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DATE: January 10, 2024
TO: All D.A.R.E. Officers and Supervisors
FROM: Michael Casamento, MD Regional D.A.R.E. Coordinator
RE: 2024 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 is scheduled for March 26-27, 2024 at the MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions' Public Safety Education Training Center located in Sykesville, MD. The Conference will begin at 0800, and end at 1600 on Tuesday and Wednesday with an hour break for lunch both days.

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. The State Coordinator may grant absences upon a written request on an individual basis. 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 full core curriculum since the 2021-2022 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 and instructional workshops FREE OF COST to all Maryland D.A.R.E. Instructors. All meals will be at the expense of the officer, or their agency. Lodging is available for attendees and will be on a first come-first served basis in our dorm facility, at the officer or their agency's expense, based on double occupancy with an assigned roommate. Interested students can submit a [lodging reservation request form](#) to our Guest Services unit. Additional information is provided on the form.

As always, this training will be approved by MPCTC for Police In-Service Credits (P# is pending). Business-casual attire is required for conference attendance (please, no shorts, jeans, hats, or t-shirts allowed in workshop sessions).

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 Monday, March 18, 2024 by 4:00PM.

Questions or concerns regarding this event should be directed to Mike Casamento, the State D.A.R.E. Coordinator's Office at (410) 875-3474 or michael.casamento@maryland.gov.