

2015 “YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!” DAY GOVERNOR’S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, underage alcohol use remains a challenging public health and public safety problem with severe consequences for youth and their families, communities, and society; and

WHEREAS, the majority of alcohol consumed by teens is provided by their family members; and

WHEREAS, underage alcohol use is not inevitable, and parents and society are not helpless to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, youth who refrain from drinking alcohol are 81 percent more likely to stay in school, and less likely to develop alcohol-dependency problems later in life; and

*WHEREAS, concerted efforts to combat the availability of alcohol to minors like the Illinois Liquor Control Commission’s “**YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!**” underage drinking prevention campaign can reduce underage alcohol consumption; and*

WHEREAS, we can affect the amount of alcohol consumed by underage users by changing the environmental factors in each community that enable alcohol to be purchased on behalf of underage individuals; and

WHEREAS, a new law will take effect on July 1, 2015 requiring a three-year renewal period for those who attend Beverage Alcohol Sellers/Servers Education & Training (BASSET) to ensure alcohol servers learn the latest age-verification techniques and fake identification detection procedures; and

WHEREAS, preventing underage drinking is “everyone’s” responsibility; and

*WHEREAS, television stations throughout the Illinois are doing their part in spreading this critical prevention message by agreeing to air the winning public service announcement in last year’s **YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! Teen Video PSA Contest** this spring and summer; the time of year when many youth will drink alcohol for the first time; often with parental consent; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of youth and adult volunteers throughout Illinois will serve as role models in their community by participating in **2015 YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!** activities beginning on April 23, 2015;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby proclaim April 23, 2015 as **YOUR ACTIONS MATTER DAY** in Illinois, and congratulate those participating in this effort to protect Illinois’ future leaders from harm.*

2015 "YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!" DAY LOCAL EVENTS

As of April 22. All events listed below are on April 23 unless indicated otherwise.

Anna. Teresa Goodard from The Fellowship House and up to ten students from the Rising Up for Change Coalition will kickoff their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds at Blue Fish Liquor at 4pm.

Arlington Heights. Teens from the Link Together Coalition will be visiting Arlington Heights liquor business on May 7.

Ashkum. Jayme Bufford of the Illinois State Police is coordinating the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort in this area.

Bartlett. Bartlett Police Officers Mireya Flores and Victoria Anderson are organizing an effort that will visit every liquor-licensed establishment to ensure posting of "YOUR ACTIONS MATTER!" within their facility.

Batavia. The Batavia Youth Substance Abuse Coalition and Batavia Police Department will visit liquor establishments in an effort coordinated by Anne Dolin from Breaking Free.

Bloomington. Nikita Ware from the Project Oz: Youth Action Board is coordinating the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Boone County. Kristina Olsen from the Boone County Drug Prevention Coalition is conducting YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities in this county.

Bradley. Sgt. Adrian P. Provost of the Bradley Police Department will hold a 3:30pm kickoff featuring six or seven police officers and approximately 15 Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) from Bradley-Bourbonnais High School.

Braidwood. Sgt. Brett Goodwin from the Braidwood Police Department is coordinating the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Brookport. Chief John Barr from the Brookport Police Dept. is visiting his liquor establishments to ensure posting of the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! Materials.

Buffalo Grove. Jorie Ouimet from the Link Together Coalition Buffalo Grove is organizing teen visits here on April 30.

Carroll County. Freddie Preston of the Carroll County Substance Education Coalition will be leading YOUR ACTIONS MATTER activities in Mt. Carroll, Thomson, and Savanna. She will be accompanied by a dozen or so West Carroll High School SADD members and a local police officer in each town.

Cass County. Kim Ruggles from Cass County Teen REACH is conducting YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities in this county.

Channahon. Sgt. Jon Jackubowski of the Channahon Police Dept. will be making the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds with eight police cadets.

Charleston. Mayor Larry Rennels is organizing his city's YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities.

Chicago (Austin). The Prevention Partnership is providing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to all participants in their BASSET training classes as well as area liquor establishments.

Chicago (Gresham). Chicago Police Sergeant Ernest Spradley will have a staff visiting bars and liquor establishments to pass out YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials.

Chicago (Garfield Park). The Rev. Walter Amir Jones Jr. is coordinating YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities by the West Garfield Park Community Stakeholders.

Chicago. Edward Boone from Strengthening Chicago's Youth and Dara A. Young from ABJ Community Services are among the other Chicago groups conducting YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities

Chicago area. Kevin Werner from Hayes Beer Distributing Company in Alsip is delivering YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to all company clients.

