MINNESOTA D.A.R.E. OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE AUGUST 17-18, 2026

Best Western Kelly Inn
100 4th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Registration
8:00 - 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremony/Welcome
9:00 - 9:30 AM
Stearns County SO Color Guard
Stearns County Sheriff Steve Soyka & SCPD Chief Jeffery Octon

D.A.R.E. - What's New
9:30 - 10:30 AM
D.A.R.E. America Regional Director,
Speaker: Kathi Ackerman, MN D.A.R.E., Inc.
Executive Director

St. Cloud Community Outpost Program
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
SCPD Sgt. Ryan Sayre

Lunch *(included)*
12:30 - 1:30 PM

School Safety
1:30 - 4:30 PM
Speakers: Emily Kahn & Megan Olstad

- *School Based Emergency Management*
- *Basic Reunification*
- *Special Events/After Hours*

MNDOA Annual Membership Meeting
4:30 - 5:00 PM
2026/27 Board Nominations

Social Hour & Blackjack for prizes
5:00 - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Registration
8:00 - 8:30 AM

Legal Updates
8:30 - 9:45 AM
Stearns County Attorney's Office
Speaker: Elizabeth Lee, Assistant County Attorney

Case Study
9:45 AM - 12:00 PM
Olmsted County Case Study
Speaker: OCSO Investigator Chad Winters

Lunch *(included)*
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Board Vote 2026/27
1:00 - 1:15 PM

Going Up: The Change in Drug OD Cases
1:15 - 4:30 PM
Speaker: Imran Ali

Board Meeting, New Members
4:30 - 5:00 PM

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Minnesota DARE Officer's Association is to represent DARE Officers state-wide, in an effort to promote the DARE Program, update members on DARE events and fundraisers; train and educate; and encourage officer networking, as a team effort with Minnesota DARE Inc. and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

SECURE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

To register or for more information:
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