



NEWS RELEASE

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D.A.R.E PROGRAM GRADUATION

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The Lakeport Police Department (LPD) in conjunction with the Lakeport Unified School District (LUSD) will hold a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) graduation ceremony for approximately 156 5th grade students from Terrace Heights School on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 12:00PM.

The 10 week classroom program was taught by LPD School Resource Officer Jarvis Leishman. The Curriculum covered resisting peer pressure, drug abuse resistance, healthy relationships and confidence in making healthy choices. Prior to completing the program all students were required to complete a report reflecting what they learned from the DARE program and how it affects their personal decision making.

DARE is an international program that is used throughout the United States and approximately 43 other countries. It's designed to educate children with resisting drugs and violence. For further information go to www.dare.com

Law Enforcement representatives from throughout Lake County will participate in the graduation ceremonies. Members of the local media are invited to attend.

**Kevin Burke
Chief of Police**