Cicero. Gordana Trbuhovich (Orthodox Christian Coalition for Healthy Youth) will coordinate YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities later in the spring.

Countryside. Margaret Carey and Officer Agostino Alonzo are conducting YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities in the city.

Cullom. The Village of Cullom's Barbara Hahn is distributing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to retailers.

Cumberland County. Michelle Black from the Cumberland County Health Dept. will lead teen YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! efforts here.

Decatur. The Decatur Community Partnership and Decatur Drug-Free Community Coalition (with representation from law enforcement, city council, various schools, youth-serving organizations, and the local health department) will hold a 4pm kickoff event at Walmart, 4224 N Prospect St. Vivian Goodman has also been running YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! ads on city buses and PSA's on three radio stations.

Delavan. Sharon Hultquist from Delavan Drug Task Force The Delavan Drug Task Force is visiting establishments in town on April 25.

Edgar County. Coordinated by the Human Resource Center's Amy Delashmit and Heidi Dahnke , approximately 50 area school students are distributing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials here (and in neighboring Clark County). The participating students are part of the center's CAMA (Changing Attitudes, Making Achievements)Teens group.

Edwardsville. Donna Nahlik will coordinate an effort conducting by the Edwardsville Peer Influence Club (EPIC) at Edwardsville High School.

Elgin. Jose Gutierrez from the Renz Center will conduct YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities here.

Evanston. PEER Services' Karen Finstad of the Evanston Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is organizing a city-wide activity from 4:30-7:30pm which will kick off at the Music Institute of Chicago's Institute of Therapy through the Arts, 1702 Sherman Rd. Approximately 20 student and adult volunteers from Evanston Township High School, Evanston Police Department, and the Music Institute will be conducting the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities.

Frankfort. Detective Kevin Johnson from the Frankfort Police Department distributed YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to all Frankfort liquor licensees.

Ford County. Lana Sample from the Ford County Public Health Dept. is organizing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities in this county.

Gillespie. Jennifer Brown from MPACT'D is the leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Girard. Girard Police Dept. Chief Campbell will lead the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds in this town.

Glen Ellyn. Gilda Ross is coordinating an effort with students from the Glenbard Schools.

Grayslake. Officer Randy Hegland from Grayslake Police Dept. is again coordinating the effort here.

Grundy County. Paula Goodwin from the No Tolerance Task Force is organizing an county-wide event with over a dozen TROUP members from Morris High School and Grundy County Sheriff's Office Explorers Group end of May.

Havana. The Havana Area Prevention Team, Havana High School Interact Club students, Mason County Sheriff's Office worked together on YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities on April 20 in an effort organized by Nadia Klekamp from Chestnut Health Systems.

Heyworth. The Y2N Club, which runs a social norms campaign in their high school to correct the misperception "that most high school students drink alcohol" will be visiting the Heyworth licensees in an effort coordinated by Project Oz's Lisa Soliday.

Island Lake. Officer Lisa Knebl from the Island Lake Police Department is leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! efforts in this town.

Joliet area. Kozol Bros, Inc. of Joliet is delivering YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to all its clients.

Kewanee. Rachel Shrum from the YMCA of Kewanee will conduct YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities from 9am-2pm that features the Kewanee Police, YMCA staff, their youth board, Operation Snowball members, and youth from both Kewanee High School and Wethersfield High School.

Lanark. Erin Paulsen will lead her Eastland High School SADD members on their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds.

Lincolnshire. Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran and Lincolnshire Police Chief Pete Kinsey will participate in an event on Tuesday, May 12 from 3:30-6:30pm, and organized by the Stand Strong Coalition in conjunction with the Lake County Sheriff's Department, Lincolnshire Police Department, and student volunteers from Stevenson High School and feeder school districts.

Mackinaw Hilary Duke from Dee-Mack High School is leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Malta. Debbie Lang from the Village of Malta will distribute materials in this town.

Mason City. Members of CPAC (Citizens for Positive Adolescent Choices) along with Illini Central High School students, Mason County Sheriff's Office, and San Jose Police Department will conduct YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities on April 27.

Menard County. Kay Daniel from the Menard County School/Community Task Force organized YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities with Menard County Operation Snowball students.

Mokena. Officer Dennis Boardman and his colleagues from the Mokena Police Department are leading the effort to distribute materials to liquor establishments.

