



## Ounce of Prevention Newsletter

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### Message to Coalition Members:

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!  
2017**

### “Featured” Member Statement:

*(Rick McInroy, Youth Program Manager -Center for Dispute Settlement)*

In the fall of 2014, I attended a community meeting in Hornell where the topic was drug use of young adults. It was at that meeting I received information about the Steuben Prevention Coalition. I felt so strongly about the mission of the Coalition that I was compelled to become a member. Being a member fits very nicely with my job duties as Youth Program Manager at the Center for Dispute Settlement. Thanks to the Coalition, I have important facts I can share with teens and their parents regarding alcohol and drug use. I have witnessed first-hand where teens have changed their views on alcohol or drugs because of the information provided. This is just one example where the message of the Coalition affected the youth of today in a positive manner!! I am proud to be a member of this Coalition that aids a generation of young people to remain drug free and ready to meet the challenges their future will bring.

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National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week  
January 23 – 29

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>

## Article: Tall Cop Program – High in Plain Sight with Officer Jermaine Galloway

### You Can't Stop What You Don't Know

Tall Cop Says Stop was created by Officer Jermaine Galloway, an Idaho law enforcement officer since 1997. Regarded as one of America's top experts in various drug and alcohol trends, he has specialized in underage drinking and drug enforcement for more than 15 years. Since 2009, Officer Galloway has won four national awards and one international award for his work. In addition to his numerous talks at conferences and other events, he has personally trained more than 105,000 people nationwide. Officer Galloway's many years of experience have taught him one thing above all else. In his words, "You can't stop what you don't know."

### A Message from the Tall Cop

Some of you might wonder why I call my website Tall Cop Says Stop. Well, I'm a tall cop. Whether I'm teaching or working as a police officer, the first thing everyone notices about me is my height (I'm 6'9"). So it just made sense to put that into what I do. I've been working against drug and alcohol abuse problems in communities for the past two decades. I've seen a lot of changes in our kids and our society over that time. I've seen these changes at:

- Large, underage drinking parties
- Retail stores
- Town hall meetings
- Assemblies
- Classrooms
- Festivals and other events

I've seen the ever-evolving drug culture trends sweep across our country. For many people, it's hard to keep up with these trends, and especially to understand what they all mean. Unless you understand the culture, you won't see it at all. All over our nation, communities struggle to deal with underage drinking and drug usage. What can we do about these issues? Are we just going to meet up and "round table" them every month? Or are we going to get out there and do something to fix the problems?

That's where Tall Cop Says Stop comes in. Through education, prevention and enforcement, my presentations address (Continued on Page 3)

## Article: What Is the Social Host Law?

### “SOCIAL HOST LAW TO PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and/or ILLEGAL DRUGS BY MINORS ON PRIVATE PREMISES IN STEUBEN COUNTY”

- Local law prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs by minors on private premises in Steuben County.
- New York State law does not provide appropriate sanction to address these circumstances and there is nothing pending before the New York State Legislature to address this threat to the youth of Steuben County.
- New York State Law has not regulated the situation where a person age 16 or over knowingly permits the consumption of alcohol by a minor in his or her home, or on premises under his or her control.
- This local law will provide specific deterrence to this type of activity, allow criminal sanctions to apply to those who endanger the youth of Steuben County by engaging in and supporting these activities; and thereby enhance public safety.
- Penalties:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense - \$250 fine or 15 days in jail or a combination of both. In addition, successful completion of a court approved alcohol and drug awareness program is required. The first offense is a violation.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - \$500 fine or 60 days in jail or a combination of both. In addition, successful completion of a court approved alcohol and drug awareness program is required. The second offense is an unclassified misdemeanor
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offenses - \$1,000 fine or 1 year in jail or a combination of \$1,000 fine and not more than 1 year in jail. In addition, successful completion of a court approved alcohol and drug awareness program is required. The second offense is an unclassified misdemeanor.

**Definitions:** “MINOR” under 21; “PRIVATE PREMISES” any home, apartment, condominium, cooperative unit or other dwelling unit of any kind, including yards, open areas adjacent thereto, vacant land or farmland and accessory structures; “KNOWINGLY” aware of, or having reason to be aware of; “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE” liquor, wine, beer, spirits, cider or other liquid, or solid composed of, or containing alcohol or spirits, whether or not brewed, fermented or distilled, and capable of being consumed by a person, except that confectionary containing alcohol as provided by §200.12 of the Agriculture and Markets Law not be regarded as an alcoholic beverage within the meaning of this section; “ILLEGAL DRUGS” any substance in §3306 of the Public Health Law and not prescribed by a physician; “SOCIAL GATHERING” party or gathering at a residence or other private premises of two or more persons, at least one of whom is not related by blood to others in attendance and is a minor; “CONTROL” actual or apparent authority and ability to regulate, direct or dominate private premises including, but not limited to, the control exercised by tenants, lessees, owners and/or landlords who have notice of underage drinking on their premises.



### Tall Cop - Continued

underage drinking and drug problems and empower you to detect these problems and fight them within your own community.

