



Drug Free DeSoto Task Force
Board Chambers
August 5, 2009

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Robert Hrstka, Cathy Miller, Trent Terry, Dave Bremer, Allyson Harms, Susan Cartwright, Curt Mays, Craig Aument, Lou Towne, Sheriff Will Wise, Tom Santorlas, Jan Lewis

Welcome to Dr. Tom Santorlas and Susan Cartwright

Back to School Health and Safety Fair update: Allyson Harms

- Great turn out; over 650 people attended
- Biggest hits: Bike Rodeo and Roll-Over Simulator
- 25 vendors participated
- Thank you to everyone who supported the event and all who helped; especially high school staff and facilities.

TPPA (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance): Allyson Harms

- Due to the fact that most members on the TPPA committee are the same as those on DFD, it was decided to incorporate TPPA in the DFD regular monthly agenda for updates and information.
- Curriculum has been expanded to include not only 8th graders, but 6th and 7th graders as well. Classes will continue to be taught one day a week through the PE classes. Go-Girls, an after school program associated with TPPA, is aimed at teaching girls good life skills. Girls who enter the program and continue through their high school years can eventually become mentors for the younger girls.
- Brochures for parents will be available through the middle school counselors, as well as the health department, offering contact information and additional assistance.

Youth Activity Report: Cathy Miller

- Back to School Olympics will be held Saturday, August 15th from 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM at the DeSoto County High School. Volunteers are still needed; contact either Mr. Dubbert or Cathy Miller if interested

Gang Activity Report: Curt Mays

- No current trends directly related to gang activity

Do the Right Thing Award: Superintendent Cline

- Nominee from West Elementary: 2nd grader Callie Cassels for organizing and implementing a “reduce, reuse and recycle” program at West Elementary School. Callie will be recognized at the August Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.

DFD Task Force Member Reports:

- No reports

Other Items:

- Dr. Tom Santorlas spoke as a candidate running for City Marshall relating to law enforcement partnerships with business leaders and community; taking a pro-active approach.
- Superintendent Cline referenced how fortunate the school district is to have the support of both the law enforcement agencies as well as the DeSoto County Health Department, in assisting with the funding to provide School Resource Officers and school nurses at each school site.

Next Meeting:

- September 2, 2009, at 11:00 AM in the School Board Chambers

Adjourned: 11:40 AM