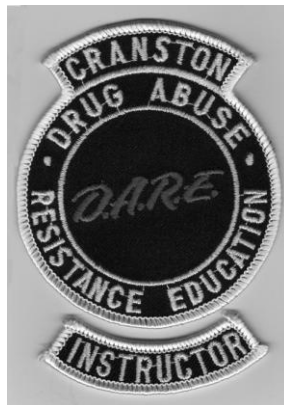


D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a national program that was first brought to Cranston in 1988. Cranston's first D.A.R.E. officer was Tom Fazio, but as the program expanded, three more officers were added. The officers travel to different schools in the city to educate the students about drug abuse. The program encompasses all grade levels.

The officers who work in this unit have to be able to relate well with young people. While working, they wear a different uniform than regular patrol officers. Their shirts are white to create a less threatening appearance. They also wear special shoulder patches and badges which designate them as D.A.R.E. instructors.



**DARE instructor patch
first worn in 1989**



First DARE vehicle, a 1987 Chevrolet with DARE emblem on rear door.



DARE Officer's car, a 1990 Ford.



Officer Tom Fazio, Cranston's first DARE Officer



DARE Officer Jeff Duclos with DARE car - 1996



DARE Officer Carmine Giarrusso - 1996



DARE Officer Bill Remington - 1996



DARE van, a 1987 Ford



Rear View of DARE van - 1995