

## Officer Enhancement

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**Transition to New Curriculum,**

I believe all Ontario officers have now received training in the new curriculum released last summer.

If not, please advise me at [harry.lawrenson@ontario.ca](mailto:harry.lawrenson@ontario.ca) and arrangements will be made to accommodate this.

The new curriculum **MUST** be taught as of September 2013.

The D.A.R.E. curriculum is designed to be taught by police officers whose training and experience gave them the background needed to answer the sophisticated questions often posed by young students about drugs and crime. Prior to entering the D.A.R.E. program, officers undergo 80 hours of special training in areas such as child development, classroom management, teaching techniques, and communication skills. 40 hours of additional training are provided to D.A.R.E. instructors to prepare them to teach the high school curriculum.