Mundelein. Mundelein Police Officer Rachel Messina coordinated YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities on April 16 with approximately 40 volunteers from the Mundelein Police Department, Mundelein After-School Coalition, and Mundelein Stand-Up Task Force.

Naperville. Dawn Neylon from 360 Youth Services and Detective Mark English arranged YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities in the city.

Nashville. Sharon Frederking from the Washington County Health Department is leading YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! efforts here.

O'Fallon. Officer Jay Spanley from the O'Fallon Police Dept. will lead high school SADD members on YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds later this spring.

Oak Brook. Oak Brook Police Commander T. Madden is leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Orangeville. Mayor Alexander Mills from the Village of Orangeville and Police Officer Shan MacAdam will lead Orangeville High School Student Volunteers on their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds on April from 2:30 to 3:30pm. During their visits, they will hold brief discussions about why raising awareness and underage drinking prevention are vital parts of keeping our community safe.

Park Ridge. Officer JulieGenualdi from the Park Ridge Police Dept. is leading activities here.

Peoria. Pamela Rumba from Trewyn K-8 School – CGTI is organizing a student YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort in this area.

Peotone. Pete Dell'Aquila from Chestnut Health Systems is correcting a YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort featuring local dignitaries as well as adult and teen volunteers on April 24.

Plano. Mayor Bob Hausler is coordinating YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! in his hometown.

Prospect Heights. Prospect Heights Police Dept. Detective Bill Caponigro is being assisted by six teens and the Link Together Coalition as they visit liquor establishments in their town.

Putnam County. Dawn Conerton of CPASA (Community Partners Against Substance Abuse) organized YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! activities throughout the county featuring Interact Club kids and the BP Power Youth Coalition from Putnam County High School.

Quincy. Mississippi Belle Distributing's Steve Eling is delivering YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to all its clients.

St. Charles. Commander Jerry Gatlin of the St. Charles Police Dept. will be leading student groups on their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds to liquor establishments in town.

Southern Illinois. Mark Jones of Koerner Distributor Inc. in Carterville is delivering YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to all their retail clients.

Statewide. The Illinois Licensed Beverage Association distributed over a thousand YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! coasters to their member establishments.

Steger. Chief Carl A. Mormann of the Steger Police Department will hold a 3:30pm press kickoff event at Party Liquors, 20 E. 34th Street. On hand will be his fellow officers and Bloom Trail High School students.

Streator. Streator Police's Chris Osborn will be leading YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! efforts here.

Tinley Park. Doug Alba and the Tinley Park Police Dept. are distributing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to liquor establishments in town.

Tremont. Amy Fox from the Tazewell County Health Dept. will leading student groups on their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds to liquor establishments in this town.

Urbana. 15 students from Jefferson Middle School Community Action Team will be conducting their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds in an effort organized by Randi Brown.

Vernon Hills. Jamie Epstein from the Stand Strong Community Coalition will lead the teen YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort in this town.

Versailles. Peggy Johns from PANDA is leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Wauconda. Sgt. Mike Botterman from the Wauconda Police Department began distributing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER matters with Wauconda High School students on March 20, the start of spring break. Patrol officers from the department will distribute the rest of the materials tomorrow.

West City. West City Police's Amos Abbott is leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Westmont. Detective Mike Weibler from Westmont Police Department will lead Operation Snowball students on their YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! rounds.

Wheeling. Jorie Ouimet from the Link Together Coalition and OMNI Youth Services is organizing teen visits in Wheeling on April 30.

Whiteside County. Chase Randall of Brake-Thru Driving School, Inc. and the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Task Force are sponsoring an effort that will feature several dozen students and staff members from Rock Falls, Sterling, and Newman High Schools. City and county law enforcement will also be on hand for the May 6 kickoff event.

Wilmington. Chestnut Health System's Pete Dell'Aquila is correcting a YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort featuring local dignitaries as well as adult and teen volunteers on April 24.

Winchester. Stevie Timmerman from the City of Westchester is leading the YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! effort here.

Winnebago County. Sr. Deputy T. Stanley from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is distributing YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! materials to liquor licensees in the county.

Woodstock. Jane Montgomery from the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) group has lined up 16 students from two schools to cover the town's liquor establishments. The May 6 kickoff event will also feature of variety of local dignitaries to meet with the teen and adult volunteers.

Zion. Deborah Will from Zion-Benton High School Healthy Youth will again arrange teen YOUR ACTIONS MATTER! visits here.