

## **Results of Safer Isla Vista (SIV) Prevention Initiatives to date**

### **1. A 43 percent decrease in alcohol status offenses has occurred from 2003 to 2006.**

See Table 1 and Table 2 for ASIPS Event Data. Does this mean SIV Project activities are having a preventive effect? There are several possible explanations for a decrease in alcohol status offenses due to overlapping SIV Project activities, and to other prevention initiatives in Isla Vista at work alongside SIV Project activities as described below. Positive results are most likely due to a cumulative effect among all of these initiatives acting together on young residents of Isla Vista.

### **2. Successful Safer Isla Vista project start-ups are poised for wide-spread implementation**

Five prevention initiatives have been established but are not yet widely disseminated. Therefore the observable effects of Safer Isla Vista interventions to date is still small. Currently, SIV partners are working to implement their programs. Widespread dissemination will probably take about two years.

(1) Event Host Training (HOZHO) has reached several hundred students to date. Feedback from training sessions has been highly positive. However, the number of students trained is a small fraction of 8,500 UCSB students and several thousand other young people living in IV. An electronic on-line training program has been created to reach the larger student community.

(2) Property manager notifications of law and lease violations (IV Foot Patrol) now reach nearly all property managers and are popular with the project manager community. Property manager notifications are down, which may indicate greater oversight by property managers.

(3) The Property Managers Working Group for Responsible Management Practices (HOZHO) has attracted three of the largest residential rental property management firms in IV. These three firms cover about 40 percent of all residential rental units in Isla Vista. These managers have agreed to an "Alcohol Lease Addendum" that will strengthen controls and on-site management for excessive drinking and alcohol-related problems at the rental facility. A Property Manager's Tool Kit has been created for outreach to all Isla Vista's approximately 75 property managers.

(4) Young Latino families in the Estero / Children's Park area have become increasingly active in addressing alcohol/drug problems in their neighborhood (IV Teen Center), with immediate results for stricter anti-gang policies and increased contact with IV Foot Patrol and IV Recreation and Parks Department. Large community events have been successful bringing together the families and local agencies (especially IV Foot Patrol and IV Recreation and Parks Department) for collaboration on law enforcement and quality-of-life issues.

(5) SBIRT interviews have become an increasing well-accepted part of screening by UCSB Student Health Service (SHS Student Alcohol Program), and will be expanded through an innovative electronic self-administration device.

### **3. Complementary related prevention initiatives underway in Isla Vista are probably contributing to decreases in alcohol problems and positive prevention results.**

Preventive impacts from several kindred prevention activities may also be having an effect on reductions in alcohol status offenses. These activities include:

- (1) UCSB Student Health Service CASE program which serves to sanction student violations of state alcohol-related laws and UC rules regarding drinking on UC property.
- (2) The IV RPD alcohol permit policy has reduced public drinking and drunkenness in the parks. Some of these reductions involve alcohol status offenses.
- (3) UCSB Student Life parental notification program has been operating for almost two years now.
- (4) The Isla Vista Public Safety Committee, chaired by the IV Foot Patrol, develops plans for curtailing events in public places and heavy drinking in public at various times during the year.

**4. Continuing monitoring and evaluation will document subsequent progress and results.**

Monitoring and evaluation will continue as Safer Isla Vista projects and complementary initiatives proceed during the next one or two years.

- (1) Documentation of law enforcement experiences. ASIPS transformations of Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office data will continue to monitor the type and extent of alcohol and drug-related incidents and arrests that occur in Isla Vista. Attention will be paid particularly to residential rental settings and parks/open space, and to time variables (monthly trends, day of week, hour of day).
- (2) Documentation of student drinking experiences. Analysis of the Safer California data collected by Prevention Research Center will continue if a pending grant application for another five-year Safer California project is approved. Otherwise, the UCSB and County Alcohol and Drug Program may wish to continue collecting student data using local resources.
- (3) Monitoring of Safer Isla Vista project implementation. Emerging issues in implementation will be identified to help project directors and supporters resolve them. Positive results will be documented to support agency review and public discussion of "what works" including the commitment of resources to sustain the prevention policies and initiatives.