



# Bates County Sheriff's Office

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On 1/12/16, The Bates County Sheriff's Office received a DARE Grant from Wal-Mart. The Grant's purpose is to support the DARE Program at schools throughout Bates County. Currently the Bates County Sheriff's Office has two Deputies who teach the program at 5 of the 7 schools in Bates County.

The Dare Program was started Nationally in 1985 to teach elementary age children about the negative effects of Alcohol and Tobacco. The program also teaches positive decision making skills. Currently the two Deputies teach approximately 200 youth age children and have now expanded to teach some Junior High age youth.

Since 2009, Chris White, Manager of our Local Wal-Mart, has continued to help ensure that there is adequate funding to teach our children how to make positive decisions when faced with the pressure of using drugs or alcohol. "I'm proud of the partnership that we have with Chris and Wal-Mart, who has always been there for us to help with funding to buy classroom supplies and books to aid in the teaching process." Says Sheriff Anderson.

Sheriff Anderson also taught the DARE Program as a Butler Police Officer in the Butler School prior to being Elected Sheriff. "The program is valuable to our community. It's an investment in the next generation to give them the tools they need in life to combat the things they will face as they get older. This program not only does that but it also helps build a relationship between the youth and our Law Enforcement".

The \$2000 Grant received by the Bates County Sheriff's Office will help offset the cost of the program which cost approximately \$4000 a year. The Bates County Sheriff's Office would like to say Thank You to Chris White and all the Citizens who support the program for our youth.

