



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE



PRESS CONFERENCE ADVISORY

TOPIC: :UConn Spring Weekend- Underage Drinking & Violations
DATE: TUESDAY 04/18/05
TIME: 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Mansfield Town Hall 4 South Eagleville Rd. Mansfield. CT.

Public Safety Commissioner Leonard C. Boyle
State Police Col. Edward Lynch
UConn President Dr. Philip Austin
UConn Police Chief Robert Hudd
State's Attorney Matthew Gedansky
Mansfield Mayor Elizabeth Patterson & Martin Berliner Mansfield Town Manager
UConn Student Representatives
Dept of Transportation Highway Safety
Mr. Daniel TEARNO--HEINEKEN USA

The participants in today's press conference will discuss **plans** that have been developed by State Police, UConn Police Department, Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office and University of Connecticut Officials that are designed to enhance public safety both on and off campus during 2006 UConn Spring Weekend.

A new device "a verifier" will be introduced. Police Officers can utilize this device to immediately authenticate a drivers license. This tool confirms a birth date on a drivers license in seconds. The verifier and the underage drinking prevention public relations campaign will assist police in combating underage drinking.

The "verifier" is being donated to Connecticut Police by a corporate sponsor Heineken USA and will be demonstrated at the press conference during a simulated DUI stop.

This press conference is to reassure all students, parents, and residents that safety and the prevention of lawless behavior is law enforcement's goal during spring weekend celebrations and all graduation celebrations of 2006.

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