

Takoma Park Extra Eyes Program

Description: Trained community members work with area police, stake out an area and radio in suspicious activities to local police as part of a collaborative effort to reduce alcohol related crime.

Goal: To decrease the number alcohol related tragedies that affect our communities through a collaborative effort between the law enforcement and the community.

Target: Drunk drivers, underage purchasers and habitual alcohol consumers

Additional Information:

- All community volunteers that participate in this program have strict safety guidelines (e.g., they are not allowed to follow or confront a suspect, stop a vehicle, or put themselves in harm's way) and must be 21 years old or older to participate.
- All community volunteers must attend this free of cost, 1 hour class covering law enforcement topics: Maryland alcohol laws, detection of an impaired driver, pharmacology of alcohol, an overview of underage drinking, communication techniques, courtroom testimony, operational report writing and note taking, and police department program guidelines. Generally, training is conducted in two sections: the first half is in a classroom and the second half is in the field, which includes an evening ride-along with a police officer and instructions on using the radio. An instruction manual is provided for the first half of the training.
- Community volunteers must fill out: an Extra Eyes Volunteer Registration Form, a Montgomery County Driver Volunteer Registration Form, and a Montgomery County General Volunteer Registration Form before participating in any activities or training. All forms necessary will be provided on the day of the training. Please bring photo identification which is the only item that you will need.
- A time commitment is not required from the volunteers (e.g., so many hours per month).

Program will run within Takoma Park neighborhoods only:

Training session information:

Monday, April 20th, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Council Chamber Room

Takoma Park Community Center

7500 Maple Ave.

Takoma Park, MD 20912

If you are interested in participating, or have additional questions, please contact the **Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control, Community Outreach Office** at 240-777-1904.

Space is limited –Signup is required! You must register to participate in the training or the program. Again, this program is directed toward the neighborhoods located in Takoma Park.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this vital community program.