

**PROMISING PRACTICES  
COMPREHENSIVE  
LONGSTANDING SATURATION  
PATROLS**

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# **Course Objectives for setting up a DUI Task Force**

- Why have a DUI Task Force?**
- What should be our goals/objectives?**
- Who should participate?**
- How do we begin a DUI Task Force?**
- When should we have a DUI Task Force?**
- Where should we set it up?**

# WHY should we have DUI Task Forces?

- **Impaired driving is a crime and an epidemic!**
  - **Most frequently occurring violent crime in America!**
  - **Nearly 17,500 killed annually in alcohol related crashes.**
    - **One death every 30 minutes**
    - **40 killed every day**
  - **258,000/year injured in alcohol related crashes.**
  - **One person injured every 2 minutes**

# Why have a DUI Task Force?

- **Over 40% of fatal crashes nationwide involve alcohol.**
- **You have a 30% chance of being involved in an alcohol related crash in your life time.**
- **It is a problem in your community**



# WHAT should Goals/Objectives be?



## Prevention

Presence  
Education

Press

## Intervention

Traffic Stops  
DUI Arrests

Other Enforcement

## Reaction

Accident Investigation  
Data Collection

Prosecution

# PREVENTION: Education

- The epidemic of impairment
- Alcohol impairment
- Drug impairment
- Youth alcohol issues
- Enforcement programs
- Penalties

# Education (Continued)

Depending on the target audience

- Increase understanding of the problem.
- Enhance confidence in recognizing impairment.
- Increased motivation for DUI enforcement.
- Improve case preparation & presentation.
- Convictions!
- Ultimately: to reduce impaired driving

# **PREVENTION: Use the Press**

- **Write the story**
- **Use a single Press contact for Task Force**
- **Have 24/7 pager response**
- **Use stats, research, human interest stories**
- **Give immediate feedback on stats, unusual occurrences, notable arrests**
- **Educate on laws**
- **Have a press hotline updated often**
- **Be accessible (Requires being professional)**

# INTERVENTION- Enforcement

- **Think high visibility.**
- **Zero Tolerance!**
- **DUI saturation patrols.**
- **DUI sobriety checkpoints.**
- **Youth alcohol enforcement.**
- **Multi-agency.**



# REACTION- Investigation

- Educate officers in:
  - Impairment detection
  - Accident investigation
- Improve testimony
- Use stats to improve performance and educate public

# **Task Force Goals and Objectives**

- **Focus on Education**
- **Portray tough stance on enforcement**
- **Don't focus on numbers, but reality is that numbers are the headlines- Don't fight it.**
- **Compare procedures to improve performance**
- **Build rapport with other agencies for future events**

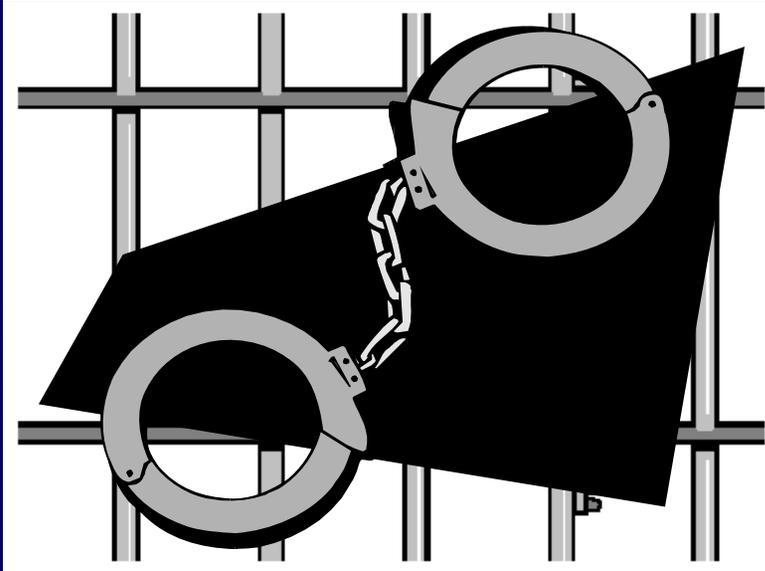
# WHO should participate?

