



**Drug Free DeSoto Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**  
**11:00 a.m. till**

**Attendees:** Superintendent Cline, Pella, Story, Yost, Bremer, Dubbert, Hrstka, Aument, Mays, Carter, Fred, Carter, Charlotte, Tabor, Harms, Keene, Bristol, Terry, Sheriff Wise, Barnwell

**Step Up to a Drug Free DeSoto: Allyson Harms**

- Many flyers to RV parks
- Send forms home with students; provide break down count
- February 20, 2009, distribution
- Winn-Dixie will donate healthy food
- T-Shirts will be ordered
- Jason will cover newspaper
- Friday, February 6, 2009 Go Red Day
- Wear Red for American Heart Association for Women

**Youth Activities Report: Director Dubbert**

- August 15, 2009, student activity: All agreed
- 9:00 a.m. till noon DeSoto Middle School
- Cook out for volunteers 12:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. high school Students
- Elementary: Movie presentation DMS Cafeteria (new release)
- Many volunteers will be needed
- Advertising to begin in May 2009
- Use Robo Call System
- Principal Terry to verify if football practice will have conflict
- See clubs for concession Stand
- Students to volunteer with elementary students

**Gang Activity Report:**

- New Gang: Zo Pound (not much information yet)
- Gang Meeting similar to this committee

- Gangs are on the increase
- Continue to advise law enforcement of any graffiti
- Gangs are not just male, Lee County has a female gang

**Lt. Aument suggested the Drug Free DeSoto Task Force combine with the Gang Task Force Reduction Committee. Both committees are working towards the same goals.**

Mr. Carter asked if drugs and gangs are related?

Drugs are normally illegal activity

Not all people on drugs belong to gangs

Mr. Cline mentioned that with the economy issues, we may see more and more turn to drugs and gangs.

### **DFD Task Force Member**

**Dottie:** asked if we will continue our DARE program; Lee County discontinued. Sheriff Wise said at this time no change; great program

**Allyson:** assisting Health Fair 2-28-09; House of God; open to public; looking for speakers

Drug Free DeSoto Fair Booth: Looked great; special thanks Jason

**Cathy Miller:** Do the Right Thing Chamber Early Bird Breakfast

**Mrs. Carter:** Adolescence stress: school work; parents, relationships

**Mr. Cater:** We have good stress and bad stress; most people do not know how to cope with bad stress; once they do, they can handle more issues

Parents need to remind children that there will be good days and bad days. Students see adults light up or turn to alcohol when they are in a good stress situation. Remind children that this might feel good now, but what will happen in years to come. Mr. Cline asked Mr. Dubbert if our counselors are trained to deal with student stress. Principal Terry said that several students are trained yearly to be mentors (Peer Mediator Program) AP, counselor, and dean referrals use peer mediators are seniors. There is no adult in the room with students during this program to handle (adults are close by). Mr. Cline suggested developing mini announcements for each school. Add new words of wisdom; Mr. Dubbert will look for changes. Mrs. Carter suggested posters and flyers with coping skills. Academics and athletes; is there a limit; fall, spring, winter sports. GPA must be 2.0 and above

**Dottie:** HOSA: 21 students going to state competition

Two students running for state office: Sarah Beth Hall and Heather Weir

**Next Meeting: March 4, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.**