



March 2009

To: District Drug Awareness Chair-person(s),
Lodge Drug Awareness Chair-person(s)

In order to meet the Grand Lodge - Drug Awareness Program guide lines and the Illinois Elks Associations guide lines for submitting the State Drug Awareness Program Annual Report, I am asking that you provide me with the information on the enclosed form no later than **April 1, 2009**. When submitting your report, please provide me with a detail outline and pictures of any special Drug Awareness Programs/Activities that their Lodge did last year. These reports and pictures will be included in my report to Grand Lodge. This year, the Drug Awareness Program will count even more to the All American Lodge Contest than in the past. Receiving this report is one of the items that I will be reporting on when giving my report for the All American Lodge Contest.

Please have your Drug Awareness Report sent to me at:

Frank Burr
IEA-DAP Chairman
1S.175 Highland Ave
Lombard, IL. 60148

Action Alert

HB 2514 to Legalize Marijuana as Medicine Passed out of Committee

Three Representatives were replaced in the House Human Services Committee yesterday, and [HB 2513](#) [passed](#) with a vote of 4 Yes to 3 No. Those voting were:

Rep. Monique Davis – Yes
Rep. Patricia Bellock - No
Rep. Connie Howard - Yes
Rep. Sandy Cole - No
Rep. Lou Lang - Yes
Rep. Tim Schmitz - No
Rep. Robert Rita - Yes

HB 2514 will now be voted on by the entire House of Representatives. This legislation is being pushed by the Marijuana Policy Project, a well-funded national organization which is working in other states to legalize marijuana.

Action Alert
SB 1381 & HB 2514 Legalize Marijuana as Medicine

Two identical bills to legalize marijuana as medicine have been introduced and assigned to the Public Health Committee in the Senate and the Human Services Committee in the House. While we have compassion for people who suffer, HB 1381 and HB 2514 would open the state to wide spread marijuana use. The Marijuana Policy Project, the national organization that is working to pass this legislation, has and is working to legalize marijuana in other states, similar to alcohol laws. Alcohol causes more problems than all illegal drugs combined!

- Medical concerns: 1) A doctor will not prescribe a specific dosage a 60 day supply of marijuana is defined as 7 plants and 2 ounces of dried usable marijuana for a qualifying patient. 2) A practitioner, who has just reviewed your medical records and not examined you, could recommend medical marijuana. 3) People who smoke marijuana as medicine no longer qualify for organ transplants. 4) The bills define Primary Caregiver is not a physician, but someone over 21 who can grow, purchase, manufacture, deliver, and transport marijuana or paraphernalia for a qualifying patient.
- **SB 1381 & HB 2514 does not apply only to people who are terminally ill or dying. The definition for debilitating medical conditions that would qualify is very broad and could be expanded.**
- **SB 1381 & HB 2514 allow anyone with an out of state registry identification card or its equivalent to possess 7 cannabis plants and 2 ounces of usable cannabis in Illinois without registering as a qualifying patient.** Homeless people can obtain a card without having an address. If a card is lost or stolen, it can be replaced within 10 days. Underage youth use fake IDs to obtain alcohol. Will people use fake out-of-state cards to grow and obtain marijuana in Illinois?
- **The perception of marijuana as medicine leads teenagers to believe that marijuana is not a harmful drug. This could lead to increased illegal drug use.**

For Immediate Action

1. Call your State Senator (217-782-2000 switchboard) and ask him/her to vote NO on SB 1381.
2. Call your State Representative (217-782-2000) and ask him/her to vote NO on HB 2514)
3. Write a Letter to the Editor and send it to one or more local newspapers.
4. Share this information with your Church or Synagogue.
5. Forward to 10 others.

