



Currently, the Community Risk Reduction Division has three D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) instructors teaching the Elementary and Middle School D.A.R.E. Programs to students in the City of Casper. All three D.A.R.E. instructors are part of the Fire Inspector/Investigators team of the Casper Fire-EMS Department and are also Wyoming P.O.S.T. certified peace officers, a requirement of the D.A.R.E. program.

The D.A.R.E. program is an evidence based program that meets the core educational standards of health, language arts, and math and is listed on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). Lessons range from making Safe and Responsible choices, health effects of drug use, dealing with stress, peer pressure, bullying, to being a good citizen, and more. In the spring semester of 2014, the Casper Fire-EMS D.A.R.E. instructors taught over 650 students (Let's get a more accurate number from Harley on Monday) the D.A.R.E. curriculum in Casper alone.

Founded in 1983, today more than 15,000 D.A.R.E. officers and deputies are in over 10,000 communities nationwide educating America's youth in the D.A.R.E. program. In total, 36 million children around the world —26 million in the U.S. — are part of the D.A.R.E. program. The program is implemented in 75% of the nation's school districts, and 43 countries around the world.

<http://www.dare.org/starting-a-dare-program/>

Please contact the City of Casper Fire-EMS CRR Division at 307-235-8222 if you have any questions.