February 20, 2014

Dear Students:

We, the Police Chiefs of the University of Illinois and the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, offer these suggestions, should you decide to participate in "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day on March 7th:

- If you drink, drink legally, responsibly and in moderation. At least two people have died as a result of previous events and many more have been seriously injured, hospitalized or both.
- If you host a party, keep it small and allow only invited guests. Make sure everyone at the party choosing to consume alcohol is at least 21 years old.
- If there are uninvited guests at your party, ask them to leave and, if they won't, call the police.
- Know and heed the new social host laws (described below).
- Don't carry open alcohol in public.
- Ensure your balcony is not overcrowded and make sure nothing is thrown from the balcony.
- Watch out for each other! If you see an individual who needs assistance, call 9-1-1 so they can be evaluated and stay safe.

Illegal behavior can result in fines, criminal arrest, incarceration and dismissal from the University of Illinois. The State of Illinois recently revised social host laws that could affect you. If you host a party and underage guests possess alcohol or are drinking, you will be physically arrested and charged with a Class "A" misdemeanor. If a person is injured or killed as a result of your party, even after they have left the party, you will be physically arrested and charged with a Class 4 felony. Local law enforcement will be monitoring parties March 7th.

Our primary goal on March 7th—as it is every day—will be to ensure the safety of everyone on campus. Achieving this goal requires your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Champaign Police Dept.

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Chief of Police  
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To: All Students University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
From: Kenneth T. Ballom, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
and Dean of Students  
Subject: Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a community where all members are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect. We are a community that promotes responsible decision making, in all areas, especially concerning the use of alcohol. Our goal is to create an environment dedicated to student success. This includes promoting compliance with the law, the Student Code, and maintaining an informed community where the effects of alcohol misuse and associated behavioral problems are minimized. These goals and expectations should guide our behavior each day.

The University is making every effort to keep students safe. Examples include our alcohol education campaign entitled “Rethink the Drink” (www.rethinkthedrink.illinois.edu), our campus and community safety resources distribution effort entitled “Walk As One”, and our collaboration with local police to increase patrols in the campus district. We have invested significant time and resources to encourage students to engage in healthy low risk behavior. Hence, we will not accept illegal, unsafe, or unruly behavior. The Office for Student Conflict Resolution will respond to all violations of the Student Code regardless of where the behavior occurs. The University expects all members of the community contribute to an environment that is civil and conducive to learning and personal development.

As you may recall, in January of 2013 the Illinois Liquor Control Act (235 ILCS 5/6-16) went into effective. The revised law holds individuals (social hosts) criminally responsible for hosting an event or social gathering (party) where he or she knowingly authorizes or permits a residence which he or she occupies to be used for underage possession or consumption of alcohol. Under this law, the social host does not have to be present at the party, event, or gathering to be criminally responsible. A private property owner may also be penalized under the revised law. Given these very serious consequences we have included recommendations for responsible social hosting below:

What steps should responsible social hosts take?
To reduce exposure to alcohol-related issues hosts should:
1. Verify the age of your guests.
2. Refuse to serve alcohol to minors.
3. Control access to alcohol.
4. Do not serve alcohol to intoxicated guests.
5. Refuse entrance to uninvited guests, especially ones who arrive with alcohol or who are already intoxicated.
6. Call the 911 if the party become unsafe or unmanageable.
7. Avoid advertising parties using unrestricted forms of social media. You do not want to attract a crowd that is unsafe and/or unmanageable.

**What can you do if a party gets out of control?**
If you host a party that becomes “unruly” and you are unable to restore calm—call the 911 for help. The police and courts may look favorably on social hosts who make a good-faith effort to break up unruly gatherings. Remember, violating the law can lead to a Class A misdemeanor (which carries up to 364 days in jail and a $2,500 fine) or a Class 4 Felony (which carries up to 3 year in jail and a $25,000 fine). Also remember that violations of the law are violations of the Student Code that could lead to Student Discipline. The stakes are high for social hosts, so be proactive and make good decisions. Students are encouraged to review 235 ILCS 5/6-16 for more specific information.

For more information please contact any of the offices listed below:

Office of the Dean of Students: (217) 333-0050
Student Legal Services: (217) 333-9053
Office for Student Conflict Resolution: (217) 333-3680
University of Illinois Public Safety: (217) 333-1216
In preparation for the Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day activities to be held on the U of I campus on March 7, 2014, the Champaign Police Department is asking community members and potential visitors to celebrate responsibly and be mindful of local laws and ordinances. Maintaining order and public safety will be a priority for officers; therefore, the following city ordinances will be strictly enforced:

- **Throwing of Dangerous Material**  
The throwing of dangerous materials is a violation in Champaign. If the material is thrown from a balcony, resident(s) as well as the person throwing the material are subject to a minimum fine of $185.

- **Private Parties**  
Private functions where the house is charging admission, charging for cups or wristbands or in any way compelling a person to pay for alcohol are operating as an illegal liquor establishment and are subject to multiple fines. Private-party hosts must ensure that minors are not receiving or consuming alcohol. Private party hosts found in violation of these requirements will be subject to State charges and required to appear in court.

