

# Coalition Corner

## Narragansett - URI Coalition Launches New Effort to Reduce Alcohol-Related Problems



Recent months have brought a lot of news about efforts by the Narragansett - URI Coalition to reduce alcohol-related problems in Narragansett's neighborhoods. With this installment of the "Coalition Corner," we recap five major developments, many that grew out of the Coalition's efforts, all actively supported by the Coalition, and all contributing to making Narragansett a safer community.

### #1 September 2005

The University of Rhode Island (URI) launched the *RhodeMap to Safety* campaign to inform URI students about school rules, state laws, and enhanced local efforts to prevent drunk driving.

- Did you know that over 8 out of 10 URI students support increasing enforcement of RI's drinking and driving laws? That's a fact!

### #2 September 2005

URI announced with the Narragansett Youth Task Force that it would provide \$34,000 to the Narragansett Police Department to support extra police patrols designed to combat DUI, plus additional funds to the URI Campus Police Department to increase its enforcement efforts.

- The percentage of URI students hearing two or more times about "formal efforts to increase the enforcement of drinking and driving laws in Narragansett" jumped from 44% in 2004 to 74% percent in 2005!

### #3 September 2005

The Town of Narragansett adopted tougher policies against "party houses" that cause neighborhood disturbances. After citing a house for noise or nuisance behavior, police put a bright red sticker on the front door.

- From September through December 2005, police issued 54 stickers. There were no repeat offenders!

### #4 October 2005

Narragansett bar and tavern owners joined a Cooperating Tavern Program to announce their ongoing support of *responsible beverage service* (RBS). RBS means no alcohol service to customers under age 21; patrons who are intoxicated; or patrons whose continued drinking would put them at risk of intoxication.

- Narragansett's package store owners joined a similar Cooperating Liquor Store Program.

### #5 January 2006

URI's new jurisdiction policy took effect, meaning that the University can now hold students accountable for their off-campus behavior.

- With this policy now in place, URI and local officials will be able to work together even more effectively to address student alcohol problems!

**Join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, February 21,  
at 7:00 pm in the Narragansett Town Hall.  
Lorne Adrian, Founder of "National Neighborhood Day"  
will be the guest speaker.**

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