

<b>MESA POLICE</b> Department Policy Manual	<b>Youth Alcohol Enforcement/ Education Program</b>	<b>DPM 2.9.10</b> Effective 04/06/2012
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## 1. PURPOSE

This policy provides Mesa Police Department (MPD) members with guidelines to reduce underage consumption of and access to alcohol through the enforcement of the liquor laws and or conducting educational presentations.

## 2. COORDINATION

- A. The Patrol Operations Assistant Chief will appoint a Lieutenant to coordinate the Youth Alcohol Enforcement/Education Program.
- B. The program and assigned vehicles/equipment are under the Metro Resources Division.
- C. The program Lieutenant will appoint a coordinator for each patrol district. The Traffic Section Lieutenant will appoint the coordinator for the Traffic Section.
- D. The program Lieutenant will appoint a liaison with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.
- E. Forward reports involving liquor licensee violations to Liquor Control.
- F. Keep Liquor Control informed of enforcement projects.

## 3. ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS

### 3.1 Covert Underage Buyer (CUB) Compliance Checks

- A. Utilize underage buyers to attempt to purchase alcohol from liquor establishments.
  1. The program Lieutenant will approve each CUB detail and CUB buyer.
  2. [ARS 4-241L](#) will be adhered to.
  3. The CUB buyer will not be left alone or placed in a dangerous situation.

### 3.2 Shoulder Tap

- A. Utilize underage buyers to attempt to have adult customers purchase alcohol for them with the knowledge that they are underage.
  1. The program Lieutenant will approve each detail and underage buyer.
  2. The City Prosecutor's office will be informed of the detail prior to its operation.

### 3.3 Cop in Shop

- A. Officers pose as customers or employees of a liquor establishment to detect liquor violations.
  1. The program Lieutenant will approve each detail.
  2. Adequate officer cover will be provided.

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### 3.4 Party Patrol

- A. Officers investigate complaints of underage drinking and take the necessary enforcement.
  - 1. Follow [DPM 3.5.10 Protocols for Offenses Committed by Juveniles](#) when arresting juveniles.
  - 2. Follow [DPM 2.2.5 Search of Person - Frisk](#).

### 3.5 Liquor Establishment Checks

- A. Officers inspect liquor establishments for liquor violations and underage persons.

### 3.6 Liquor Establishment Surveillance

- A. Establishments are monitored for liquor violations.
  - 1. Stops are based on a reasonable suspicion of a violation of the law.

## 4. HANDLING OF ALCOHOL

- A. On duty officers shall not consume spirituous liquor while involved in any Youth Alcohol Enforcement/Education Program.
- B. Seized spirituous liquor may be poured out in the presence of a witness.
- C. Record the type and amount of liquor in the departmental report.

## 5. EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

### 5.1 Presentations or Static Displays

- A. Approved by any program coordinator.
- B. School Resource Officers (SRO) may give the presentations after training by a coordinator or designee.

### 5.2 Liquor Law Training

- A. Provided by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.
- B. MPD may provide the training once trained by the Department of Liquor Control.
- C. Officers may stand with licensee employees to assist in the training and detection of fake identification.
  - 1. Officers will not request identification from customers or regulate entry to the business of sale of alcohol unless in the course of law enforcement duties.

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### 5.3 Equipment

- A. The program Lieutenant or designee will maintain an inventory and is responsible for the maintenance of equipment assigned to the Youth Alcohol Enforcement/Education Program.

### 5.4 Program Evaluation

- A. The Youth Alcohol Enforcement/Educational Program Lieutenant prepares an annual report which is forwarded to the Patrol Resources Division Commander.
  1. Evaluates qualitative and quantitative elements of each program.
  2. Recommends program to function as is, be modified or discontinued.

### 5.5 Grant Administration

- A. The Youth Alcohol Enforcement/Education Program Lieutenant will be informed of any grant proposals or awards associated with youth alcohol enforcement.
- B. The program Lieutenant may appoint a person to administer a grant or portions of the grant.
- C. All statistics and overtime associated with a Youth Alcohol Enforcement/Education Program grant will be reported to the program Lieutenant or their designee.

## REFERENCES

- [DPM 2.2.5 Search of Person -Frisk](#)
- [DPM 3.5.10 Protocols for Offenses Committed by Juveniles](#)