



Good Evening Mayor, Vice Mayor and
Members of the Commission

My name is Larry Gierer.
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I am the City's appointee to serve on the United
Way of Broward County Commission on Substance
Abuse Board of Governors

I am here tonight to share with you some good
news... the Good news that involves the City of
Oakland Park and their Partnership with the United
Way, the State Division of Alcoholic Beverages and
Tobacco (ABT), the Fort Lauderdale Police
Department, the Broward Regional Health
Planning Council, the Broward County Health
Department and the Department of Children and
Families.

This good news relates to the City of Oakland Park
Ordinance requiring training to businesses that sell

alcohol past midnight. Specifically the Local Merchant Education, Training and Certification Program.

This Ordinance and Certification Program known as (PREP) Promoting Retailers Education Program, have been presented twice at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention 10th Annual National Leadership Conference in 2008 and most recently in August 2010, in California. There was a request made from the 2010 conference in California from a representative of Guam, interested in the program.

This Ordinance has also been presented twice at the State of Florida's Annual Underage Drinking and Suicide Prevention Conference in Orlando, in 2008 with a follow-up this past October 2010.

I am here to share with you tonight that FADAA, Florida Alcohol Drug Abuse Association has added Responsible Vendor Training to their Alcohol Policy

Recommendations, A Comprehensive Approach to Preventing Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol-Related Disease and Injury.

I remember our meeting Mr. Stunson with the representative of the Beer Wholesalers Association regarding our intent requiring training to businesses that sell alcohol. We were told by the representative of the Beer Wholesalers Association that we were not able to require such training. He stated “we are trying to regulate them and only the State has that power.”

The meeting ended...I took a deep breath and said, “John, there has to be some way we can do this.” You paused and stated “we can tie this requirement to the permit to sell alcohol past midnight.”

We did and are the first city in the State to require training to businesses that sell alcohol past midnight.