



# Portland Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA)



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*"Mobilizing citizen involvement and multi-sector collaboration to foster a healthy community environment with norms, policies, and practices that work together to promote the positive and drug-free development of all Portland youth."*

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## **D.A. ANDERSON, CHIEF CHITWOOD, & SHERIFF DION ANNOUNCE COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING & ALCOHOL FURNISHING LAWS**

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**WHAT:** Press Conference to announce Portland's second annual Youth Alcohol Prevention Week, May 2-8, 2005: "Raising Adult Awareness About the Costs of Furnishing Alcohol to Minors."

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Front steps of the Cumberland County District Court, 142 Federal Street

**WHO:** Stephanie Anderson, Cumberland County District Attorney  
Michael Chitwood, Portland Chief of Police  
Mark Dion, Cumberland County Sheriff  
Erica Schmitz, Coordinator, Portland CMCA

**WHY:** Alcohol is the leading drug of choice among our young people, and is linked to teen violence, property crime, motor vehicle accidents, sexual assault, alcohol dependence, depression, and suicide. Yet it continues to be very easy for youth to obtain alcohol--particularly from adults. Portland Youth Alcohol Prevention Week is a collaborative effort to increase adult awareness about the costs of furnishing alcohol to minors. The District Attorney's Office, Portland Police Department, and Sheriff's Office are key partners in this endeavor.

Youth Alcohol Prevention Week is hosted by Portland Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA), a task force made up of citizens and organizations with a common goal: building a healthy community environment for the positive and drug-free development of all Portland youth. Partners include the Portland Police Department, the District Attorney's office, Portland Public Schools, Portland Public Health, Department of Corrections/Juvenile Services, Portland Housing Authority, service agencies, neighborhood associations, faith organizations, businesses, parents, and youth.