

UNDERAGE DRINKING ENFORCEMENT WORK SESSION

The following outline can be used to assist law enforcement in developing a preliminary underage drinking enforcement plan. The outline asks officers and alcohol beverage control officials to determine the underage drinking problems in their community and what they feel is the best response.

Planning Session

1. Make a list of the kinds of places where underage drinking takes place in your community. Consider routine locations, special events and large gatherings.

2. For each kind of place, decide when they are commonly used (time of day, day of week, season of the year).

3. For each kind of place, decide how the community feels or reacts.

4. Identify the obstacles these places present to underage drinking enforcement.

5. From your point of view, decide which is the worst place and why.

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Action Plan

Following is an outline for an enforcement plan. Individual officers should first write down their own ideas and then meet with officers and officials from other agencies, including alcohol beverage control, to develop an initial coordinated underage drinking enforcement plan. This plan should also be shared with the underage drinking prevention coalition as part of their needs assessment process.

1. Make a list of the youth and alcohol enforcement problems in your community.
 - * Put a “1” next to the problem that you believe is the most serious, a “2” next to the second most serious, and so on.
 - * Put a checkmark next to those problems you think your department/agency could do more to solve.

2. Select one problem for which you think progress could realistically be made in the next 12 months. Write a short description of the problem.

3. Write down your objectives for addressing the problem you selected. Remember that objectives should be specific, achievable and measurable.

4. Determine the major steps for implementing the plan.

5. For the first major step of the plan, write down the first two or three specific tasks that be accomplished.

6. For the first task, write down how long it will take to accomplish.
