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## Press Release

### Morrissey Hosts Drunk Driving Prevention Training

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Bartenders, managers and wait staff from eight Quincy establishments attended a TIPS safe alcohol service training supplied by Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey at Quincy Police Headquarters on Monday.

"We know that a well-trained, well supported wait staff helps keep people from being over served when they are out for the night," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Cut down the number of people being over served, you cut the number of drunk drivers on the road and, ultimately, the number of crashes and deaths."

TIPS training teaches the behavioral cues that servers should look for – mood swings, impaired judgment, slowed reaction, loss of coordination – when a patron is approaching intoxication, but also the establishment's legal responsibilities and strategies for intervention, the District Attorney said.

An average of one person is killed or very seriously injured in a car crash in Norfolk County every week, and Morrissey said that the majority of those crashes involve a driver impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Morrissey's office was awarded one of just five education and prevention grants from the state's Drunk Driving Trust Fund this year. Offering 10 TIPS trainings at locations around the county – each with a capacity of 35 servers – is an important part of the work of that grant, he said. Master TIPS trainer Mike Marcantonio is instructing all ten sessions.

"We have had great partnership from the Trust Fund, from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and today from Chief Paul Keenan and Lt. Peter Turowski, as well as the Quincy hospitality community," Morrissey said. Establishments that sent employees for the safety training included the Fox and Hound, The View, Morrisette Post, Maggi's Lounge, Supreme Liquors, Imperial Terrace, Taiyou Shabu and Kam Man Liquor, Inc.