

Rural Communities' Use of Volunteers in Enforcement
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Questions and Answers for Law Enforcement

What is the EUDL Strike Team? The EUDL Strike Team is a group of volunteers trained in controlled party dispersal, capable of a variety of tasks, put in place by the Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws program to assist police officers in the dispersal of underage drinking parties.

When do I call for the Strike Team? You call when you respond to a party of underage drinkers that is of significant size (i.e. 6+ minors/officer) or any other underage drinking dispersal in which you feel additional assistance would be beneficial.

How do I call to activate the Strike Team? All you have to do is call dispatch.

How long will it take for the volunteers to get there? We have volunteers in many areas of the county that should be able to respond in a short period of time depending on how large your county is, and driving time for the volunteers.

Wouldn't it just be easier for me to handle the situation myself and be on my way? Sometimes, yes. However, in the time it takes you to evaluate and secure the scene of a larger party, volunteers could be on hand to assist in an effective party dispersal, strengthening the message our community sends about its tolerance of underage drinking. This can greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to process everyone at an underage drinking party.

What are my responsibilities once the volunteers arrive? As Officer in Charge, your responsibility is to give direction to the Volunteer in Charge (first volunteer to the staging area) as to what role you would like the volunteers to play in the dispersal process (photography, citations, perimeter surveillance, etc.) It frees up your time to focus on other issues/problems that may arise, and allows you to handle a larger number of subjects with fewer officers on hand.

What exactly does the EUDL Strike Team do to help me? The assistance provided by the Strike Team will be at the discretion of the Officer in Charge. The Strike Team is trained to assist an officer in:

- ❑ Perimeter Security: Maintaining an overall view of the situation outside of the actual party location, keeping an eye on the police cars to hinder potential vandalism, watching and notifying officers – via radio - for youth leaving or returning to the party, and awaiting for and notifying officers when parents arrive and leave
- ❑ Notification: Making and documenting phone calls to parents or guardians of minors and arranging a time and location for pick-up.
- ❑ Custody/Observation: Monitoring persons that are waiting to be issued citations or release
- ❑ Data Collection: Writing Citations, filling out Scene Logs, completing EUDL "On Scene checklist, and/or acting as a scribe for an officer.
- ❑ Photography: Taking photographs of individuals holding a white board with the subject's name and date of birth, and taking photographs or video of the scene including alcohol containers, drugs, or damage to the property that may be used as visual proof of an incident.

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