

Summer Party Patrols In Full Swing

SAFE, Inc. Urges Parents to Host Parties Responsibly

This summer season, many Glen Cove residents will spend time with families and friends, gathering to enjoy the warm weather. SAFE staff and the Glen Cove Police Department know the importance of hosting these parties responsibly – including being in compliance with Social Host Laws and abstaining from underage drinking, and drinking and driving.

The need for prevention strategies and consistent law enforcement of underage consumption of alcohol and sales has been an ongoing goal for SAFE, Inc.'s PRIDE Project Coalition. In 2004, and again in 2008, SAFE, Inc. received a Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. In addition, the Coalition works in conjunction with the Glen Cove Police Department under a grant for the Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) in which a multifaceted collaborative effort is used to decrease underage drinking in Glen Cove. Through a combination of law enforcement, prevention, intervention, and education efforts, SAFE and Glen Cove Police Department are working to decrease underage drinking rates in Glen Cove.

In order to increase policing, the Glen Cove Police Department implements retail compliance checks and party patrols during high risk times, with officers targeting areas where youth frequent including parties in private homes. These party patrols are scheduled at various times on

weekends, holidays, school vacations and during Prom time. In the past 6 months, the increased enforcement details have yielded 21 adult citations and 10 youth citations regarding underage drinking.

Glen Cove Residents are cautioned to host festivities that do not provide alcohol to those under 21 years of age and avoid the dangers on drunk and reckless driving. If you are hosting a party in your home, the following are some tips to avoid trouble and keep your teens safe:

- Send limited, personalized invitations – avoid sending out mass invitations via email, text messages or through the Internet
- Have firm starting and ending times for your party
- Let everyone know up front that underage drinking and the use of illegal drugs are strictly prohibited
- Make sure that guests drinking alcohol have a designated driver
- Do not allow guests to drink and drive
- Educate yourself on the Social Host Law and its consequences

SAFE, Inc. and the Glen Cove Police Department remain committed to eliminating underage alcohol use in Glen Cove. Through a combination of prevention, education, and law enforcement efforts, SAFE, Inc. combats the devastating effects that can result from underage drinking and drug use in order to build a safer Glen Cove.

For more information regarding SAFE, Inc. and the PRIDE Coalition, Social Host Law and the dangers of underage drinking, contact the SAFE, Inc. office at 676-2008. To view SAFE Inc.'s Public Service Announcement and community resources visit www.safeglencove.org.