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CRIME PREVENTION SECTION
MAJOR PROGRAM ANALYSIS
FOR
ALL JUVENILE CRIME
PREVENTION PROGRAMS



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Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade Health and Wellness Safety Curriculum:

The Department continued to coordinate with District 4 and arranged for two safety presentations, one in the spring and one in the fall. Over 1,500 students received the safety curriculum covering personal safety, stranger danger, calling 9-1-1 and bullying.

Stranger Danger Presentations: Every May, the Unit conducts Stranger Danger training for all pre-school through third grade children in Addison. The training empowers children with information on what to do when they encounter a stranger and/or dangerous situation. Officers conducting the presentations are approached throughout the year by young children reporting that they remember them coming to their class and talking about strangers.

Third Grade Health and Wellness Safety Curriculum: The Department instructs four 30-minute classes using the DARE elementary curriculum in District 4. Topics within the curriculum included home alone safety, internet safety, cyberbullying, avoiding gangs and gang violence, laws and rules to keep them safe, and saying no to drug offers.

Fourth Grade GREAT Program: The Department instructs four 30-minute classes using the Gang Resistance Education Training (GREAT) curriculum in District 4. This program not only focuses on gang resistance, but positive decision-making and bullying.

Fifth Grade DARE Program: The Department has participated in the DARE program since 1986. The curriculum is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children in fifth grade how to resist peer pressure and to live productive drug- and violence-free lives. The fifth grade curriculum consists of ten 45-minute sessions and is taught at District 4 and St. Philip the Apostle School. The program ends with a DARE graduation for each class. The program has been well received by the Village, the school district, parents and students.

Sixth Grade GREAT Program: Similar to the fourth grade level, this program not only focuses on gang resistance, but positive decision making and bullying. A test is administered on the last day of instruction that is included in the students' total grade in their Family and Consumer Education class.

Eight Grade Truth about Drugs: Crime Prevention continues to instruct The Truth about Drugs, which is a series of fourteen illustrated drug booklets and videos containing facts about the most commonly abused drugs. This information explains the physical and mental effects of drugs on a person. It shares true stories of people who have used drugs and became addicted. Further, it gives a factual and concise overview of exactly what drugs are, how they work and what they do. It also gives the street names of those drugs, as well as the long- and short-term side effects of the most common substances. This curriculum is instructed in the Family and Consumer Education class.

Tenth Grade DARE Program: The tenth grade DARE program is a five-class program co-instructed by the teachers and officers. It is designed to be taught during the Driver's Education classes. Students are taught the facts and consequences of choosing to use any

type of drug while operating a vehicle. Students are also taught about laws specific to their age group. The faculty and students have provided positive comments regarding this program.

Explorer Scouting Program: The Addison Police Explorer Program is designed to provide youth between 14 years of age and 21 years of age an opportunity to learn about law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Explorers volunteer and assist with community events, roadside safety checkpoints, pedestrian crossing, and the DARE lock-ins. The Explorer Scouting program is sponsored through the Boy Scouts of America. Further, the Explorer Post has an opportunity to compete with other posts from police departments across the state. The Addison Police Department Post 305 has been very successful at winning various categories and bringing trophies to the Department. This program and its Explorers receive positive feedback from the Village Board and the citizens of the community on the need for this program.

Addison Police Department Peer Jury

This program is an alternative to the conventional court process, in that a non-violent juvenile offender receives rehabilitation from select high school peers rather than mere punishment from a judge. To be eligible to receive a peer jury trial, the offender must admit guilt and be a first-time offender of a delinquent act. Consequences issued by the peer jury may include, but are not limited to:

- Community Service
- Apology Letter
- Restitution
- Essay (on Related Topic)
- Jail Tour
- Research/Apply for a job
- Research/Apply for a School Club

Parents and juveniles have reacted positively to the program, and it has gained recognition from schools within the Village as being an extremely beneficial program. It is recommended that this program function as is.

Tobacco Compliance Checks: In conjunction with the statewide effort to prevent tobacco sales to underage youth, the Unit continues to make regular inspections of all licensed tobacco retailers. Pursuant to a grant received from the Illinois Liquor and Tobacco Commission, the Unit delivers informational packets to all tobacco retailers in the fall. The Unit also conducts three inspections a year on all tobacco retailers. This allows the Department to receive grant money for each tobacco retailer inspected. It is recommended this program continue in this format by conducting the three compliance checks and making personal contact with the businesses. The Addison Police Explorers are being utilized as the undercover agents.

Police Department Tours: The Unit conducts tours of the Department upon request by various schools, scouts (boys and girls), and organizations. Positive comments are always received by many of the guests.

Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): In conjunction with the national CERT programs, teen CERT is a national Homeland Security initiative directed at making schools and communities safer by having educated and trained high school students capable of preparing and responding to disasters and emergencies. The program is taught at Technology Center of DuPage. Teen CERT training is broken down into eight lessons with a practical exercise at the end.

Henry Hyde Resource Center: The Unit has precipitated at the center since its opening. The Unit gave various safety presentations and had participated in field trips throughout the year.