



## Underage Drinking & Driving Prevention Effort

### Facts Parents Need to Know



#### Underage Drinking A Sobering Look at the Facts

***In Delaware, in 2004, there were 4 teens killed and 89 injured in alcohol related crashes***

**In Delaware, minors (15-19) account for 8% of total DUI arrests**

**In Delaware, 42% of 11th grade students reported they have been to a party where parents bought alcohol for the kids**

Nationally, 65% of youth surveyed say they get alcohol from family & friends

### Laws & Penalties

Underage drinking is dangerous. Alcohol kills more young people than cocaine, heroin and all other illegal drugs combined.\* Not only is it physically harmful, it's also against the law. Delaware takes underage drinking violations very seriously, and so should you.

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD): Myths About Alcohol for Teens

#### **Underage DUI – The Zero Tolerance Law**

Anyone under 21 who operates any vehicle while consuming or having consumed any amount of alcohol will be arrested.

- First offense, loss of license for two months, or \$200 fine if unlicensed.
- A minor under age 18 with a blood alcohol content over .08 loses license until age 21
- A minor age 18-21 with blood alcohol content over .08 is treated as an adult and will lose his/her license for one year.

#### **Underage Drinking**

Anyone under age 21 possessing, consuming, or found having consumed alcohol

- Loss of license for 1 month or \$100 fine if unlicensed.

#### **Providing a Minor with Alcohol**

Anyone who sells to, delivers to or purchases alcohol for anyone under age 21

- Up to \$500 fine and 40 hours of community service
- Parents who host parties for minors may also be held liable in civil court



### Parental Responsibilities for Drivers under the Age of 18.

#### Do You Know What Their DUI Could Cost You?

- If you sign as a sponsor for your child's G.D.L. permit you're jointly liable with the minor for all damages they cause in a crash.
- If you loan a minor your car you are responsible for any damages they cause in a crash.

#### **Parents are also liable if**

- Your teen allows others to drive the vehicle without your consent
- Your teen is driving another person's vehicle (i.e. girlfriend/boyfriend/friend)

