



## ILLINOIS DARE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

### *BearFacts Quarterly*

**Fall 2011**

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### President's Message

Due to the current financial situation and uncertainty of DARE programs in Illinois, the IDOA will be experiencing some major changes in the next year.

We will no longer have quarterly in-service trainings. We are expected to have a winter training and the summer conference, and even the winter training will be subject to participation. We are going to schedule both the winter and the spring trainings this school year, however if we don't have 15 participants (outside of the Executive Board) we will not hold those trainings.

We are making a lot of these changes because we are seeing a lack of participation by many DARE Officers in Illinois. The Executive Board spends a lot of time and effort to try and provide quality trainings and relevant information to our membership and are seeing very little in return. We understand that budgets and time are tight, however for an organization that will not be charging dues in the near future we do expect some feedback and participation.

We are currently working on 4 fundraising opportunities for the IDOA that include permanent "Drug Free Illinois" license plates, a St. Louis Blues fundraiser game, a golf outing at the summer conference, and a Chicago White Sox fundraising game. If these opportunities pan out like we hope they do, we may be able to offer discounts on books and trainings for ACTIVE IDOA members. An ACTIVE IDOA member will be a current DARE Officer who participates in a majority of IDOA sponsored functions.

We realize that there have been communication issues with members and we are looking at ways to build our e-mail/ mailing list, but we can't do it without your help. We recently received the list of all certified DARE officers in Illinois and there are over 2500 of them!!! Unfortunately this list includes ALL DARE Officers who have ever been certified. We are finding discrepancies on this list as it only shows Officers who were trained in Illinois or have received training in Illinois or those who are considered "active" by DARE standards. If you would like to see a copy of this please let us know and we would love to send it to you.

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**To remove your name from our mailing list, questions or  
comments please contact us at [IDOA@IDOA.ORG](mailto:IDOA@IDOA.ORG)**

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## **IDOA Fall Training**

Thank you to the officers who participated in the Fall Training in Lemont. It was a pleasure catching up with some of you and meeting the rest of you. I hope that you will continue your involvement in the IDOA.

Thank You to Denise Bode for putting on *and hosting* a great training. You are a wonderful Mentor!!

Thank you to those who drove an extended distance for the training. We hope that it was worth it for you.

**THANK  
YOU**

## **Presidents Message (continued from page 1)**

Because of all of these factors we will only be offering the new Elementary Keepin' it REAL Curriculum at the summer conference. It will be offered once on Wednesday June 13th and twice on Thursday June 14th. If you wish to continue teaching DARE in the elementary schools you must become certified in this new curriculum.

We are actively seeking DARE Officers who are willing to take on the role as Mentor and are always looking for "fresh blood" for the Executive Board to help continue to make the IDOA a very professional and respected organization.

I know that this sounds like a lot of information and may sound angry to some, but we spend all of this time and effort to keep DARE in Illinois going for the kids. We all know how important the relationships we build in the schools are and without continuing support from our officers this goal will fail.

If you are interested in participating in the organization and don't have the time, let me know we can work something out. If you know of DARE Officers that need help, let me know, we will be there for them. If you know that there are DARE Officers that aren't getting the information that we are putting out, let us know we will get it out to them.

Please help us (the IDOA Executive Board) make this organization a great professional Organization. Do not hesitate to contact me and let me know how you feel, I will fight for every DARE program in Illinois and if I can't the Executive Board will.

