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DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

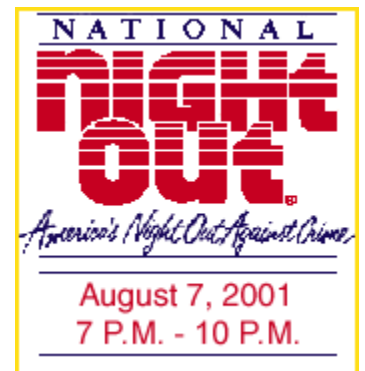
"TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

JVPD and D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance and Education. It is a drug abuse prevention education program designed to equip elementary and junior high school children with knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of abuse, and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. D.A.R.E. was originally developed in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department in conjunction with the Los Angeles United School district. Based on the premise that prevention is the only long-term answer to drug abuse, the program grew to include all 50 states and many countries abroad. In the Cy Fair ISD, D.A.R.E. is a strong presence, creating a positive atmosphere for students to interact with uniformed law enforcement officers.

This unique program uses uniformed law enforcement officers to teach a formal curriculum to students in a classroom setting. The Jersey Village PD began teaching the program in 1989 in schools that service the citizens of Jersey Village. The elementary school D.A.R.E. program targets 5th or 6th graders and prepares them to enter junior high school, where pressures to use drugs and alcohol will most likely occur. The middle school program targets 7th grade students, reinforcing their knowledge and skills, preparing them to enter high school.

National Night Out



The first Tuesday of August, each year, is nationally recognized as National Night Out. "National Night Out" is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 pm, residents in neighborhoods throughout Jersey Village and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside porch lights and spend the evening outside with

neighbors and police. Throughout Jersey Village a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, along with visits from police conclusively illustrate the commitment and resolve to effective community policing.



No stronger commitment exists within the JVPD than our Community Service Officers teaching in home firearms safety. With a firearm present in about half of all American households, all young children should learn that firearms are not toys. That's Eddie Eagle's fundamental, non-judgmental public safety message.

With a fast-paced animated video and fun-filled activity books, Eddie teaches his younger friends to repeat and follow his simple safety message. In classrooms, youth programs, summer camps and day care centers nationwide the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has reached more than 12 million children since 1988.

Safe House Project



The Jersey Village Police Department, in cooperation with the Cy Fair Independent School District, is pleased to participate in the operation "Safe House" program. Under this initiative, numerous citizen and crime prevention partners of Jersey Village have qualified to participate in establishing a temporary haven for any child who encounters a threatening situation and needs a safe place to go. Visible and identifiable "Safe House" signs are now located at each of the qualified homes where our citizens have been trained to assist any child who is in danger.

BICYCLE RODEO

Each spring the JVPD Bicycle Rodeo focuses on bicycle safety and helmet use. Teachers, parents and the Jersey Village Police Department assist with the event. Our students ride a designated course designed to simulate street circumstances. This provides a perfect opportunity for students to practice the rules of the road in a realistic environment.



The use of bicycle helmets is mandatory; therefore, no student can ride in this event without a helmet.

Parent volunteers are another intricate part of the rodeo. They can be used to help inspect the children's bikes to make certain it won't be a hazard on the ride. Teachers are also key

components in the success of this program. When done in concert with Post Elementary, teachers assist in getting their class on their bikes and ready for inspection in a timely manner. They are encouraged to ride along and support their students.



H.E.A.T. (*Help End Auto Theft*)

H.E.A.T. is a free statewide vehicle registration program administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety in cooperation with the JVPD and other local law enforcement agencies.

Any vehicle owner in Texas can obtain a special decal for the back window of his/her car or truck that authorizes law enforcement officers to stop the vehicle and verify ownership between 1:00am and 5:00am anywhere in Texas. The HEAT program also allows border officials to check ownership for vehicles entering Mexico. The JVPD participation in this program reaffirms our collective commitment to lower insurance costs and theft prevention.

The Stop Alcohol Violations Early (SAVE) program began in the 1992 where the local agencies and the TABC joined together in a program to educate youth in local communities about drinking. The JVPD is a proud sponsor of the four week program directed at our youth in the 4th through 9th grades. In the first week of this program a JVPD community services officer or TABC agent goes into the classroom to teach the first lesson. Included is a professionally developed trigger film to enhance discussion with the students. For the following two weeks, the teachers are left with lessons to go over with the students. Our JVPD officer then returns the fourth week to address the class and present exercises that illustrate the dangers of alcohol abuse.



The Amber Plan

was created in memory of Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old Arlington girl who was tragically abducted and murdered in 1996. When police in greater Houston/Harris County area determine a child has been abducted, the Amber Plan is activated and local media broadcasts an emergency Amber Alert. Since its inception in July 1997, 20 Amber Alerts have been issued and several children have been safely recovered. With two officers having completed the specific training program, the JVPD is a program participant and contributor to this alert system.

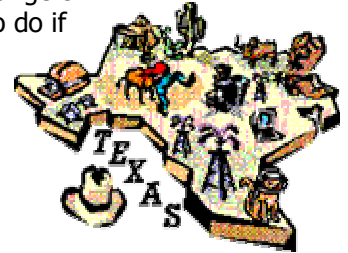
BUCKLE UP FOR CHILD SAFETY

While it's well known that seat belts increase the chance of surviving a crash by 45-60 percent, properly installed child safety seats reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants, and 54 percent for toddlers. Considering this fact along with a ten-year study that found more than 80 percent of the children who died were not buckled into seat belts or child safety seats. The JVPD along with **America**



Buckle Up Program of the National Highway Safety Counsel not only teach the safety program in schools, but also participate in the traffic safety enforcement program.

Stranger Danger is another statewide child safety program sponsored by our Community Services Officers and taught to children usually from pre-kindergarten to second grade. The program discusses the dangers of talking to people we don't know, what to do if a stranger tries to take you, and some of the lures strangers might use to get a child. Also address is the use of a "code" word. What to do if you are home alone and the phone rings, or a person you don't know comes to the door. The aspects of 911 are discussed and when a good situation to call the emergency number would be. Also learned is the important information the dispatcher will ask of the caller.



TEXAS SAFE KIDS

The development of safety habits must begin early to achieve optimum success. In support of this effort the curriculum materials designed by **Texas A&M** to school age children in the first through fourth grades. The overall program includes modules on:

- *Safety belt use for children*
- *Bus, pedestrian and bike safety*
- *Alcohol and abuse module*



While elements of this program appear to overlap other efforts, the instructional materials are designed to reinforce the efforts of our crime prevention unit.



The Jersey Village PD continues its standing as a long-standing contributor of the Crime Stoppers program. That our citizens will be afforded representation into this program, the JVPD Crime Prevention Unit attends updates thus insuring any relevant information or

enforcement concerns relating to the 290/Beltway 8 corridors is made available for the protection of our citizens

