

Purpose:

Commissioned by Former Mayor Rimsza in May 2001 to:

address problem bars, restaurants, and convenience stores, and

monitor calls for service, acts of violence, traffic accidents, and complaints

Enforcement Direction:

The Task Force initiates investigations based upon:

- Statistical Data
- Precinct Request
- Citizen/Council Requests

The Task Force does not work Sexually Oriented Businesses. In these matters we will assist Vice, specifically for Title 4 liquor violations.

Task Force Duties include:

- Coordinate multi-departmental inspections
- Plan undercover investigations
- Testify at court, City Council meetings, Zoning (Use Permits),

Board of Adjustment, and Liquor Board hearings

- Mediate neighborhood/business concerns
- Strengthen relationship with other agencies
- Review liquor licenses, special event applications and temporary extension requests

Enforcement Support:

Our efforts are supported by the following agencies

- Department of Liquor Licensing and Control (DLLC) (State)
- Other units within the Phoenix Police Department:
 - Youth Alcohol Squad
 - NET Teams
 - Downtown Operations Unit
 - Organized Crime Bureau
 - Drug Enforcement Bureau
- Neighborhood Services
- Development Services
- Fire Department
- Other Municipalities
- Assist with new legislation (Review)

Performance Achievement Plan:

The “HOTSPOT” Liquor Task Force addresses several components of the Policing Plan:

- Crime Suppression
- Quality Service Delivery
- Team Building

What can you do?

If you see a sign in your neighborhood that announces that a new liquor application has been applied for, ask questions about it.

You can either call License Services at 602-262-4638, your CAO (Community Action Officer) or us. Please let us know if you have an opinion or concern about this new application.



Components of an effective protest include:

- Name and address of the establishment
- Name, address, phone number and signature of the protestor
- Reason for protest
 - at a minimum, a protest should state that you do not believe that the public convenience and the best interest of the community will be substantially served if the license is issued
 - More information can be obtained by calling License Services at 602-262-4638

Please make sure that your protest is legible. Individuals or groups can protest.

Important things to remember about protesting:

- Protestors must either reside in, own or lease property within a 1-mile radius of the proposed license.
- Your opinion will never be heard if you don't voice it

- Pick your battles. Some applicants want to help the area.
- Nothing in life is certain. You may win against the greatest of odds and you may lose when victory appears certain.

You can also report problem establishments to your CAO.

Mail protests to:

City of Phoenix
200 West Washington Street
15th Floor, City Clerk Dept.
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Please remember that it must be received within the 20-day protest period



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