

## **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services**

## **Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions**

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DATE: March 7, 2023

**TO:** All D.A.R.E. Officers and Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael Casamento, Md. Regional D.A.R.E. Coordinator

RE: 2023 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 Policing 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 4-6, 2023 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort at 91<sup>st</sup> Street, Ocean City, MD 21842.

All **Active** 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 on an individual basis by the State Coordinator upon a written request. 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. The training this year will consist of topics that are of interest to you as D.A.R.E. Instructors, SRO's, and Law Enforcement Officers.

**ACTIVE** D.A.R.E. Officers are those who have taught at least one <u>full core curriculum</u> since the 2020-2021 School year as indicated by a completed Statistical Data Form as per the D.A.R.E. America and Maryland D.A.R.E. Policies.

In accordance with the above policy, the Commissions will provide the conference facility, instructional workshops, lodging and several meals (two breakfasts and one lunch) free of cost to all active 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 must 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. The registration deadline is Friday, March 24, 2023 by 4:00 PM.

Lodging will be provided for attendees by the State D.A.R.E. Office free of cost. Rooms are based on double occupancy with an assigned roommate. All attendees, whether staying on-site or commuting, must complete the <u>Lodging Status Form</u>. Attendees wishing to select a roommate can indicate the name on the form (make sure the roommate provides a matching submission). 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. The self-reservations must be made by the attendee after the March 24th deadline. The conference rate of \$99 per night (weeknights only) will be honored by the hotel for all D.A.R.E. conference attendees as a self-pay. If you plan on making your own reservation, please call Alexandra Marginean at 410-524-7777 x2029.

Questions or concerns regarding this event should be directed to Mike Casamento, the State Coordinator's Office at (410) 875-3474 or <a href="michael.casamento@maryland.gov">michael.casamento@maryland.gov</a>.