



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Nearly 40 Officers to Attend Training Targeting Underage Drinking Parties**

**WHAT:** A Law Enforcement Training focused on enforcing underage drinking laws, controlled party dispersal and an experiential mock party component. The training is being conducted in collaboration with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety and trainers from the Idaho and Nebraska Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 -- 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Mock Party is expected to occur between 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

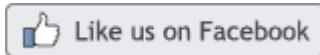
**WHERE:** Omaha Public Safety Training Center  
11616 Rainwood Drive  
Omaha, NE 68142

**WHO:** Nearly 40 law enforcement officers from the following agencies will participate in the training:

- Ashland Police Department
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Falls City Police Department
- Friend Police Department
- Hall County Sheriff's Office
- Humphrey Police Department
- Lincoln Police Department
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Norfolk Police Division
- Omaha Police Department
- Papillion Police Department
- Pawnee County Sheriff's Office
- Ralston Police Department
- Sarpy County Diversion
- Saunders County Sheriff's Office
- Wayne County Sheriff's Office

**WHY:** In 2012, an estimated three homicides, 13 traffic fatalities, and 2,700 nonfatal violent crimes were attributable to underage drinking. "Too often adults contribute to underage drinking by providing the alcohol or a location for underage parties" said Chris Wagner, executive director for Project Extra Mile. "It's critical that law enforcement have the proper training in how to most effectively break up parties and investigate the adult source of alcohol when responding to underage drinking parties, which put both the safety of youth and the larger community at risk."

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