



# CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Press Release

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The annual graduation ceremony for the Dover Police Department's Dover Middle School DARE program took place on Thursday, April 12, 2018 inside the Dover Middle School gymnasium. At the event, 267 fifth grade students celebrated the completion of the DARE curriculum which lasts 13 weeks.

In addition to the graduates, teachers, other school staff, and approximately 75 parents, some city and school officials were also in attendance. These included Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso Jr., Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, and Deputy Mayor Bob Carrier. Also present were the department's three DARE instructors, Dana Mitchell, Officer Brynn Dunne, and Officer Chris Plummer.

As part of the DARE program, each student is asked to write a letter to a fictitious friend who has moved away and has recently begun to use alcohol or tobacco. The goal is to see what the students would write to that friend to help them make better choices. The winning essays were written by Abby Baker and Carys Fennessy and they both read their award essays to the large crowd.

The graduates were then presented with their certificates. The graduates also received their Drug Free IDs which allow the students to get discounts at several participating businesses in the area.

