



POLICE DEPARTMENT
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Commissioner Hinson-Rawls Date: March 6, 2013

Via: Russ Blackburn
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Subject: Teen Events In Bars

The practice of establishments, which are licensed by the State of Florida to sell alcoholic beverages as its primary business, allowing minors in the business' for "all age" or "teen" events, and/or these events being held in close proximity to these types of establishments, whether or not alcoholic beverages are being sold at the time of these events, increases the probabilities that minors will be victimized by adults patronizing the alcoholic beverage establishments. The mere fact that minors are being invited downtown for these events in large numbers and are mixing with large numbers of adults, who are often intoxicated, increases the minors' probabilities of victimization.

While I am in favor of events for minors, I am concerned that allowing these events to be held in the vicinity of the large numbers of adult bar patrons creates serious public safety issues. Therefore, I am requesting that a referral be made to the Public Safety Committee for its consideration of local legislation which would prohibit the holding of events in these establishments, regardless of whether alcoholic beverages are being sold at the time, and/or within close proximity to these establishments, which target minors, and places them in close proximity to adults who will prey upon the children.

Such legislation would help prevent minors from being in areas in which large numbers of intoxicated adults are located, and being subjected to potential harm and being victimization by adult bar patrons.