



June 2009

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

Another National Convention is coming up fast and that means a lot on new material for the Drug Awareness Program. We will be receiving information on, the Parenting Program, the Comic Book Program, The new DAP Manual, and the new Drug Awareness PSA's. I will try to get samples to each District Chairman as soon as I can and I hope to have samples at the State meeting in September. Along with the new material, I will be receiving a wealth of information that I will be including in my News Letters and in the Drug Awareness training sessions in September and January.

**Yes it is true!** We now have five Drug Awareness Trailers in the State. The fifth trailer was received the second week of April and in is the process of being outfitted. We have not confirmed the new location for all the trailers, so in the mean time, please continue to contact 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, please make sure **ahead of time** that you can return it **on time**. Please remember that the trailers are to be cleaned and organized before they are returned. Lets all be mindful of these procedures and respectful to other Lodges scheduled to use the Drug Awareness Trailers.

Please remember, it is not cost effective to ship the Elroy costumes. To ship the costume it would cost the requesting Lodge around \$100.00 each why to ship the Elroy costume, plus the cost of the additional insurance.

**Yes it is true!** we are in the process of getting a Fifth Elroy for the Illinois Elks Association. We are hoping to have Elroy #5 by the middle of summer. The exact time frame cannot be determine at this point due to the necessary paper work and checks that need to be processed by everyone. I will keep you posted.

### *Summer Safety Alert*

Methamphetamine cooks are buying propane tanks from the exchanges at Wal-Mart, Kroger, and emptying them of the propane gas. Then they fill the propane tanks with anhydrous ammonia, which they now have a recipe to cook Methamphetamine. After they are finished with the propane tanks, they return them to the store. The stores refill the tanks with propane gas, unknowing to them the improper substance that was inserted in the tanks and sell them to their consumers. Anhydrous ammonia is very corrosive and weakens the structure of the tank. It can be very dangerous when mixed with propane gas and hooked up to a grill, recreation vehicle, etc.

You should inspect the propane tank for any blue or greenish residue around the valve areas. If there are evidences of these substances, do not purchase the propane tank and advise the vendor of your findings.



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. Remember we can have this:

Sincerely:

*Frank J. Burr*

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