

DRAM SHOP THEORY TRAINING FOR EVENTS

Per AFI 34-219 dated 30 Sep 16, prior to the approval and consumption of alcoholic beverages within installation facilities or areas, the requestor (squadron/unit commander, civilian leader or equivalent authority) will develop and submit a safe transportation plan for Airman and their guests who may consume alcoholic beverages while attending the approved function. To comply with this requirement, a "responsible individual" (RI) must be identified so as to provide adequate supervision during the period of use and consumption. Alcohol must be served by an individual(s) who has documented training in the Dram Shop Theory, provided by this document.

The Dram Shop Theory is a legal theory of liability, created either by statute or court decision, which imposes upon individuals who serve alcoholic beverages the duty to refuse additional alcoholic beverages to a guest who reaches or appears to be reaching the point of intoxication. If alcoholic beverages are provided to such a guest and that guest departs the event and causes harm to themselves or to others, the RI for the event can be held liable for damages. Another guest who obtains a drink for an already intoxicated person can also be held liable for damages. Everyone must comply with the intent of the Dram Shop Theory, not only to prevent claims against the Air Force and themselves, but more importantly, to prevent an unnecessary injury or a loss of life.

In accordance with Louisiana state law, no individual under the age of 21 may purchase, serve, sell, possess or drink alcoholic beverages on Barksdale AFB. No person may provide alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21. If in doubt as to the correct age of a guest, the RI for the event must ensure the guest's age is verified with a photo identification card such as a military identification card, a driver's license, or a passport.

Food and soft drinks must be served at all times that alcoholic beverages are served.

The RI for the event must ensure that safeguards are established so that guests do not drive while intoxicated or nearing intoxication. If a guest refuses assistance in departing the event safely and insists on attempting to drive, then the Security Forces Squadron will be contacted immediately for assistance.

"I understand my responsibility under the Dram Shop Theory of Liability not to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to persons who appear to be nearing intoxication and not in complete control of their faculties. I understand that only individuals 21 years of age and older are authorized to serve or consume alcoholic beverages. I also understand that squadron/unit commanders and the appropriate leadership team are primarily responsible for the safety of all Airman and their guests who attend squadron/unit events where alcoholic beverages are served. My acknowledgment of this information is documented below."

TODAY'S DATE _____

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (PRINT NAME) _____

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (SIGNATURE) _____

ORGANIZATION _____ **DUTY PHONE** _____

EVENT DATE _____

EVENT LOCATION _____

DESIGNATED DRIVERS (PRINTED NAMES)

