

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

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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF MENTOR OFFICER CANDIDATES

Date: July 1, 2014

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the selection of a Mentor Officer candidate.

POLICY

Candidates nominated to participate in D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer Training must meet minimum qualifying standards as established by D.A.R.E. America.

PROCEDURES

1. D.A.R.E. America will coordinate and conduct D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer Training.
2. Requests to have an officer participate in D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer Training must be initiated by a state D.A.R.E. training center.
3. Candidates nominated to participate in a D.A.R.E. America MOT shall be required to submit requested information to D.A.R.E. America to secure enrollment in the training course.
4. Mentor Officer candidate criteria includes:
 - Issuance of a certificate of graduation from an accredited state D.A.R.E. training center for the basic D.A.R.E. Officer Seminar
 - Recognition as an active D.A.R.E. instructor
 - Have taught the complete D.A.R.E. Elementary and Junior High/Middle School curriculums for a minimum of twelve classes
 - Have no less than two semesters of classroom experience
 - Permission from their employing agency to participate as a member of the concerned state D.A.R.E. training center
 - Demonstration of desired personal skills, traits and characteristics
 1. Knowledge of and commitment to faithful replication of the D.A.R.E. curricula
 2. Responsiveness to instruction
 3. Personal initiative
 4. Strong interpersonal relationship skills

5. Promptness
6. Time management skills
7. Ability to serve as a role model in formal and informal situations
8. Respect for others
9. Restraint from inappropriate actions and remarks
10. Flexible and adaptable

Note: State D.A.R.E. training centers may institute more restrictive selection criteria than established by this policy.