

Seminar will promote responsible alcohol sale and consumption

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Piero Lisio, a partner in Little Venice Restaurant in Binghamton, talks at a Thursday news conference about the benefits of Training for Intervention Procedures education for establishments that serve alcohol. The training will be offered in Binghamton in January. / ANTHONY BORRELLI / STAFF PHOTO

If you go

Date: Jan. 9-10

Time: 8:45

a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Little Venice

Restaurant, 111

Chenango St.,

Binghamton

Cost: \$499

To register for

the class,

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BINGHAMTON

— Riding on

the heels of

successful downtown dining and drinking events, Broome County STOP-DWI and the Binghamton Restaurant Week Association plan a seminar to promote responsible alcohol sale and consumption.

The public/private partnership on Jan. 9-10, will host Binghamton’s first Training for Intervention Procedures education, as part of an effort to curb drunk driving and underage alcohol consumption at area establishments, officials announced Thursday.

“They’ll learn the behavioral cues, intoxication factors ... and the confidence to intervene with the customer so as not to hurt business,” said Lindsay Finch, the state’s TIPS program representative. “It will help prevent trouble with people becoming too intoxicated, leaving and driving drunk.”

TIPS is offered in a few cities statewide, including Albany and Buffalo. Restaurant owners will save money on expenses to send employees for the two-day training if seminars can be held locally, said Piero Lisio, a partner in Little Venice Restaurant in Binghamton.

A group of city restaurant owners decided last year it was time to bring TIPS training to Broome County after successful events like Restaurant Week. Such events promoted local business, Lisio said, but inherently involve increased alcohol consumption.

TIPS training is voluntary and available to any venue that serves or sells alcohol.

Many insurance carriers require restaurants to train a certain number of staff, as a safety net in the event of alcohol liability lawsuits, said Broome County STOP-DWI Coordinator Chris Marion.

Participants in the January seminar, to be held at Little Venice Restaurant, will become certified TIPS trainers, Marion said.