- All Law Enforcement agencies, big and small
- Non-Profit stakeholders
  - MADD
  - SADD
  - Archangels
- Grant Agencies
- Volunteers
- Towing and Cab companies

# WHO should participate (cont.)

- **Fire Department**
- **Businesses**
  - **Grocery Stores**
  - **Equipment manufacturers (Motorola, Alltel)**
  - **Chamber of Commerce**
  - **Restaurants**
- **Other City/County Departments**
- **Neighborhood watches**
- **Churches**

# East Valley DUI Task Force 2004



*There are no  
Happy Hours  
in our Bars!!*

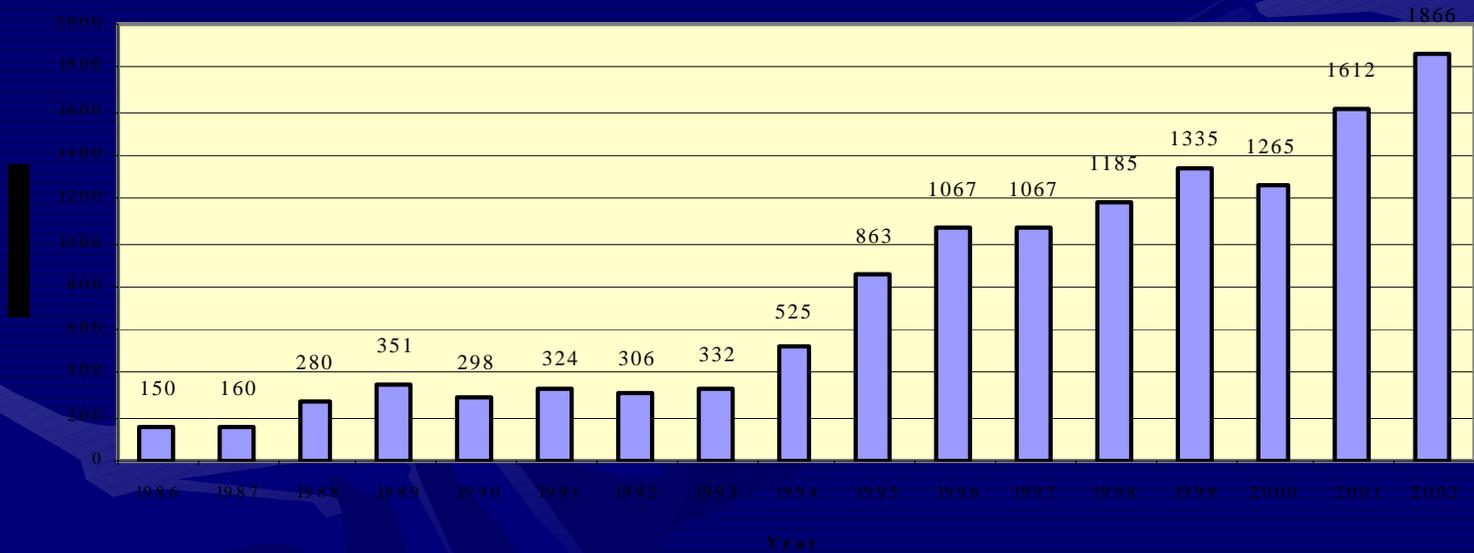


# HOW to Begin: Task Force History

- Began in 1986 with 5 agencies
  - Averaged 25 officers/night
  - 150 DUI arrests
- 2004 – 11 agencies
  - 14 nights (last three weeks of the year)
  - Averaged 90 officers/night
  - Involved 390 sworn/civilian personnel
  - 2000 DUI arrests (272 DRE evaluations)
  - No DUI fatality!



## East Valley Holiday DUI Task Force



# HOW: Task Force Planning

- **Begin in August**
- **Monthly meetings**
- **Assignments issued**
  - **Coordinator**
  - **Agency Liaisons**
    - **Missing agencies**
  - **Press contact**
  - **Financial officer**
    - **Grants**
    - **T-shirts**
    - **Awards**
    - **Charities**
    - **Task Force picnic**
- **Equipment needs**
- **Officer safety issues**
- **Locations selected**
- **Calendars issued**
- **Court filing issues**
- **Radio issues**
- **Draft G/O, motto**
- **Dedications**
- **Court contacts**

# **Individual agencies should notify:**

- **Chain of Command**
- **Communications**
- **Records**
- **Jail and transport**
- **Patrol**
- **Financial officer**

