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**FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY D.A.R.E. GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sheriff Richard Pierce announced today that the 8th annual D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Golf Tournament to benefit the D.A.R.E. program will be held on June 2, 2003 at Brighton Crest County.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program is a cooperative effort between the Sheriff's Department and Fresno County school administrators to provide drug and violence education to elementary school children.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department has assigned nine Deputy Sheriff's to educate over 2800 5th and 6th graders in the County's forty-three elementary schools.

The D.A.R.E curriculum includes topics such as personal safety, drug use and misuse, consequences of behavior, resisting peer pressure, building self-esteem, assertiveness training, managing stress without drugs, media influence on drug use and violence, positive role models and developing support systems.

In addition to providing instruction, those students who successfully complete the program are invited to D.A.R.E. Camp. Children are nominated by their teachers and attend at no cost.

For more information on the D.A.R.E Golf Tournament or other programs supported by the Sheriff's Foundation please contact Sergeant Susan Watkins at 588-3686, CSO Addie Delgadillo at 488-2527 or CSO Milton Vann at 488-3259.