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AGENDA **DARE Advisory Board** **06/05/2025**

- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Roll Call**
- C. **Call for Public Comment**
- D. **Minutes of Meeting (09/25/2024)**
- E. **Consent Agenda**
- F. **Old Business**
- G. **New Business**
 - 1. Revenue Estimating Conference Recommendations – Report to Board
 - 2. DARE Grant funding considerations – Report to Board
 - 3. DARE Training Center Policy
 - a. DARE Program Observation Policy
 - b. DARE Training Center Director Job Description
 - 4. DARE Advisory Board Meeting Schedule Change
- H. **Other Business**
- I. **Adjourn**

The public is invited to attend. Assistance will be provided to those who need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting. Members of the public may submit public comments on an agenda item by sending an email to erica.johnson@cle.la.gov or by calling (225)342-1530.

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MINUTES OF THE LOUISIANA D.A.R.E. ADVISORY BOARD LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

September 25, 2024

West Baton Rouge Convention Center & Visitor's Bureau
Port Allen, LA

The meeting was called to order.

Erica Johnson called roll. The following DARE Board Members were present: proxy for Sheriff Julian Whittington, Chairman; Sheriff Victor Jones; proxy for Kevin Cobb; Gary "Stitch" Guillory; Chief Carroll Stelly; proxy for Martin McLendon; Lisa Jackson; and Kristy Miller.

Consideration of Minutes

entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting.

Chief Carroll Stelly made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kristy Miller seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.

Louisiana DARE Training Center

Randy Aguillard gave a report on the DARE Training Center. He presented the list of graduates from the DARE Officer Training. There were 27 officers; 26 new and 1 return. There were 19 Deputy Sheriffs, 1 City Marshal officer and 6 Police Department officers. With this new class, there is 191 DARE officers.

Gary Guillory made a motion to accept the student list, and Sheriff Victor Jones seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.

Louisiana DARE Curriculum Study (Pre-Post Test Results)

Randy stated that he had problems last year with the test, and the new person at ULL suggested they change the test. The notes on the back of the page showed the method for the new test, and that yes, it is still a positive impact in DARE.

Randy then talked about the DARE Conference, stating that there were 137 people in attendance in that training. He is now working on getting their in-service hours entered

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before December. He stated that he was able to attend the National DARE conference, and that they were changing the middle school which was a concern with Sheriff Julien Whittington, since some of the videos were a little outdated. He stated that they were also changing the workbooks which means he has to buy new workbooks. He stated that he will need to do an in-service with DARE officers on the changes; however, they did expose the new DARE officers to the new information and they are certified, but he suggested that everyone needs training to be on board with the changes.

Lisa Jackson, from the DARE Officer's Association, gave a report on the upcoming year's conference, stating that it would be held in New Orleans at the Higgins Hotel on July 15-18, 2025. Links will be sent out to everyone to register.

LEAD

Erica Johnson reminded the crowd about LEAD who stand outside stores requesting donations for DARE that are not associated with DARE Louisiana. She informed everyone that they were competition for the agencies of Louisiana. The matter has been brought before the Board before, and they weren't sure if anything could be done.

DARE Program Observation Policy

Bob Wertz stated that one of the outcomes from the internal audit as well as the Legislative Review was a monitoring plan, or observation plan, for DARE officers in general. One – to identify DARE officers who have never been monitored and schedule them, and two – take the most recent graduates from the DOT and make sure they get monitored and get off on a good foot to start with. The third was to deal with those who have not had a monitoring visit and it's been more than three to five years. The third policy was to develop more mentors who can go out and do this.

Krisy Miller made a motion to approve the policy; Sheriff Victor Jones seconded and the motion passed.

DARE State Grant Funds

GRANT NO.	AGENCY	FUNDS REQUESTED
8222	LaSalle Parish SO	22,490
8223	City of Kener	29,039
8224	Allen Parish SO	25,439
8225	Red River Parish SO	19,579
8226	Avoyelles Parish SO	19,034
8227	City of Minden	2,898
8228	City of Baton Rouge	80,348
8229	Bossier Parish SO	14,310
8231	City of Rayne	6,475
8232	St. Bernard Parish SO	44,684
8233	Vermilion Parish SO	31,473
8234	Win Parish SO	21,656

8235	City of Vidalia	10,149
8236	St. Mary Parish SO	23,711
8237	City of Pineville	21,627
8238	City of Monroe	23,964
8239	Rapides Parish SO	100,185
8240	St. Landry Parish SO	441,449
8242	Jefferson Davis Parish SO	22,731
8244	Calcasieu Parish SO	183,380
8247	Caddo Parish SO	44,100
8248	Town of Mamou	22,605
8249	Terrebonne Parish SO	75,572
8252	City of Morgan City	0
8254	Pointe Coupee Parish SO	8,573
8255	St. James Parish SO	20,744
8256	40 th Judicial District Attorney's Office	16,908
8263	Tensas Parish SO	7,800
8264	Bienville Parish SO	21,045
8265	Jacson Parish SO	23,767
8266	Morehouse Parish SO	23,775
8267	Natchitoches Parish SO	109,718
8268	Vernon Parish SO	46,995
8271	St. Charles Parish SO	44,766
8272	Catahoula Parish SO	18,961
8276	Cameron Parish SO	15,769
8274	E. Baton Rouge Parish SO	131,523
8276	Marshal City Court of Lafayette	17,367
8277	City of Shreveport	93,460
8278	Caldwell Parish SO	21,729
8281	Assumption Parish SO	22,729
8286	Webster Parish SO	16,265
8287	Livingston Parish SO	79,203
8288	DeSoto Parish SO	41,734
8289	Orleans Parish SO	0
8290	Plaquemines Parish SO	18,671
8295	E. Carroll Parihs SO	7,373
8297	Lafourche Parish SO	48,116
8298	Grant Parish SO	11,037
8301	City of Opelousas	26,013

8302	City of Shreveport	6,537
8303	W. Feliciana Parish SO	16,032
8305	E. Feliciana Parish SO	5,253
8307	W. Baton Rouge Parish SO	9,230
TOTAL		2,217,991

Gary Guillory made a motion to approve all grants except Livingston Parish SO and the City of Shreveport, which were tabled until the following day. David Rigden seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Martin McClendon abstaining from the City of Opelousas, and Gary Guillory abstaining from Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

Next Meeting Date

The next tentative meeting date is schedule for September, 2024.

Adjournment

Kristy Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Guillory seconded the motion, and the motion passed.