Everyday items that you might not take a second look at will take on a new meaning once you learn about the drug culture. I'll help you understand many things, including:

- New drugs
- Logos and other identifiers
- Pictures, songs and clothing connected to drugs
- Potential stash compartments

On average, I give more than 200 presentations per year. These training sessions can have anywhere from 25 to 1,000 attendees. I don't have any "canned presentations;" each class or presentation is highly visual, interactive and class-specific. They can last from one hour to two days, depending on need. Whichever course you take, I'll give you tools to reduce, prevent or stop drug and alcohol abuse in your community. Remember, **YOU CAN'T STOP WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.**



### Article: Leading Addiction Organizations Respond to Surgeon General's Landmark Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health

~ Legal Action Center, National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Partnership for Drug-Free Kids and Treatment Research Institute Issue Joint Statement in Support of Identified Solutions~

NEW YORK, N.Y. – November 17, 2016 – Released today, Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health determined that alcohol and drug misuse, substance use disorders and addiction are the most pressing public health concern facing America. The release of today's landmark report marks the first time a U.S. Surgeon General has dedicated a report to substance misuse and related disorders.

We applaud the Surgeon General's recommendations to take a comprehensive, public health approach to how our nation addresses drug and alcohol misuse and substance use disorders. Our hope is that this report will have a profound impact on public attitudes, policy and practice, much as the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health had on smoking-related policies and attitudes when it was first released in 1964.

The report addresses alcohol, illicit drugs and prescription drug misuse, with chapters dedicated to neurobiology, prevention, treatment, recovery, health systems integration and recommendations for the future. It provides an in-depth look at the science of substance misuse and addiction, calls for a cultural shift in the way Americans talk about the issue, and recommends actions we can all take collectively to prevent and treat these conditions, and promote recovery.

We strongly affirm the Surgeon General's emphasis on the importance of preventing and addressing substance use early in adolescence. Youth who use alcohol before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop an alcohol use disorder later in life, compared to those who have their first drink at age 21 or older. "Preventing or even simply delaying young people from trying substances is important to reducing the likelihood of a use disorder later in life," said Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy.

We echo the call for the expansion of substance use disorder treatment and its integration within health care to provide scientifically-proven treatments to larger number of people. The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and the Affordable Care Act in 2010 should make it possible for more people to get the services they need. Yet for reasons related to stigma, discrimination, access and reimbursement, the majority of people who need help do not receive it.

The Surgeon General's report is being issued at a time when our nation faces a critical opportunity to accelerate significant and lasting change in the way substance use disorders are perceived and managed. We are in the throes of a national opioid epidemic. It is fueling 129 overdose-related drug deaths every day and has made drug overdose the leading cause of accidental death in our country. Misuse of substances and substance use disorders is estimated to cost our society \$442 billion each year in health care costs, lost productivity and criminal justice costs. There is a strong scientific, health, justice, economic, and moral case for addressing substance use disorders with a public health model.

We are encouraged by the strong recommendations in the report to strengthen our treatment infrastructure and to identify strategies to reduce the disproportionate number of incarcerated individuals who are diagnosed with substance use disorders. Changing how we address addiction will simultaneously alleviate numerous other public health and social welfare challenges.

As four of the leading non-profit organizations in the country representing a collective 122 years of experience in the addiction field, we are committed to working collaboratively to ensure that the report issued by the Surgeon General has a lasting impact on policies and treatment services, while providing meaningful help to the millions of families currently struggling with substance use disorders throughout the country.

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Please join The Steuben Prevention Coalition in collaboration with Alfred State College and the Steuben County District Attorney's Office on

March 29, 2017  
Haverling High School Auditorium

for the Tall Cop Event "High in Plain Sight".

9-11 a.m.	School personnel, area professionals, educators/prevention providers
1-3 p.m.	Law enforcement, probation officers, first responders, fire departments
6-7:30 p.m.	Community members/parents

Pre-register with the Center for Community Education & Training at Alfred State  
607-587-4015 | CCET@AlfredState.edu | www.AlfredState.edu/CCET

/Center for Community Education and Training at SUNY Alfred



**MISSION:**

To promote healthy and safe communities in Steuben County by reducing alcohol and drug use among youths!

**ARTICLE: Leading Addiction Organizations Respond to Surgeon General's Landmark Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health (Continued)**

The calls to action within the Surgeon General's report are consistent with the work already being done by our four organizations: identifying and implementing effective prevention and treatment programs; improving prevention; integrating treatment for addiction into mainstream medical care; increasing access to treatment through enforcement of the parity law; and conducting research to build a public health approach to substance use disorders. We look forward to working with the Surgeon General and others to ensure that these key areas of focus remain a priority in the coming years and help to redefine how we prevent, treat and manage substance use disorders in the United States.

It is our hope that the Surgeon General's report will serve as a springboard for constructive, health-promoting initiatives in the next Administration, as well as on Capitol Hill and across the states. The report is a timely call to action as policy makers, the medical community, public health officials, law enforcement, families and addiction advocates struggle to address the leading cause of illness and accidental death in our country.

"We have the opportunity to transform lives and strengthen communities by addressing our country's addiction crisis," said Dr. Murthy. "There could not be a more important time for us to act."

To read the Surgeon General's report in its entirety please visit, <https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov>.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Coalition Meeting  
January 11, 2017

11:00 am – Steuben County Sheriff's Building

Tall Cop Training Program  
"High In Plain Sight"  
March 29, 2017  
Haverling Central School  
(See Article on Page 2-3)

Underage Drinking Task Force Town Hall Meeting  
TBD

Corning-Painted Post Health Fair  
April of 2017 – TBD

Maple City Kids Health Fair  
May of 2017 - TBD

Reaching communities through  
**prevention,  
education  
and support**