

Foxboro liquor plan faces review

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Foxboro chief urges training for sellers

FOXBORO - Liquor license holders and the public will have a chance Tuesday to react to Police Chief Edward O'Leary's call for new training mandates for workers who sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

The board of selectmen has scheduled a public hearing 7:35 p.m. at town hall on O'Leary's proposed regulation, which would require license holders' staff to undergo formal training in responsible beverage service.

The draft regulation, which needs selectmen's approval, would take effect on May 1, 2011.

After that date, a person would need the training certificate before being hired, and all staff would be re-certified every other year.

"Based on research, servers who undergo training and re-certification are less likely to sell to underage youths or those that are already impaired by alcohol," O'Leary wrote in an Oct. 27 hearing notice to Foxboro's licensees. Selectmen, when issuing liquor licenses, have long suggested that the business have their clerks and servers trained through such programs as "TIPS."

"I believe it should be a requirement," O'Leary told selectmen in a memo asking for the change in Foxboro's liquor regulations.