THANK YOU-

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## **E-mails to know**

### **Membership Questions:**

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### **Training Questions**

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### **General Questions**

idoa@idoa.org

### **Mentor Questions**

bode@idoa.org

### **Region Questions**

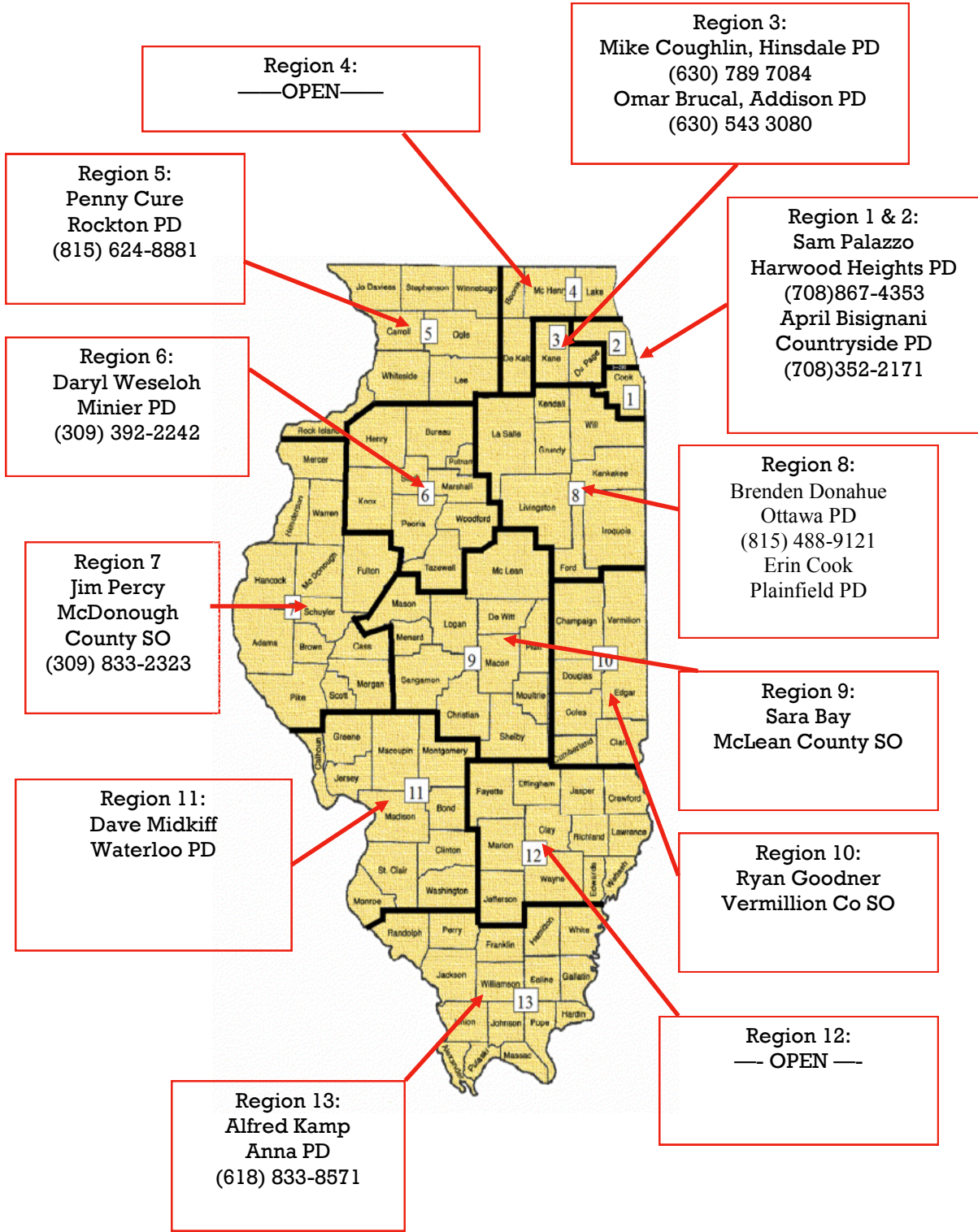
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### **Comments, Questions, or Complaints can be directed to the President of the IDOA**

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Thanks for all the support

# IDOA Regions and Representatives



## **Executive Board**

### **Term of 2011-2012**

**President:** Nick Skweres, Darien PD

**Vice-President:** Dave Tutterow, Lebanon PD

**1st Vice-President:** Ryan Gulli, Midlothian PD

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Omar Brucal, Addison PD

**Treasurer:** Erin Cook, Plainfield PD

**Secretary:** Kim Giugler, Shorewood PD

**Past-President:** Gary Carr, Willow Springs PD

**Educational Advisor:**

**Youth Advisory Board:**

**State Training Coordinator:** Leonard Deynzer and Jean Swan  
Illinois Central College

**DARE America Liaison:** Lloyd Bratz

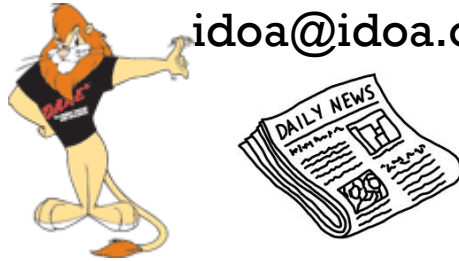
**Executive Board Advisor:** Mark Siegel, Plainfield PD

**Executive Board Advisor:** Dave Harrold, Vermillion Co. SO

**For contact information on the Executive Board  
please go to [www.idoa.org](http://www.idoa.org) and click on the  
EXECUTIVE BOARD tab.**

## Member News

To Submit new for the BearFacts please email us!!  
idoa@idoa.org



### DARE White Sox Game!

The Chicago White Sox are offering discounted tickets for an upcoming Sox game that can be purchased on-line at the address below.



[www.whitesox.com/dare](http://www.whitesox.com/dare)



## Incoming and Outgoing DARE Officers

# Welcome

The following are the Illinois Officers who recently completed DOT in Indiana:

Tom Alagna , Bartlett PD  
Matthew Baumann, Gurnee PD  
Christine Eaton, Antioch PD  
Erica Huff, Oak Brook PD  
Seth Janssen, Whiteside County SO

Let us know if you need anything!!

# 2011 Calendar

Executive Board Meeting

October 17, 2011

Plainfield Police Department

2pm

Items to be discussed:

Fundraising update  
Summer Conference Update  
Winter Training update  
Financial Update  
Future trainings



## Winter In-Service and Family Event

January 13-14, 2011

Key Lime Cove in Gurnee, IL  
(TENTATIVE)

1/13 @ 7pm—State Meeting  
1/14 @ 8am—3pm State Training  
Tentative Topic: Drug Trends  
(Looking for instructors or other topics)

**RSVP BY DECEMBER 1, 2011**

**Need 15 participants otherwise training will be canceled!!**

For questions and RSVP:

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