

DRAM SHOP THEORY TRAINING FOR EVENTS

Per AFI 34-219/Barksdale Supplement 1, dated 5 Dec 06, if an event approved to be held on base will include alcohol and/or malt beverage consumption, then 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.

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 himself 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. Everyone must comply with the intent of the Dram Shop Theory, not only to prevent claim again the Air Force and themselves, but more importantly, to prevent an unnecessary injury or a loss of life.

All guests consuming alcoholic beverages must be at least 21 years of age, consistent with local law. 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 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 also understand that only individuals 21 years of age and older are authorized to consume alcoholic beverages. My acknowledgment of this information is below.”

DATE _____

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (PRINT NAME) _____

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (SIGNATURE) _____

ORGANIZATION _____ **DUTY PHONE** _____

EVENT DATE _____

EVENT LOCATION _____

DESIGNATED DRIVERS (PRINT NAMES)

