

STOP-DWI PROGRAM

The Clinton County STOP-DWI Program

The mission of the Clinton County STOP-DWI program is to reduce or eliminate the needless tragedies associated with intoxicated and impaired driving. Every year people needlessly die or are seriously injured on our county and state roads because someone made a choice to consume alcohol and then drive their car. STOP-DWI provides various education and public awareness opportunities, which are available to any business, school or organization throughout Clinton County.

Education and Public Awareness

Victim Impact Panel – These are testimonials from drunk driving victims and offenders. This panel addresses the tragedies associated with someone’s choice to drink and drive and raises awareness of the impact these choices have on all its victims, including their families, friends and communities. The STOP-DWI Program Specialist coordinates the panel and each convicted offender in Clinton County is typically sentenced by area judges to attend this panel. This panel is also made available to schools and often accompanies school awareness projects such as “mock crashes” during prom and graduation season.

Blanket Patrols – These patrols are scheduled at a minimum of one per month and are also coordinated by the STOP-DWI Program Specialist. Every law enforcement agency in Clinton County participates in these patrols and works together to get intoxicated drivers off our roads.

Public Awareness Campaigns – Every year STOP-DWI sponsors numerous Public Service Announcements on local television stations, radio stations and newspaper publications. We do this in an effort to raise the community’s awareness level regarding the dangers of drinking and driving.

Non-Alcoholic After Prom Funding and SADD Chapter Event Funding – Every year each high school in Clinton County has an opportunity to apply for funding for SADD sponsored events and for Non-Alcoholic After Prom parties. The STOP-DWI program has also garnered a “model” of successful Non-Alcoholic parties, which is available for all schools to replicate.

Presentations and Educational Programs – Our program specialist provides many different educational presentations to area schools and businesses informing the audience about several areas of concern:

Drinking and Driving
Basic Alcohol Education
Binge Drinking
Marketing of Alcohol to Our Youth
"Drunk Goggle" Presentations

Alcohol Server Training

Our program specialist is a TIPS (Training Intervention Procedures for Servers) certified trainer and available to train any servers of alcohol. From the bartender to the waitress to the bouncer, there is always something to gain from TIPS. This training helps the server to better understand their responsibility and liability when serving alcohol. The program focuses on server "people skills," underage sales, and sales to intoxicated patrons. The server will learn what liabilities there are and how to refuse a sale positively. TIPS is a nationally recognized program that can help an establishment gain insurance discounts if over 50% of employees are trained. The TIPS web site is <http://www.gettips.com>.

How Are We Funded?

The Clinton County STOP-DWI program is unique because it is funded by DWI fines in Clinton County.

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