Note: To find the name of your Legislators, go to:

<http://www.elections.state.il.us/DistrictLocator/SelectSearchType.aspx>

It is time to start planning when you would like to use the Drug Awareness Trailers and the ELROY costume at your Drug Awareness Events and Lodge functions. The earlier you schedule the trailers and the costume the better chance you have to get them when you need them. When you need to schedule the Drug Awareness Trailers and the ELROY costume, please contact one of the following people:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
Area 1	Robert Swisher	Pana #1261	(217) 562-9292
Area 2	Eddy Lundmark	Wheaton-Glen Ellyn #2258	(630) 964-8247
Area 3	Karl D. Wilson	Centralia Elks Lodge #493	(618) 532-5681
Area 4	Matt Stropes	Pekin #1271	(309) 303-1036

The Area contact person will go over what needs to be done to schedule the trailer, when it can be picked up, and when it needs to be back for someone else can use it. When scheduling to use one of the Drug Awareness Trailers or Elroy, please make sure **ahead of time** that you can return them **on time**. We have had a couple of issues last year that the trailers and/or Elroy were not returned on time, so the next Lodge that was scheduled to use them missed out on a great chance to get the word out, about the Elk's Drug Awareness Program.

Please remember that the trailers are to be cleaned and organized before they are returned. Let's all be mindful of these procedures and respectful to other Lodges scheduled to use the Drug Awareness Trailers. As I have written in the past, make sure that when locating the Drug Awareness Trailer at an event, that it is placed in a kid friendly location. Next to or across from the beer wagon is not a good location. Also, please make sure that anyone working the Drug Awareness Trailer is alcohol-free at the time. The Drug Awareness Trailers are not to be used to transport or store alcohol. This would not be the type of news coverage or pictures we would want for the Drug Awareness program.

SAMHSA is again supporting *Reach Out Now* (RON) Teach-Ins to get a powerful and early message to 5th- and 6th graders, their teachers, and their parents about the inherent dangers of underage drinking and the science that supports those facts. You might be pleased to know that SAMHSA is working with Scholastic to develop a brand new set of RON materials. The new material should be available in a few weeks. You can find additional information about RON and view the **old** materials at <http://www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov/teachin/>.

Always remember, participation in a positive Drug Awareness Program enhances the lives of Americans at all levels and helps shape the future of young Americans

Sincerely:

Frank J. Burr

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IEA Drug Awareness Chair

CC: F. Louis Sulsberger (State Sponsor – Past Grand Exalted Ruler),
Darrell Swisher (IEA State President),
IEA State Officers



**Drug Awareness Program Statistical Report
Are Due to the State Chairman No Later Than
April 1st**

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge Number: _____

Submitted By: _____ District: _____

Contact Information: _____

Number of Lodge DAP Programs held this year?	<input type="text"/>
Material Ordered? (yes or no)	<input type="text"/>
Number of Youth Reached?	<input type="text"/>
Number of Adults Reached?	<input type="text"/>
Number of Elks Participating?	<input type="text"/>
Number of Non-Elks Participating?	<input type="text"/>
ENF Promise Grant used for DAP Program? (yes or no)	<input type="text"/>
Did you order Promotional items? (yes or no)	<input type="text"/>
Total Program Expenditures?	<input type="text"/>
Total Volunteer Hours Elks?	<input type="text"/>
Total Volunteer Hours Non-Elks?	<input type="text"/>
Total of Hours (All Sources)?	<input type="text"/>
Hours x \$16.05:	<input type="text"/>
Number of times you used the Drug Awareness Trailers?	<input type="text"/>
Number of times you used the Elroy Costume?	<input type="text"/>
Total Miles Traveled? (Elks and Non-Elks)	<input type="text"/>



Drug Awareness Program Statistical Report

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	LODGE	DISTRICT	STATE
Number of Training Sessions Conducted:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number People attending the training: (Elks and Non-Elks)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

	LODGE	DISTRICT	STATE
Did your Lodge order any Comic Books for a school in your coverage area?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Did your Lodge or District used the new PSA's? If so how many?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

List the coalitions or community action groups Your Lodge works with:

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2.
3.
4.

Please mail completed forms to: Frank J. Burr
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