

**Party Intervention Patrol
Pierce County, WA**





Prior to 2004-2007 in Pierce County

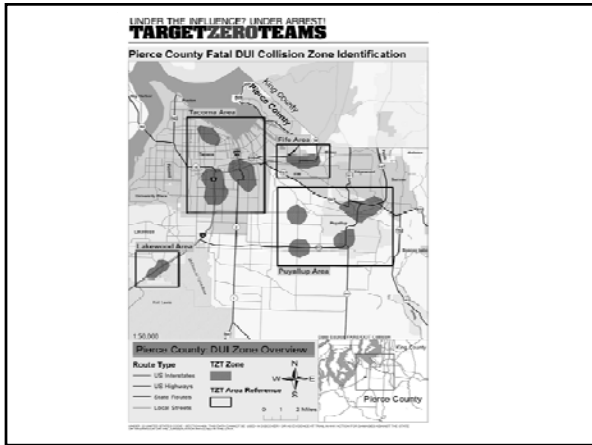
- ✓ 16 people had died in crashes involving a teen 15-20

- ✓ teens were over-involved in fatal crashes (21.5% of the county's total ID fatalities/serious injuries)

- ✓ three high profile teen fatal crashes occurred

Underage Drinking Party Data

- 3,631 of 12,970 party/loud noise calls to dispatch were identified by callers as potential underage drinking/drug parties
- Coding on party calls was changed to distinguish potential underage from adult parties



The PIP Model

1. **Law enforcement teams** who locate parties/arrest youth and adults
2. **Courts** who prosecute them
3. **Chemical dependency professionals** who provide a brief interventions and referrals
4. **Trained parent volunteers** who provide information and resources to youth's parent(s)
5. **Significant media** before and after each PIP

Law Enforcement

- Multi-agency
- Multijurisdictional
- Highly visible
- Sustainable
- Utilizes significant advance intel
- Focused on prosecution, interventions and parent education NOT arrests

Brief Interventions With Youth by Chemical Dependency Professionals

- SBIRT - Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment
- Proven to decrease injury risk and negative life consequences
- Moved from more typical medical triage setting to community prevention setting

Parent to Parent Meetings

- Trained volunteer parents meet with parents of arrested kids
- Volunteer talking points
 1. parents have power over their kid's choices
 2. rules and expectations about NO use works
 3. monitoring who, what, where, when helps keep kids safe

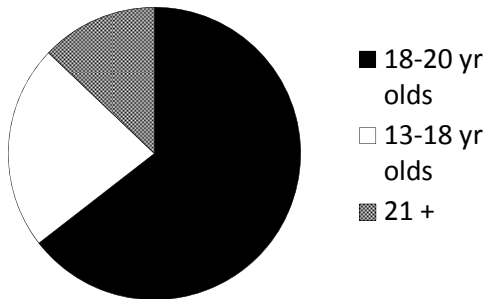
Media

- Mainstream media loves the story
- Will report on it regularly and in depth if someone they trust “feeds” them the stories
- But youth, themselves, tell the story best!

2007-2014 PIP Profile

- 6-15 PIPs a year for 7 years
- 3-52 arrests per party
- 98 % of youth voluntarily participated in a brief intervention
- 100 % underage kids picked up by parent, guardian or older sibling
- Police call parents of 18, 19, and 20 year-olds when they live at home

Average Ages of Party-Goers & Suppliers



PIP GOALS



1. Change Youth & Adult Behavior



2. Reduce Road Injuries & Deaths

Individual Outcomes

FOR YOUTH

Increased PERCEPTION of

- Risk and Harm
- Disapproval & consequences
- Getting caught
- Decreased alcohol use

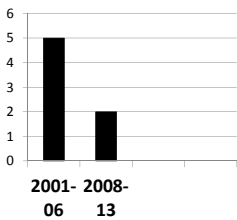
FOR PARENTS & ADULTS

Increased

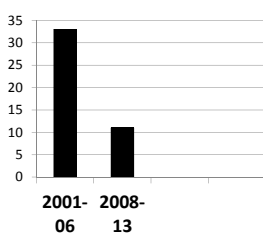
- Monitoring of youth
- Awareness they can reduce underage drinking
- Perception of risks and harms of UD

Had Been Drinking Fatalities

Driver 16-17



Driver 18-20





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