

D.A.R.E Report

2020



The D.A.R.E program was instructed in the 2020 school year by Officer Kim Notel in the Amagansett, Montauk, Wainscott, and Springs school districts. Officer Devin Toia received D.A.R.E instructor training in January of 2020, and has succeeded Officer Notel upon her retirement in December 2020. Officer Notel during the 2019-2020 school year instructed the fifth grade students with the newest D.A.R.E curriculum “Keepin’ it Real”. The curriculum is a Social Emotional Learning approach that teaches foundational skills to youths need to be safe, healthy, and responsible. The students learn the D.A.R.E decision making model, which teaches them how to define the challenge, or problem they are facing, assess the choice they must make, respond to the situation in front of them, and evaluate the choice they have made. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic schools were unfortunately remote learning for most of the 2020 school year which did not allow most of the fifth graders to have a graduation to recognize their accomplishments. Montauk School utilized the outdoor basketball court, and socially distanced for a small assembly for the now 6th graders who graduated the D.A.R.E program in February of 2020.

Students in Kindergarten through fourth grade receive the D.A.R.E abbreviated lessons. The five lessons these students receive lessons on car and school bus safety, calling 911, and what you must know and do in the event of an emergency, stranger danger, medicine and poison safety, and bullying.

Daily Responsibilities

As School Resource Officers daily responsibilities include handling any reports that are generated by the Elementary, Middle, and High School. This involves crimes committed in the school setting or on school property. The SRO also assists administration, guidance counselors, and psychologists with students who have violated the schools code of conduct, or are in crisis. The SRO’s role is not only to assist the school and students, but they also serves as a resource and point of contact for parents, and families.

School Safety

The SRO also assists Montauk, Springs, Amagansett, Wainscott, and East Hampton High School with updating, and revising their New York State Safety plans in compliance with the S.A.V.E Legislation. This is completed, and updated on an annual basis. Copies of the updated plans, phone lists, and floor plans are updated in EHTPD dispatch annually, and additional copies are provided to the Emergency Service Unit. School walk through are given yearly to patrol to familiarize them with the layout of all schools located in our jurisdiction, and inform them of any changes that may have occurred. Security cameras are checked at all school locations regularly, and the appropriate tech department is notified of any issues. Schools were assisted with safety drills such as lock down, lock out, and fire drills. Patrol units

were utilized when appropriate to familiarize the sector officers with school protocol during emergencies.

Community Activities

In November of 2020 Officer Notel, and Officer Toia, and additional members of patrol assisted Springs, and Amagansett with traffic control during their annual Turkey trot. Staff and students participated in an annual 3K walk/run on the surrounding roads of the school. Officer Toia also was a PARP guest reader at the Montauk school. PARP promotes literacy, with guest readers from the community who read out loud to a selected class. PARP promotes the importance of reading to students and allows them to ask questions to the community member who is a guest in their classroom. Halloween safety was presented this year at Montauk, and Amagansett Schools K-4th grade. Students receive information, and tips to ensure they will make good choices, and be safe on Halloween. Officer Toia, and Notel also assisted John Marshall, Montauk, and Springs with School Spirit, and graduation parades throughout the community during school shut downs. Officers provided traffic control, and safety for participants and spectators. The Officers assisted the East Hampton High School with parking, and traffic control for the drive up Class of 2020 senior graduation ceremony.

Due to Covid-19 school activities and events were unfortunately cancelled for the 2020 school year. Officer Toia was trained, and took over the D.A.R.E program in September of 2020. The officer is currently instructing K-5th grade in Montauk school, and will begin instruction in Amagansett, Wainscott, and Springs Schools in the next month. Officer Toia has also been serving as the School Resource Officer at the East Hampton High School, and is a contact for the Ross School, should they need assistance with school related issues.