

Drug Awareness Campaign

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As part of our ongoing drugs awareness campaign throughout SHAPE, Cpl Liam McGuire, International Community Police and Inspector Claude Cloosen of the SHAPE Federal Police, delivered drugs awareness presentations to all the High School students. These presentations explained the dangers associated with drugs and provided the facts

so that students might be better equipped to make the right decision should they ever encounter these substances. The International Police have previously highlighted to the whole SHAPE community that we are in no way isolated from these issues, and that SHAPE also does, sadly, reflect the trends of contemporary society.



The presentations were well received and the students asked some very good questions, particularly in relation to local trends and potential issues that could affect them as they mature. They also grasped the opportunity to ask about local laws and SHAPE Directives relating to alcohol and tobacco and how these 'legal drugs' can affect you. In this respect the presenters accepted the anomalies created by the multi-national nature of our community, and took the opportunity to again highlight the over-riding authority of SHAPE Directives for all members of the SHAPE community.



More recently, the International Military Police, in conjunction with the Federal Police, have continued the momentum of the drugs campaign with a drug-dog sweep within the SHAPE domain. This and other similar initiatives will continue, to enable the police at SHAPE to enforce this message for the benefit of the whole community.

Poster Competition

The students were also invited to design and submit an anti-drugs poster, which the police could use across SHAPE and Chièvres to help get our message across.

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Prizes were donated by the GB Home Centre, the US Military Police Association (Chièvres) and the International Military Police here at SHAPE. In addition, the SHAPE Federal Police have put up some extra prizes for a partic-

ipating student from each of the High Schools. MWR Branch also generously provided a free bowling pass for the Pizza Bowl for each student who entered a poster. We would like to thank those who have donated prizes for their support in this campaign.

The students submitted some fantastic poster designs and once they were all collated, they were displayed for Comd HSG, Col Michael Saulnier (USA A), who had the difficult task of choosing a winner. In fact the posters were of such a high standard, it was decided to have a 1st prize and two 2nd prizes! Our winning poster was designed by Panna Balla, a Hungarian stu-

dent at the German High School. Joint 2nd prize went to Alexa Erdogen and Bradley Foster, both students at the US High School. Panna received an ipod and Alexa and Bradley both Nintendo DS Lites for their excellent work.

In addition to seeing her poster professionally finished by the SHAPE Reprographics Section, whose expertise helped this project immensely, Panna also received a hand written note from Admiral Stavridis, SACEUR, showing how important this message is to our community. All our winners also received finished copies of their designs as a memento of the competition.