. If you will be making your own reservation, please call Kathy Hunt at (410) 524-7112 after March 30.

Questions or concerns regarding this event should be directed to the State Coordinator's Office at 410-875-3426 (Claude), 410-875-3428 (Ann), or 410-875-3474 (Mike). You may also email me (Claude) at claudenelson@maryland.gov