# Structure

- Each agency has a task force coordinator
  - usually a sergeant
  - responsible for command post when assigned host agency
  - functional supervision of officers
  - reports to overall task force coordinator
- Overall task force coordinator
  - rotating assignment
  - responsible for overall operations

# Reporting

- Officers to agency coordinator
- Agency coordinator to task force coordinator
- Task force coordinator to GOHS & media
- GOHS reports statewide numbers



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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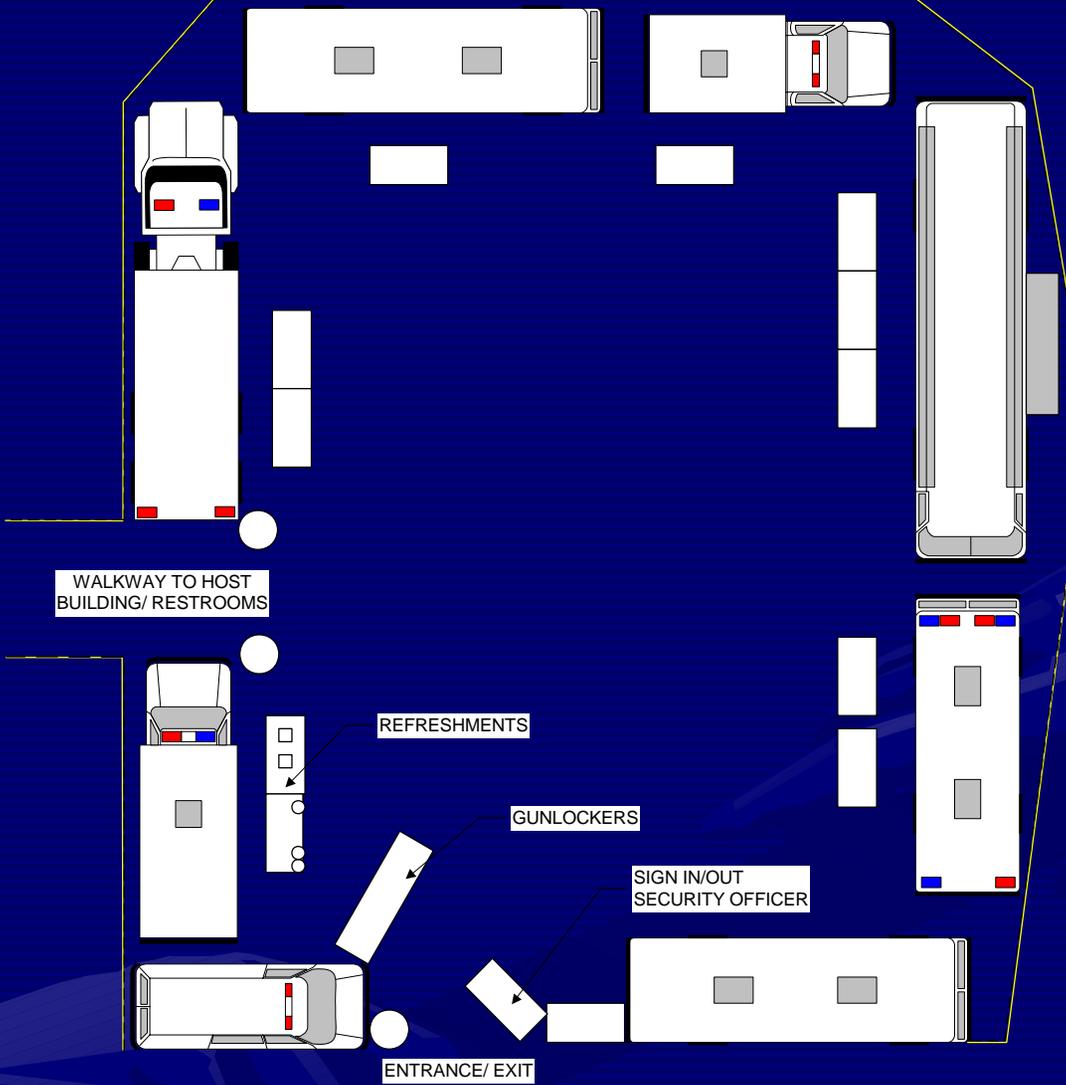


