

D.A.R.E. AMERICA NATIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF MENTOR OFFICERS

Date: July 1, 2014

PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the certification of a Mentor Officer.

POLICY

It is the policy of D.A.R.E. America that candidates for the position of Mentor Officer complete a prescribed selection and training process.

PROCEDURES

1. A candidate must meet the following conditions prior to receiving certification as a Mentor Officer:
 - Certification and recognition as an active D.A.R.E. Instructor
 - Successful graduation from a D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer training course
 - Service as an apprentice to senior Mentor Officer during a DOT conducted by an accredited state D.A.R.E. training center
 - Subject of a performance observation conducted by the concerned state D.A.R.E. training center during service of the apprenticeship
 - Recommendation for certification, following service of apprenticeship and completion of the performance observation, by the concerned state D.A.R.E. training center

2. D.A.R.E. America is responsible for issuing Mentor Officer certification. Following the submission of documentation detailed in Section 1 of this procedure, D.A.R.E. America will conduct a certification review. The certification review will result in issuance of one of the following determinations:
 - Certification – Granting the candidate full designation as a D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer, with privileges and responsibilities of that position.
 - Conditional certification – Requires the candidate prior to being granted full certification satisfy certain additional conditions.
 - Denial – Withholding of certification based upon demonstrable evidence of the officer's failure to successfully demonstrate the ability to meet performance standards, serve as a Mentor Officer, or maintain fidelity to D.A.R.E. curricula and training model.

3. D.A.R.E. America maintains the responsibility for monitoring certified D.A.R.E. Mentor Officers to ensure compliance with fidelity to the D.A.R.E. curricula, training model and performance standards.