

Reminder

2009 Texas Teen Tobacco Summit & Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention Conference The Woodlands, Texas July 26 – 29th, 2009

In a previous mailing, Texas STEP sent an announcement about the 2009 Texas Teen Tobacco Summit & Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention Conference that will be put on by the Center for Safe Communities and Schools.

Included with this reminder is a listing of the sessions that will be put on by the Comptroller's Office and Texas STEP. Attendance is *NOT* required as part of the grant you receive, but we are encouraging grantees with funds available to send representatives to the conference.

This conference will also include several keynote speakers and prevention sessions related to minor's use of tobacco products.

The Comptroller's office and Texas STEP will be hosting a law enforcement networking meeting on Monday evening of the conference. There will be an award ceremony to recognize outstanding grantees from around the state. We hope that this, as well as the education and enforcement sessions, will allow networking with our offices, as well as with other law enforcement agencies.

Use of Grant Funding:

The Comptroller's office allows grant funds to be utilized in sending up to two (2) grant program staff to this conference. This is a great opportunity to get new staff educated on tobacco education and enforcement. For additional questions regarding the use of grant funds, please contact Shaula Scardami at 888-STEP-123 (888-783-7123).

Credit Hours:

By attending this conference, you may be eligible to receive up to 16 TCLEOSE, DARE In-service, LCDC, and/or CPS continuing education hours.

**If you are a recipient of an FY 2010 Comptroller tobacco enforcement grant, attending the conference may exempt you from attending the fall grant training workshop.

Adult Registration:

Registration by ~~May 29th~~ \$275.00 ****deadline for grantees extended to June 12th!****

Registration after June 12th \$350.00

For more information about the conference, please call Jennifer Steele at 877-304-2727, or visit the Center for Safe Communities and Schools website at <http://cscs.txstate.edu/cyi/conference>.

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Law Enforcement Track Agenda

**Please note that those classes listed in bold will be conducted by the Comptroller's Office and Texas STEP, utilizing grantee trainers and program staff.*

Sunday, July 26, 2009

- 3:00 pm Conference registration begins
- 6:00 pm Conference networking mixer/dinner

Monday, July 27, 2009

- 8:30 am Conference Opening – Plenary Session
- 10:15 am **Tobacco Enforcement In Texas – Who Does What**
A panel will share the roles played by the Comptroller's office, Texas STEP and Local Law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of the tobacco laws.
- 1:00 pm **How Does Texas Measure Up? – A Tobacco Enforcement Comparison**
Research and statistics regarding the success of enforcing of tobacco laws.
- 2:30 pm Plenary Session
- 4:15 pm **Tobacco Enforcement Support Through Partnerships and Education**
Learn how educating judicial staff, retailers, and the community can promote a model tobacco enforcement program.
- That's the Ticket – Directing Youth to Addiction Treatment through MIP-Tobacco Enforcement**
Learn how enforcing MIP-Tobacco laws can direct youth to the Tobacco Awareness program.
- 6:30 pm **Law Enforcement Social and Award Ceremony**
(sponsored by the Comptroller's office and Texas STEP)
In the Vista Room at the Woodland's Resort and Conference Center. Appetizer buffet and refreshments served. Dress is business casual.

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

- 8:30 am Plenary Session
- 10:15 am **Teamwork – How Local Law Enforcement Officers Can Work with the Comptroller’s Criminal Investigation Division (for law enforcement only)**
Obtain information on how the Criminal Investigation Division of the Comptroller's office can be a resource to local law enforcement.
- 1:00 pm **Tobacco Enforcement – Controlled Buys (“Stings”) of Retailers (for law enforcement only)**
Learn the process of conducting tobacco stings at retailers establishments using a minor decoy.
- 2:30 pm **Tobacco Enforcement – Compliance Inspections of Retailers**
Learn the process of conducting compliance inspections at retailer establishments.
- Making A Point – Reach School-Aged Youth with Tobacco Enforcement Education**
Presenters will review successful resources and incentives that local school-based tobacco programs have utilized in providing tobacco education to students. Samples, websites, and catalogues will be provided.

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

- 8:30 am **Our Thanks – Recognition of Texas’s Model Tobacco Enforcement Programs**
Successful tobacco enforcement programs from around the state will be highlighted and recognized for their continued efforts to reduce youth access to tobacco.
- 10:00 am Closing Plenary
- 12:00 pm Conference Concludes

**featured keynote speakers will include: Gruen VonBehrens, Javier Sanchez, Rick Stoddard, and Shaun Derik*