**\* This years Task Force is  
dedicated to the memory of  
Phoenix Police Motor Officer  
Wayne Scott**



# Task Force Organization

- **Location**
  - **Visible**
  - **Indoor processing area**
- **Access**
  - **Police vehicles**
  - **Taxi Cabs**
  - **Public**
  - **Media**
- **Security**
  - **Limit access within processing perimeter**
  - **Check in table**
  - **Weapons**
  - **Prisoner control**
  - **Security perimeter patrol**



WALKWAY TO HOST BUILDING/ RESTROOMS

REFRESHMENTS

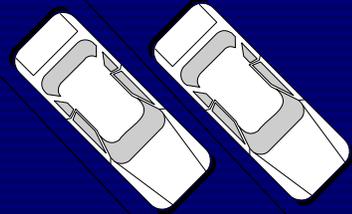
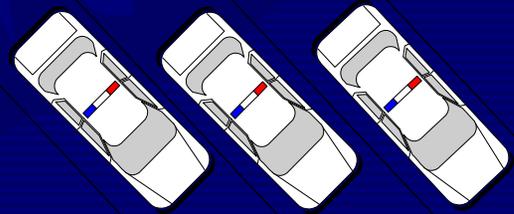
GUNLOCKERS

SIGN IN/OUT SECURITY OFFICER

ENTRANCE/ EXIT

PARKING FOR POLICE UNITS

PARKING FOR TAXI



# Parts of Task Force

- **Site coordinator**
  - Design where Vehs/equipment is placed
  - Coordinate keys, heat/air, kitchen, restrooms, tables/chairs, and clean up of facilities
- **Security coordinator**
  - Perimeter security
  - Weapons lockers/security
- **DRE**
- **Phlebotomist**
- **Search Warrant capabilities**
- **Prisoner property and transport**
- **Records management**







# Check in



# Briefing



# Archangels food for officers and volunteers



# Courts

- Statewide jurisdiction
- Officers cite into justice or municipal court having jurisdiction
- Hosting agency coordinator provides municipal court information
- Complete reports ASAP/copy to appropriate court
- Notify courts of task force in advance

# HOW- Media Plan

- Press Release for task force press conference
  - Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
- Press conference Dec 10th
  - All agencies present
  - Equipment on-site
  - Victims
  - Crashed cars
  - Media packet prepared
  - Speakers

# Media Plan

- Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, press release for Public Awareness Day
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, Public Awareness Day
  - Task Force set up 2 hours early
  - Beer goggles
  - Displays
  - Tours
- Jan 1, final press release

# Media Plan

- Pager provided to press, 24/7 response
- Dedicated phone number for exceptional incidents and daily arrest updates.
- Media ride-a-longs
- Interviews
- Statistical data

# Award Considerations

- Top performers, top agencies
- Certificates to all participants
- Shirts
- Recognize business that provided assistance
- Recognize volunteers

**YOU WANT THEM BACK  
NEXT YEAR!**

# **WHEN** to have a DUI Task Force

- **Super Bowl Sunday**
- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Cinco De Mayo**
- **Prom Night**
- **Memorial Day**
- **Graduation Night**
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July**
- **Labor Day**
- **Halloween**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **Christmas**
- **New Year's**

# WHERE should we set up a Task Force?

- In the host city (Rotates nightly)
- Visible to public (Arterial Street)
- Next to facilities
- Easy directions and access to public and media
- Enough room for officers and public to park
- Simple set up and security

# Recap class learning objectives

- Why have a DUI Task Force?
- **Impaired driving is a crime**
- **Over 40% of fatal crashes involve alcohol**
- **It is a community problem**



# WHAT should our Goals/objectives be?

- **Prevention**
  - Education
  - Media coverage
- **Intervention**
  - Arrest before the accident
  - High visibility
  - Learn from other agencies
- **Reaction- Good investigations**

# WHO should participate?

- All Law enforcement agencies
- Stakeholders (MADD, SADD, Archangels)
- Grant agencies
- Volunteers
- Churches
- Neighborhood watches
- Businesses
- Other City/County Depts.

# HOW do we begin?

- Small steps
- Build on successes
- Be inclusive
- Use the Press
- Educate others
- Use a format that has worked
- Edit that format to suit your needs

# **WHEN should we use a task force?**

- **Any event or holiday that people congregate to celebrate and have parties**

# **WHERE should we set up the task force?**

- **Arterial**
- **Good facilities**
- **Simple set up and security**

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