

SARASOTA COALITION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE NEWSLETTER

REVIEW

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WHO YOU GONNA CALL? DRUNKBUSTERS!

The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse hopes a new tool will be helpful in reducing the number of people who decide to drink and drive on our county's roadways. Drunkbuster Impairment Goggles were the brainchild of Kurt Kindschuh, a former DARE officer and MADD (Mother Against Drunk Driving) Executive Director in Wisconsin. The Goggles, once attached to the face, simulate a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of .08 to .15 to the person wearing them, thus allowing the person to better understand just how impaired their normal faculties or reaction time would be if they were actually under the influence of alcohol. The Goggles are now part of the Project AIM (Alcohol Impairment Measure) course being taught to bar/lounge staff, servers and alcohol sale locations throughout Sarasota County. Those taking the Project AIM course, are afforded the opportunity to wear the Goggles, followed by the

SCOSA instructors having them complete simple tasks such as catching a ball, placing pegs on a board and simple roadside sobriety tests, that would normally be easy when not impaired.

Those who have taken the course have commented on just what an impact the Goggles have made on them as a person who serves alcohol. The Project AIM course meets the qualifications of the Florida Responsible Vendor Act as set-out in Section 561.705, Florida Statutes (as provided by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco). The Project AIM course is being taught to area bars, restaurants and grocery stores that sell or serve alcohol. The course is offered free of charge under a partnership with the Sarasota County School District, which is funded through the U.S. Department of Education's SMART Grant.



COMING SOON

Operation Medicine Cabinet
 Saturday, November 14, 2009

Hosted by
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

Details soon!

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest Golf Classic
 October 17, 2009
 At Lake Venice Golf Club

NOPE Candle Light Vigil
 North Port H.S., Performing Arts Center
 October 29, 2009, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
 For more information go to
www.SCoSA.org

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Our Mission:
To promote substance abuse free environments through increased community awareness and advocacy.

**SCOSA TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL CANDLE LIGHT
VIGIL EFFORT AT NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 29, 2009**

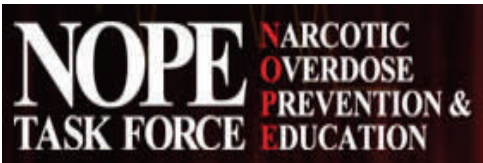
The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse (SCoSA) is the Sarasota County host for the 3rd Annual NOPE Task Force National Candle Light Vigil aimed at bringing awareness to the issue of substance abuse and to memorialize those lost to drug and alcohol related deaths. The tribute will be held at North Port High School's Performing Arts Center on Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Narcotic Overdose Prevention & Education Task Force (NOPE) is a group of community leaders and concerned parents working to save lives through dramatic personal presentations about the deadly consequences of drug abuse combined with ongoing efforts to influence anti-drug legislation and the provision of vital information about where young people with a substance abuse problem, and their families, can go for help. The NOPE Task Force is comprised of local law enforcement officials, members of the judicial system, addiction and parenting specialists, and most importantly, parents and family members who have lost loved ones to an accidental overdose or drug and alcohol related incidents.

Those who have lost a loved one due to substance abuse are encouraged to share

their story by uploading a photo and adding a brief story, poem or message to be placed on the Memorial Wall and the 2009 Memorial Video slide show that will be viewed during the events nationwide. The deadline of October 5th is rapidly approaching and the information can be shared on-line quickly and easily at www.nopetaskforce.org. Those submitted after the October 5th deadline cannot be guaranteed placement in the video.

We want to thank our community partners for their support of this meaningful event including the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, FAADA (Families Against Addictive Drug Abuse), North Port Police Department, North Port Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention and Coastal Behavioral Center.



**Project AIM Update:
Beef O' Brady's
North Port**

Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse, Inc. [SCoSA] is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that advocates for substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment through collaborative efforts. Since its inception in 1999, SCoSA has played a vital role in reducing substance abuse and its destructive impact in Sarasota County.

Are you interested in taking a real step in making our community a Substance Abuse Free Environment?

Please complete this form and mail it with your membership dues and/or contribution to:

Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse, 701 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232

Type of Membership: Individual [\$25] Not for Profit Organization [\$100]
 Family [\$50] For Profit Organization [\$150]

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

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