

Alberta Safer Bars Council

In response to the growing concern about violence in and around licensed premises, key stakeholders cooperated to create the Alberta Safer Bars Council (ASBC). This provincial advisory group will provide input on policy development, and suggest ways to implement best practices to help reduce the number of violent incidents in and around licensed venues.

Key Messages:

- Reducing violence in licensed premises requires the efforts of many partners: municipalities, police, bar owners, government regulatory bodies, industry associations, social agencies, and the community.
- Violence in and around licensed premises is a complex issue, and requires a number of separate but coordinated solutions.
- ASBC is committed to promoting best practices, networking to share information on effective solutions, and coordinating effective responses throughout the province.
- Initiatives currently in place to address violence in and around licensed premises include:
 - *ProTect*, (security staff training for Class A licensees.)
 - ProServe (waitstaff training for licensed venues.)
 - *Cage Your Rage* awareness and education campaign.

Background:

ASBC members represent a range of liquor industry stakeholders. Members have extensive knowledge, diverse perspectives and valuable experience on the issues surrounding liquor related violence.

The AGLC partnered with Solicitor General and Public Security to host two roundtable sessions on the issue of violence in and around licensed premises. The first session was held in November 2005 (Edmonton) and the second was held in March 2006 (Calgary).

The *Alberta Roundtable on Violence In and Around Licensed Premises* explored the issue of violence within the context of bars, nightclubs, and other licensed premises. Its purpose was to gather input, information and advice from stakeholders on the frontlines; from the people who work in, own, manage, regulate and police the province's licensed premises.

MEMBERSHIP

AADAC

*Alberta Alcohol and
Drug Abuse Commission*

AGLC

AB Gaming & Liquor Commission

Alberta Health and Wellness

AHLA

AB Hotel & Lodging Association

Alberta Justice and Attorney General

ALIRT

AB Liquor Industry Round Table

ALSA

AB Liquor Store Association

Alberta Liquor Licensees

Alberta Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security

AUMA

AB Urban Municipalities Assn.

Calgary Police Service

Canada's National Brewers

CRFA

*Canadian Restaurant
Foodservices Association*

City of Calgary

City of Edmonton

City of Red Deer

Edmonton Police Service

RCMP

Royal Canadian Mounted Police