



New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

The New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officer's Association was formed in 1965 by a group of law enforcement officers, who at the time saw the need for a statewide organization to address illegal drug abuse in our society. Realizing that a law enforcement attack of the problem was not the only remedy, the New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association ("NJNEOA") established its' goals and objectives to include training, education, community awareness and rehabilitation.

The NJNEOA has for more than thirty years encouraged education of young people about the dangers of substance abuse as a way of reducing the demand side of the problem. During the 1980's the NJNEOA's innovative and much praised Defenders Against Drugs Program taught school children, in grades kindergarten through four, the importance of pride in themselves and their families, and how saying "no" to drugs means saying "yes" to a better life.

Fifty-one years later the association's goals and objectives remain steadfast for educating our law enforcement officers throughout the state. Each year the Association trains several hundred law enforcement officers by hosting two training seminars and one training conference which focus on: updates of current drug trends, investigative techniques, new technological concerns and legal decisions pertaining to illegal drug facilitation.

In an effort to enhance education as an element in combating drug abuse, the NJNEOA offers a Drug Awareness program to the faculty, staff and students of every school system throughout the State of New Jersey. This Drug Awareness program focuses on the usage, symptoms and pitfalls of substance abuse by today's teens. The fact that teachers in our school systems spend an average of six hours a day with their students, they are in the best position to influence our youth. In addition to the "club drugs" and "date rape" drugs, cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, inhalants, and steroids are also discussed.

Due to the recent cutbacks in funding for most of the national law enforcement training programs, along with the budgetary restraints being placed on almost every municipality within the state, it is almost impossible to find narcotic enforcement and awareness training for either the law enforcement officer or the faculties and students in New Jersey. The members of the NJNEOA are still continuing to provide such assistance.

Although, members of the Association who volunteer their time conduct the programs described, funds are needed for items such as printed handouts, and other materials pertaining to the Drug Awareness program and training seminars. The NJNEOA is respectfully requesting your partnership in these important and relevant causes. Our organization is inquiring as to the availability of your donation of funds to help in the furtherance of these objectives. Won't you please assist the NJNEOA with your much needed and appreciated donation? (Since November 2000 the NJNEOA has been recognized by the federal government as a non-profit organization – 501(c)(3) ID#22-2166650.) I thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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