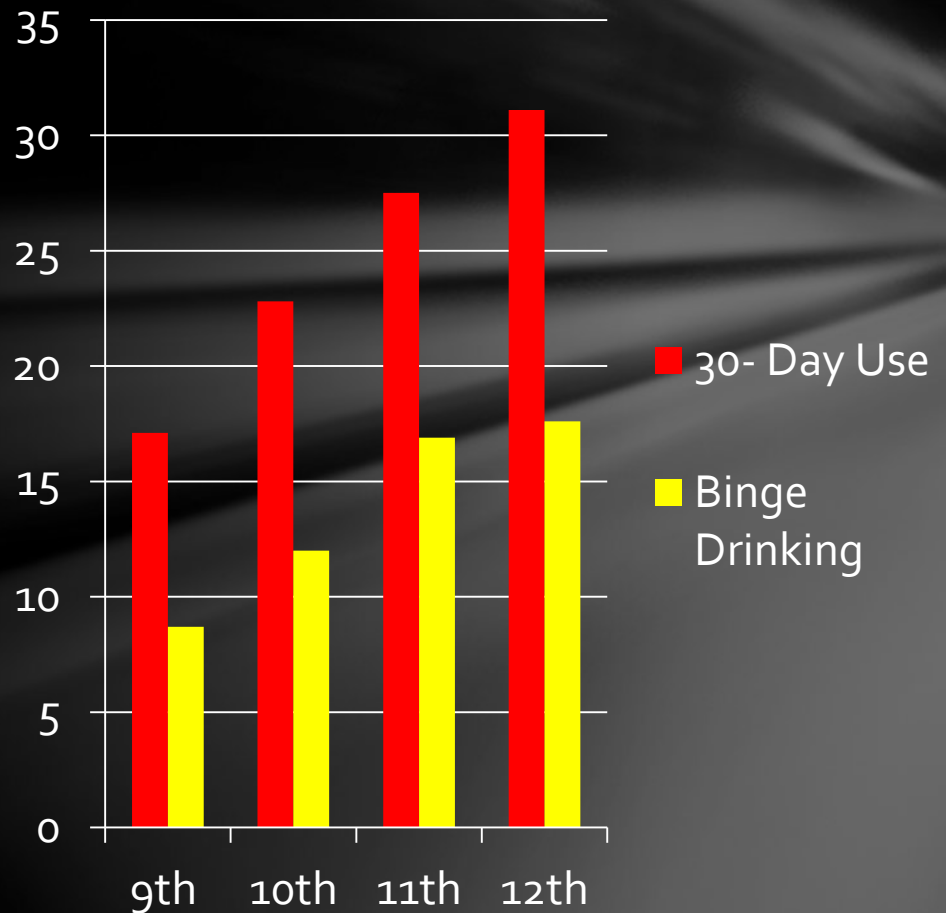


Hancock County Underage Drinking Problem Identification

2012 Data Showed a concerning amount of underage drinking taking place in our community.

1. Minor consumption arrests (18-20 yr. olds) was 43.
2. NASA community survey showed 62.4% of people knew of youth who drink.
3. The IPRC Survey of our youth showed the results in the table shown.



Problem Identification

In addition to the data, reports of underage drinking parties were present in our community.

- A principal approached our organization with concerns surrounding underage drinking parties taking place. Other schools were seeing the same thing.
- **PROBLEM: Information was after the fact.**
- A meeting with the Sheriff and Major Burkhart confirmed that law enforcement believed underage drinking was an issue as well and began the discussion on what we could do as a community to address the problem.

Creating a Community Partnership

After the identification of the problem, our coalition began a planning phase that would facilitate the beginning of the Hancock County Underage Drinking Task Force.

Step 1: Planning Meeting

Step 2: Invitation

Step 3: Initial Meeting

^ Discussion Questions for groups divided by professions.

Step 4: Establish a direction for the partnership.

Creating a Community Partnership

Step 5: The Work of the Partnership

- ^ Establish common goals; Determine how to address contributing/impeding factors in an effective way; and work to establish agreement (MOU).

Step 6: Implementation

TASK FORCE GOALS

1. To reduce Underage Drinking in Hancock County
2. To provide consistent enforcement of underage drinking laws county wide.
3. To support on-duty officers with Task Force members to aide in the arrest, transport, and processing of individuals violating underage drinking laws.

