

# Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center

## Monthly Resource Alert

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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 Includes a Parallel National Youth Track!

At last year's National Leadership Conference's (NLC) over 270 youth - representing 27 States and over 60 youth agencies and coalitions participated in the youth track. For the Conference's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, youth 15-18 years old are again invited to share their experiences and resources and learn from each other. The youth track will provide youth an opportunity to learn more about effective strategies, hear motivating speakers, engage in team building activities and develop action plans for their communities for the year ahead. In response to your feedback, expect more interactive activities and networking opportunities! The NLC's Youth track recognizes the current leadership achievements of our Nation's youth and nurtures that leadership potential for the future! For registration information about the youth track and all Conference highlights, go to our website: [www.udetc.org](http://www.udetc.org).

#### Newly Published Article Outlines the Dangers of Alcohol Mixed with Energy Drinks

A Wake Forest University School of Medicine article recently published showed that almost one-quarter of college student drinkers reported mixing alcohol with energy drinks. These students are at increased risk for alcohol-related consequences, even after adjusting for the amount of alcohol consumed. The entire article can be found in the research section of our website or simply go to the following link: [www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/CaffeinatedCocktails.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/CaffeinatedCocktails.pdf)

#### Success Story: South Carolina's Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET) model show impressive results!

South Carolina's Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET) model has grown from a couple of local successes to statewide coverage! AETs are local multi-jurisdictional partnerships that use best practice enforcement to reduce underage drinking. In 2007, the AET's success resulted in the state allocating \$1.6 million to create an AET in each of the State's 16 judicial circuits, providing more rigorous and consistent enforcement of underage drinking laws. Each circuit developed a plan to use their funding to hire a coordinator, pay officer overtime, seek training from Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center and local experts, and purchase needed equipment. This month's Success Story shares the effectiveness of collaborative partnerships and comprehensive strategies.

#### Did you Know...?

That the Law Enforcement Awards submission deadline has been extended to May 15, 2008? Don't delay, click on: <http://www.udetc.org/documents/NLC2008/LEPartnerAward.doc> to nominate an agency or officer for Partner of the Year!

#### Massachusetts Supreme Court Upholds Action of the State's Alcohol Beverage Commission in an Underage Internet Sting Case

In March of 2008 the Massachusetts Supreme Court rendered their opinion in the civil case of *eVinyard Retail Sales-Massachusetts, Inc. v. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission*, 450 Mass. 825, 882 N.E.2d 334, 2008. The Superior Court, Suffolk County, allowed seller's motion for judgment on the pleadings. The Commission appealed, and the Supreme Judicial court transferred the appeal on its own motion

The issues on appeal to the Supreme Court included:

- (1) Whether the Commission could suspend seller's license even though license which seller was holding at the time of the violation had expired;
- (2) Whether seller violated statute through the sale and a delivery of alcohol to person under the age of 21; and
- (3) Whether seller was not entrapped into violating the law when it sold and delivered alcoholic beverages to an individual under 21 years of age as part of sting operation.

To learn more about this case and the important issues raised in the licensees appeal please click on the link below: [www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/May2008case.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/May2008case.pdf)

#### May National Electronic Seminar: Rite of What? Alcohol Enforcement Successes of "Busting the Binge" in College Environments

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2008

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

Speakers: Lt. Jimmy Zuehlke, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas; Officer Andrew Gavrilos, La Crosse Police Department, La Crosse, WI; and Chief Tom King, State College Police Dept., State College, PA

Underage and hazardous drinking on/off college campuses are often viewed as normal "rites of passage," yet present serious public health and safety issues. Learn how local enforcement agencies can partner with campus and community leaders to change community norms, and adapt traditional enforcement strategies to successfully "bust the binge."

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/ResourceAlert0508.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/ResourceAlerts/ResourceAlert0508.pdf)

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# Success Stories

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program

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## South Carolina's Alcohol Enforcement Team model show impressive results!

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AETs are local multi-jurisdictional partnerships that use best practice enforcement to reduce underage drinking and to save lives. Just a few years ago, there were two AETs: Florence and Columbia. Each team was making an impressive number of cases and seeing meaningful changes, such as improved merchant compliance rates, and an increased perception of the presence of enforcement by youth.

Beginning in 2006, Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) funds supported the expansion of the AET model to four new counties, mentored by Florence and Columbia: Barnwell, Spartanburg, Clarendon, and York. With this quality mentoring, each site considerably increased enforcement, added new operations, and implemented well-developed public education efforts.

The AET success caught the eye of several legislators, and in 2007, the State allocated \$1.6 million to create an AET in each of the 16 judicial circuits to be coordinated by a lead alcohol and drug abuse agency in the circuit. Each circuit developed a plan to use its funding to hire a coordinator, pay officer overtime, seek training from the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center and local experts, and purchase needed equipment.

By October 2007, every team was up and running and implementing operations like compliance checks, controlled party dispersals, public safety checkpoints, and fake ID checks. By the end of February (after just a few months of operations), State totals reached **2,559 compliance checks**, 185 public safety checkpoints, and 11,500-plus tickets issued for various offenses. In addition, **1,245 merchants have been trained** in the Palmetto Retailers Education Program (PREP), a merchant education program delivered by the county alcohol and

drug abuse system. These numbers exceed the totals from all activities in FY 2007 (**1,349 compliance checks and 958 merchants served**).

AET efforts come on the heels of a comprehensive piece of legislation: The Prevention of Underage Drinking and Access to Alcohol Act of 2007. The bill by Sen. Joel Lourie and Rep. Ted Pitts took South Carolina's underage drinking laws from some of the worst to some of the best. In just this one bill, the State instituted keg registration, made youth consumption illegal, "fixed" our State sale statute that was blocking compliance checks in some communities, mandated education/intervention programs upon conviction for youth and merchants, and raised fines and length of driver's license suspensions for multiple offenses. This month's Success Story shares the effectiveness of collaborative partnerships.

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