



# D.A.R.E OFFICER TRAINING

## CLASS #79

Training Dates: September 14 – September 25, 2026  
Application Deadline: **UNTIL CLASS IS FULL or by August 7, 2026**  
Location and Fee: Drury Inn and Suites Hotel, Columbus, Ohio (614-854-0216)  
\$1,000 Registration for Ohio Applicants  
\$1,500 Registration for Out of State Applicants

\*Fee covers: instruction and materials for the two-week D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT), lunch each day except for the second Thursday (bring cash to eat at the elementary school), dinner on the second Thursday of training (the DOT Banquet for students only) and the graduation ceremony.

What is not covered: Overnight lodging: reservations should be made with and paid to Drury Inn and Suites Hotel by the law enforcement agency. The rate is \$131 per night plus tax and includes breakfast and evening snacks/light dinner. Dinner for the remaining eight evenings is on your own.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR TRAINING:

Training application is now available at [www.dare-oh.org](http://www.dare-oh.org)

### D.A.R.E. OFFICER TRAINING (DOT) INFORMATION:

The prospective D.A.R.E. Officer must successfully complete the 80-hour training to be eligible to teach the D.A.R.E. Program. The DOT Training will include the following:

- DARE K-4
- Elementary Core
- Middle School
- High School
- RX/OTC, Community and other D.A.R.E. America Enhancement Lessons

To be eligible, a police officer must be a sworn full-time officer with two years uniformed street experience in their current department OR a sworn full-time officer with a total of two years uniformed street experience, who has successfully completed the current departments imposed probationary period. The officer must have no sustained disciplinary actions within the past three years or be involved in a current departmental investigation. Part-time officers may be eligible with an approved waiver from the DARE Training Advisory Board.

The registration fee is \$1,000 for Ohio applicants and \$1,500 for out-of-state applicants. Overnight room accommodations are the responsibility of the law enforcement agency (reservation and cost). Please contact the Drury Inn and Suites Hotel directly and mention the DARE Officer Training session dates and special rate of \$131 per night plus tax. Call-In reservations can be made by reserving online at [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com), then enter Group number of 10163807. Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and refer to the Group number of 10163807

Tax-exempt paperwork, if you are exempt, needs to be provided to the hotel three days prior to check in. Lunch is provided for the duration of the 80-hour training (with the exception of the second Thursday at the school). **Students will need dinner per diems for eight of the nine dinner meals.**

The seven application requirements are the submission of the:

- D.A.R.E. Officer Training Application including D.A.R.E. Officer Requirement Checklist
- D.A.R.E. Officer Information Questionnaire
- Local Panel Interview Report with signatures (for Ohio only applicants)
- IntraState Agreement if out of state
- School District & Law Enforcement Agency Participation Agreement
- Letter of Endorsement from Chief/Sheriff
- OPOTA/State Law Enforcement Training Certificate