

**Gainesville Youth Alcohol Program
Party Patrol 2001**

Request to Consider Funding By:
The City of Gainesville
Gainesville Police Department

**Alachua County Substance Abuse Policy Board
May 24, 2001**

With the two deaths in the fall of 1999 involving youth and alcohol the Gainesville community reacted with the formation of the Gainesville Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee (GAAP) made up of a cross section of area groups and organizations. The committee recognized that the underlying issues behind the recent deaths were a community responsibility, not just law enforcement. In April of 2000 the committee issued several recommendations, included in those was encouraging law enforcement to explore innovative enforcement techniques.

The Gainesville Police Department looked at programs in other communities targeting the problems associated with youth and alcohol. Based on these efforts the Gainesville Police Department presented a proposal to the Alachua County Substance Abuse Policy Board to fund a program based on a Tallahassee project. This proposal ultimately became the Party Patrol, a combination of concentrated police patrols targeting alcohol and parties with education and establishing of dialogs with affected groups. Though the Board approved only a partial funding starting October 2000, the City of Gainesville committed additional resources allowing the program to begin earlier with the arrival of students for fall semester.

The Byrne grant funding allowed teams of officers to be fielded solely to target those parties and other gatherings similar to those that had resulted in the deaths and injuries the year before. The new department wide implementation of the community oriented policing concept allowed officers to develop relationships with citizens within their zones permitting them to more easily identify potential problems.

Over the course of the program over 83 details of officers were fielded, 19 of those were funded solely by the City with no Byrne funding. These details handled over 730 loud party calls in first six months issuing 200 noise warnings and closing 13 open house parties including making 78 arrests for underage alcohol violations. Combined operations with State agencies were also conducted targeting the sale of alcohol to underage persons. While enforcement played a large role, educational efforts were done with information being distributed in cooperation with area apartment complexes and Gainesville Regional Utilities.

Partnerships were formed with other agencies involved in alcohol abuse and its affect on our community such as The UF Campus Alcohol and Drug Resource Center to focus on prevention and education. Neighborhood associations and business groups were also

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GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

New patrol gets strict on parties

■ The four-officer Party Patrol will focus on noise and party complaints.

By MARK UNDERLAND
Special to The Sun

Underage drinkers and drivers with loud car stereos, beware the Party Patrol.

The Gainesville Police Department began the law enforcement phase of a police program called Personal Responsibility 2000 on Thursday by sending out a four-officer Party Patrol specializing in complaints about parties and loud noise, including loud car stereos.

Gainesville's ranking by the Princeton Review as the No. 2 party school last year dropped to 18 this year, and the Party Patrol may cause that number to drop even lower.

"The main thing we are looking for is to be consistent on how we deal with the city ordinances where parties are concerned," Party Patrol co-coordinator Lt. Ed Book said. "We are going to be proactive. We plan on doing undercover details where we are going into bars to look for underage drinkers."

"We are really going to crack down on our large car stereo violations," he added. "If someone comes by shaking the windows, they are going to get a fine."

Office: Keith Karpman, Party Patrol will focus not only on the students partying downtown, but the entire city.

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contacted and became involved in the program, meeting regularly Police Department personnel to identify problem areas and provide input.

Party Patrol 2000 was effective at reducing the impact of parties and alcohol on neighborhoods in our city even at its limited scope due to partial Byrne funding. With sufficient funding in 2001 to allow 12 months of operation we expect to continue and expand on the success of last year.

Program Activities

August 18, 2000 – April 16, 2001

Number of Details

City Funded	Byrne Grant	Total
19	64	83

Days Fielded

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	1	6	16	28	29	1

Number of Calls and Arrests

Party Calls	733
Non Party Calls	159
Open House Party	13
City Noise Ordinance Violations	61
Loud Party/Noise Warnings	200
Boom Box Violations	63
Underage Alcohol Violations	78
Open Container Violations	28
Narcotics Violations	6
DUI	5

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TODAY'S TOPIC

Cast your vote: As part of a continuing feature, The Sun will present a new question on timely local, national and international issues in this space. The voting will run from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day, and the results will be printed in the following day's paper.

What one aspect of Gainesville do you value the most?

Culture

Environment
Education
Sports

ANSWER ONLINE: Get on the Web at www.gainesvillesun.com to answer.

YESTERDAY'S RESPONSE

Do you support city efforts to control underage drinking with police units such as the Party Patrol?

YES: 167
NO: 44



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April 23, 2001

Chief Norman Botsford
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Dear Chief Botsford:

Please accept this letter in support of the GPD application for continued funding of the Party Patrol. We believe that this has been an exceptional program and fully support and commend the effort of your department. We have worked closely with CPD to follow up on noise ordinance and alcohol issues reported during party patrol. This presents a partnership and collaboration between our office and community law enforcement and we believe represents a strong partnership in teaching a message of citizenship and the responsibility of being a good neighbor. We are confident that our partnership will become stronger and hope that the party patrol continues to be one of its strongest components.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Sina
Dean of Students



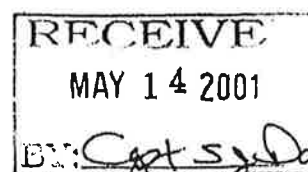
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May 2, 2001



Dear Lieutenant Book

In 1999 the Gainesville Alcohol Abuse Prevention Task Force, a coalition representing (among others) the City of Gainesville, the University of Florida and Santa Fe Community College, identified the need for "innovative enforcement techniques such as Tallahassee's Party Patrol" as one of twelve recommendations. The Gainesville Police Department Party Patrol was instituted in Gainesville in the fall of 2000. The Party Patrol has been very well received by student-residents and the community in its first year.

The University of Florida Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Education and Policy supports the efforts of the Gainesville Police Department Party Patrol and encourages its continuation. Programs such as this assist the development of students as they become good community members and citizens, in addition to providing a safer environment. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any other way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lohse Beeland".

Lohse Beeland

Director of Student Activities

Alcohol and Other Drug Education and Policy Committee, chair



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the efforts of the Gainesville Police Department's Party Patrol. As the Coordinator of the Campus Alcohol and Drug Resource Center (CADRC), I am well aware of the challenges concerning alcohol and drug abuse in the Gainesville community. I think we all share the same goal, which is to reduce the prevalence of high-risk drinking and other drug use and the negative consequences associated with this behavior.

The Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention funded by the U.S. Department of Education recommends five strategies for obtaining this goal: provide alternatives, correct misconceptions about alcohol use, limit alcohol availability, restrict marketing and promotion of alcoholic beverages, and enforce campus and community laws.

The University of Florida and the city of Gainesville have made great strides in implementing these environmental management strategies. Clearly the Party Patrol is an integral component of our comprehensive plan. We hope the Party Patrol is here to stay.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Jane Cullen