

# Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

## Monthly Resource Alert

### November 2007



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Please visit our enhanced website at [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org) for the latest information on underage drinking.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference Update

As you all know, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference will be held in Nashville, TN on August 21-23, 2008. This monumental event will be hosted at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center. We are pleased to announce that hotel rooms are available there at discounted prices of \$107 per night (plus tax) for singles/doubles only to Conference attendees. Please call and book your hotel rooms early, as attendance grows yearly, the host hotels tend to sell out earlier! You can make your reservations by calling: 1-866-972-6779 and mention the National Leadership Conference for the special rate. We can't wait to see you there!

#### New coalition takes on campaigns to lower legal drinking age

The new Support 21 coalition, launched by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the American Medical Association, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, is aimed at countering growing calls for lowering the national drinking age from 21 to 18. The AFP reported that Support 21 members said that the age-21 laws that have been in place since 1984 have helped significantly lower alcohol-related deaths and need to stay in place to continue to save lives.

#### Kentucky ABC reports a successful year with Compliance Checks

This month's Success Story shares the Kentucky Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control's successful year with its ongoing efforts to stop underage drinking. ABC visited a record 2,450 businesses resulting in 230 buys, a compliance rate of 91 percent. The compliance rate has risen steadily since 1998, when the percentage of businesses with no violations was less than 75 percent. The ABC recognizes the significance of collaborative efforts and shares the positive results showing the effective teamwork and dedication of enforcement agencies, education programs, community support and retailers throughout Kentucky!

#### Did you Know....?

About 7 percent of fourth graders have had a drink during the past year, according to researchers who recently published a study in the journal Prevention Science. They state that it is important that elementary-school children are not overlooked regarding potential alcohol use or abuse.

#### Georgia Court of Appeals Examines Exigency Arguments in Underage Drinking Case

In April 2007 the Court of Appeals for the State of Georgia handed down their opinion in the case of *Burk v. State* --- S.E.2d ----, 2007 WL 1053405 (2007). This case offers a good example how a Court, analyzing a strong set of facts and circumstances presented by the police in their case in chief, can be persuaded in a case of first impression. The Georgia Courts have now established some favorable case law for law enforcement officers when they are confronted with similar facts and circumstances.

To read more about this case please use this link: <http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/GeorgiaCourt.pdf>

#### November National Electronic Seminar: Social Host

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2007

Time: 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Speakers: Stacy L. Saetta, JD, Chief Michael Magnant and Judy Vining

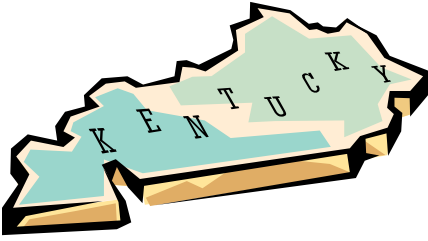
State and local communities across the nation are working to implement statutes, ordinances, policies and practices that address the complex issues surrounding underage drinking. One of the most progressive approaches adopted involves strategies surrounding the issue of social hosting or people who provide the setting for gathering of underage drinkers. While the problems are quite similar the strategies adopted by the various communities widely differ. This session will explore the differences between criminal strategies and civil strategies and examine how effective each approach has been in the various adopting jurisdictions. Listeners will have the opportunity to question presenters on their initiatives and ask "if you could do it all again would you take the same approach?" Visit [www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp](http://www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp) to register.

To print a hard-copy of this month's Resource Alert visit: [www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert1107.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert1107.pdf)

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#### Quick Fact:

There is a wealth of current information and helpful resources found at our website: [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org). There is also a brief survey that you can fill out to tell us how we are doing. We'd love to hear from you, your opinion counts!



# Success Stories

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

[www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org)

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## Kentucky ABC reports a successful year with Compliance Checks

The Kentucky Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) reports a successful year in 2007 with its ongoing efforts to stop underage drinking. ABC investigators with trained youth aged 18 to 20, have visited a record 2,450 businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages last year; resulting in 230 buys, a compliance rate of 91 percent. The compliance rate has risen steadily since 1998, when the percentage of businesses with no violations was less than 75 percent. For retailers found in violation-the investigator can charge the offending clerk with one of two possible criminal violations, depending on the jurisdiction. The license holder also can face administrative penalties levied by the ABC Board. Possible penalties include a substantial monetary fine, mandatory server training in alcoholic beverage laws and revocation of the business' ABC license. ABC recently released a new and improved website. Within the website, users will be able to see all that ABC is involved in from Education to Enforcement.

Worth noting is that according to an official with the Kentucky ABC "we have seen a steady increase in our compliance rate. The percentage of businesses that had no violations is now about 91% compared to less than 75% in 1998." The ABC shares credit for much of its success to a number of programs that support the prevention of underage drinking. An ABC program called Operation Zero Tolerance (OZT) has found success not only in monitoring illegal sales at retail businesses, but also during special events such as festivals, sporting events and off-campus keg parties. The office issued 813 citations during such events in 2006 and has issued 241 citations in 2007.

More specific to retailers-the ABC's program Server Training in Alcohol Regulations (S.T.A.R.) is giving the tools necessary for servers and sellers of alcohol to be in compliance, rather than only citing them when they make an illegal sale. Through the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Division of Education and Development, the division offers a four-hour training seminar, that covers state laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages, use of false or fraudulent identification, effects of alcohol and potential server liability. The S.T.A.R training is available to licensees, their employees, local governmental units, schools and enforcement agencies. All of those who complete the class will receive a certification that will be valid for three years. The ABC recognizes the significance of collaborative efforts and indicates that the positive results show the effective teamwork and dedication of enforcement agencies, education programs, community support and retailers throughout Kentucky!

Content Sources:

<http://www.abc.ky.gov>

[http://kentucky.gov/Newsroom/eppc\\_dpp/OperationZeroTolerancerecordyear.htm](http://kentucky.gov/Newsroom/eppc_dpp/OperationZeroTolerancerecordyear.htm)

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# National Electronic Seminars Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

The OJJDP Audio-TELECONFERENCE Series

**November 15, 2007 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**  
**Social Host**

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**December 18, 2007 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time**  
**Parental Involvement in Preventing Underage Drinking**

Alcohol is a drug. Alcohol is also the number one drug of choice for teens. Clearly, parents can play a vital and proactive role in addressing underage drinking. Too often underage drinking is discounted as a "right of passage." Parents can be effective in reducing the use of alcohol by youth under 21 by using a number of environmental strategies, such as preventing access of alcohol to youth, creating clear, consistent no-use messages, as well as partnering with local and state key stakeholders to address the issues related to underage drinking. The presenters on the call will share resources and effective strategies that can be duplicated in your community.

**For audio-conference registration information, please visit [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org)**

All programs provide opportunities for presentation, discussion, and sharing information. Telephone dial-in instructions and accompanying materials will be mailed to registrants two weeks before the audio conference.

*To register for any of these free electronic seminars by phone, call toll-free 1-877-335-1287 extension 230*

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### AUDIO CONFERENCE

#### TOPIC

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#### PRESENTERS

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- **To register by phone**, please call our toll-free number, 1-877-335-1287, extension 230, and follow the prompts.

**Telephone dial-in instructions and accompanying materials for the audio conference will be mailed one (1) week before the call.**

#### WEB ENHANCED



*Internet users will be able to log on to our conference web page to view presentation slides and interact with other participants.*