

**Drug Free DeSoto Task Force
Board Chambers
March 3, 2010**

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Pella, Sheriff Wise, Yost, Hrstka, Terry, Dubbert, Bremer, Blosser, Harms, Goodwin, Towne, Mays,

Guest: Officer Bennett, (DJJ), Officer Blanden (DJJ)

Press: Dr. Simmons

Do The Right Thing Nomination:

- No Nominees

TAPPA:

Danyiell Blosser:

- Provided an overview of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance
- Last year 150 8th grade girls attended
- Sister program with Highlands and Hardee
- Highlands is our sister program with same curriculum
- Federal money no longer available; will move to state funding
- Applying for state funding grants due to high level pregnancy rate
- September is the end for Federal funds
- Taking on additional classes at high and middle
- Accommodate all students through program before funding ends
- Future funding will require a different curriculum
- 70% of curriculum is abstinence based
- DeSoto County is number 3 out of the state Hardee County is #1

Youth Activity Report:

Director Dubbert:

- Next week is DJJ Circuit Twelve meeting here at School District of DeSoto
- Mr. Dubbert and Mrs. Yost are working on a project for prom; full report in April
- Looking at movie for younger children for the summer
- Mrs. Harms suggestion: Partner with city and county summer recreation programs
- These students can attend our movie from county and city
- Great opportunity to get information out to students
- Speer Center and City Parks & Recreation
- County recreation sponsors a movie night

Gang Activity Report:

Lt. Curt Mays:

- Latest gang is the Goonies
- DJJ students will be removing graffiti around the community
- Teen driver course program is March 13th
- Thursday March 11th is class time at Sheriff's office
- Checking on local insurance perks for attending program
- Seat belt information
- Drinking and driving
- How to correct driving errors
- Sarasota-Bradenton gangs: The Bloods, Crimps, Sur 13
- DeSoto has a little of every gang
- Any additional information to provide to administrators
- Look at student's notebooks
- Schools are communicating very well with SRO's

Walk A-Thon

Allyson Harms:

- May 8, 2010
- Flyers
- Deep South will be participating

March 22nd Kick Butt Day

- DCHS Cafeteria sign a banner or posters signing to be tobacco free
- Meeting at Last Chapter in April implement policy change
- Tobacco free in all county parks is the goal

Monthly Goals:

- Walk A-Thon
- Prom

Task Member Reports:

Officer Bennett:

- Officer Bennett Circuit is 12 Gang Coordinator
- March 20th paint over graffiti
- Gang Court program
- Officer Bruce Blanding, Jr. is Mentor for DeSoto Teen Court
- These officers are willing to speak to student body
- Officer Moses Bennett 863-491-5300 ext 1157

Jennifer Goodwin;

- Mrs. Goodwin and John Million HEC Alcohol Abuse Reduction
- Alcohol reduction in high school
- Next round in April for all 9th grader
- SADD students are doing an outstanding job
- DeSoto County students are awesome students to work with
- Administer the teen norm survey at DCHS soon

Dottie Yost:

- Florida Youth Survey for middle and high students
- Data is used for all grants
- Safe and Drug Free Grant has been on the block
- Dottie has requested an extension for the grant
- Will attend the Technical Assistance Conference
- Changing the norm in the community

Sheriff Wise:

- Two SRO's out on medical leave
- Robert Rivers facing a heart operation
- Ronnie Hay serious lung condition

Allyson Harms:

- Received grant for Diabetes for Hispanic farm workers
- DeSoto County honored as the program testing site for the entire state