The Dose of Reality Tour Program...
Where Everyone Meets Reality.

Objectives of the Program Include:

- A look into the future of troubled youths who resist change.
- A dose of reality for those who break the law.

The Mission

The Dose of Reality Tour Program is brought to you as part of the Wayne County Sheriff Office’s Community Outreach Services. The program is NOT a “Scared-Straight” program, but rather a look at the consequences of those individuals who continue to disregard the law.

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Benny N. Napoleon, Sheriff

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Overview

In October 1994, the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office unveiled the Juvenile Reality Tour Program (JRTP) to redirect community youth away from gangs, weapons, and violence. The program was designed to reach young people who have not acquired a criminal record, but who have flirted on the edge of the juvenile justice system. In 2003, the Dose of Reality Tour Program was initiated as an alternative for incarceration for first time offenders to give individuals a chance to experience the criminal justice system and prevent future confrontations with the law.

Comments from Participants

“The Dose of Reality Tour was rough but real. The Wayne County Jail puts a tattoo in your memory forever.”
Rosanne, 36th District Court participant

“Going on the tour made me realize that I just want to do the right thing in my life and make it better.”
Anonymous

“This revealing trip continues to have a very intense effect on our students, as was evidenced by comments regarding our most recent trip. One student said, I used to fight all the time. When I saw the people in jail and heard what they said, it scared me. It made me want to do the right thing.”
Elaine Maier, Washington Careers Center

“You have no idea what effect this program had on our at-risk youth.”
Ronaele Bowman, City of Westland Youth Assistance Program

Components of the program:

- Visit to the Wayne County Jail
- Meet an inmate to share with participants the consequences he/she will receive as a result of criminal activity
- View a graphic slide show of young offenders who died as a result of gang activity, drive-by-shootings, stabbing, and other violent means
- Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (Pioneers for Peace)
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- Save our Sons & Daughters (SOSAD)
- True Life Crusaders
- 36th District Court & Frank Murphy Hall of Justice

“When a child or young adult is heading down the wrong path, often the only thing that will wake them up is a dose of reality. That’s exactly what we’re calling this program.”

-Benny N. Napoleon, Sheriff