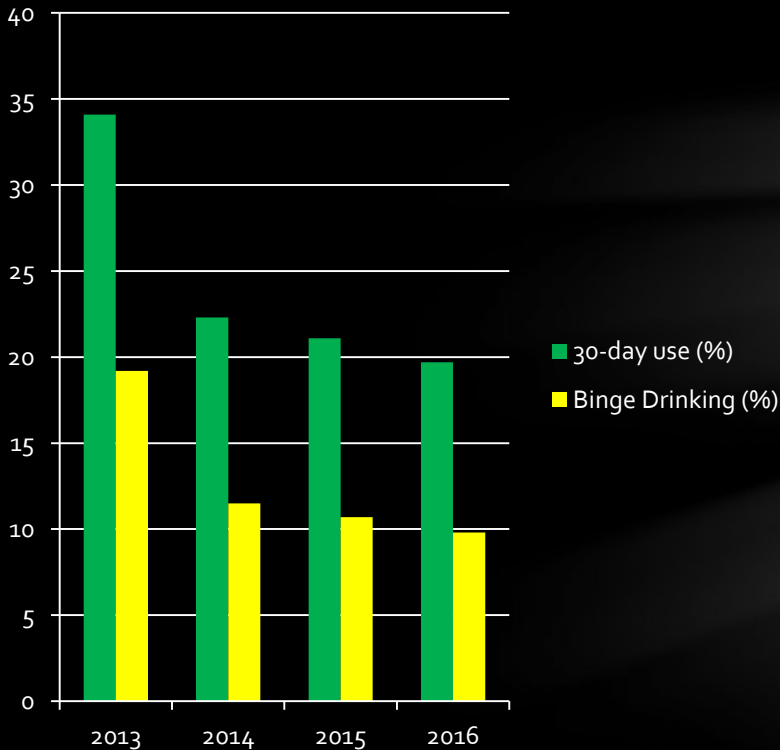
Hancock County Underage Drinking Task Force Agreement

Key Components:

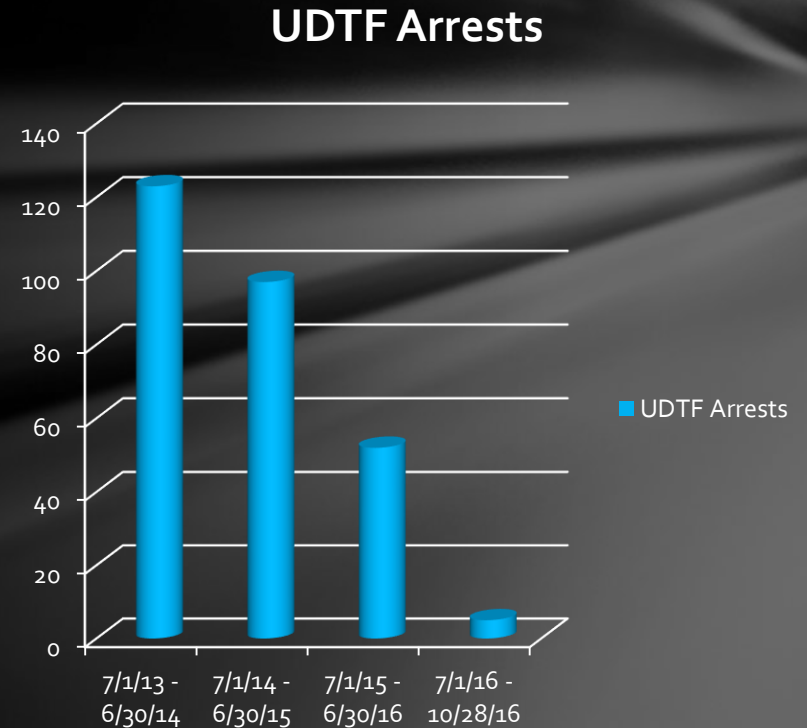
1. Defines "Party"
2. Zero Tolerance
3. Removes officer discretion by implementing department policy
4. Sets team guidelines and lead officer on scene
5. Gets on-duty officers back on the roads, but allows for the underage drinking violations to be addressed consistently
6. Judges have set a \$200 cash bond for all "C" misdemeanors (includes Minor Consumption)
7. Schools working to add best practices from other schools in the county
8. Juvenile Probation agreement for consistent penalties

Community Results

*Note: 2014 Seniors reported 28.5% 30-day use, and 16.5% binge drinking rate as juniors. * Usage rates from the Indiana Youth Survey of Hancock County students.*



*Note: Underage drinking tip line calls are down and size of parties, when found, have decreased. * Data collected by Sheriff's Dept. for the UDTF.*





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