- **Unlawful use of ID/Misrepresentation of Age**  
Those who possess or present illegal IDs to include false, fraudulent or altered IDs as well as IDs not belonging to them may face minimum fines of $330. The IDs will be confiscated. Both the person in possession of the ID and the person loaning the use of the ID, if applicable, will be reported to the State Liquor Commissioner and will be subject to Secretary of State penalties, including a one year suspension of driving privileges.

- **Nuisance Parties**  
Disorderly, disruptive conduct or conduct that creates a public safety concern typically will result in enforcement of local ordinances. Officers may order the termination of the party and clearing of the event location. If you choose to drink, please do so legally and responsibly.

- **City of Champaign Notice to Appear (“Drinking Tickets”)**  
If an individual is issued a Notice to Appear (NTA) for an ordinance violation, they will have 21 days to pay it at the City’s Legal Department. If they fail to pay it within those 21 days, the individual must appear in Court on the date given on their NTA. There will be significant court costs in addition to the fine. Failure to appear on the court date will result in a warrant being issued.

- **Typical Offenses and the City of Champaign Minimum Fines**

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Citizens may report complaints or safety concerns to the Police Department at (217) 351-4545.
Alcohol Poisoning
What to look out for!

1. Person is unconscious or semi-conscious and cannot be awakened.
2. Cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin
3. Slow or irregular breathing—less than 8 times per minute or 10 seconds or more between breaths.
4. Vomiting while “sleeping” or passed out, and not waking up after vomiting.

If a person has any of these symptoms, they may be suffering from acute alcohol intoxication.

Take Action:
1. Call 911 for emergency assistance.
   If you live in the residence hall, contact a staff member.
2. Do not leave the person alone! Turn them on their side to prevent choking in case of vomiting.
3. The university community expects its members to call for medical help when needed. In fact, our Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan procedures often prevent a disciplinary response for both the person in need and the caller.

Help establish caring communities!
Call. Stay. Cooperate.
The Senate Committee on Student Discipline and the Office for Student Conflict Resolution encourage all members of our community to act in a safe, low-risk, responsible manner at all times.

When someone is in danger, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign students are expected to take immediate action to provide or secure assistance, such as calling 9-1-1.

Students are then expected to stay with the individual in need of assistance and cooperate with emergency and University officials.

No formal disciplinary action will be taken against students for their personal substance use when Medical Amnesty procedures are followed. Failing to call and assist when one is aware of an emergency may be an aggravating factor in a disciplinary response.

Read the complete guidelines online at conflictresolution.illinois.edu
IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO DRINK

Right Now: Talk to friends to see what they plan to do on Unofficial
» Recruit a group of friends/acquaintances to make other plans for the day.
» Come up with a plan to do something fun instead of drink. Plan a trip, create a scavenger hunt, organize a themed double-feature with costumes and snacks, get creative!
» Have each person bring one other person.

Day Before: Talk to friends who plan on drinking about making a Drinking Plan; encourage them to decide the following:
» If I choose to drink, I will drink for no more than _______ hours.
» If I choose to drink, I will have no more than _______ drink(s) per hour, for a maximum of _______ drinks.
» Make sure to have the phone number of a friend who will be sober on Unofficial in case of emergency (______ ) _______ - _________.
» Plan where you will be and who you will be with.
» Get a good night’s rest and be sure to eat throughout the day.

Unofficial: Be safe and enjoy your day
» Remember, it’s not a real holiday! You are expected to go to class.
» If it seems like “everybody is drinking,” it is only because those drinking are the most visible.
» Spend time with others who are not drinking.
» Offer your phone number to a drinking friend who needs an emergency contact.
» Check in on friends throughout the day.
» Follow through on your own plan!

Brought To You By:
» Alcohol Safety Awareness Peers (ASAP)
» The Counseling Center’s Alcohol and Other Drug Office
  McKinley Health Center, Room 333
  (217) 333-7557

Emergency Numbers
University Police 911
Safe Walks (217) 333-1216
Safe Rides (217) 265-7433
IF YOU CHOOSE TO DRINK

Right Now: Make a drinking plan

» If I choose to drink, I will drink for no more than _______ hours.
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Night Before: Prepare

» Check your medications or ask your doctor if it is okay for you to consume alcohol. Certain medications can intensify the effects of alcohol or nullify the effect of your medication.
» Make sure you have the phone number of a friend who will be sober on Unofficial in case of emergency (_____ ) _____-__________.
» Plan where you will be and who you will be with.
» Review your drinking plan (above).
» Get a good night’s rest.

Unofficial: Be safe and enjoy your day

» Utilize a method to keep track of drinks. Mark your hand, collect bottle caps, stack cups, or use stickers.
» Avoid energy drinks; it’s a long day so pace yourself and take breaks/naps.
» If you choose to drink, avoid University buildings. On Unofficial it is common for bags to be inspected outside of large lecture halls.
» Avoid playing drinking games. It is too hard to keep track of your drinks and pace yourself.
» Alternate between non-alcoholic (water, pop, juice) and alcoholic beverages.
» Eat a big breakfast, and find times to eat during the day.
» Check in on friends throughout the day.

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