

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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D.W.I. Enforcement / Life Saving Efforts



The Harlingen Police Department (HPD) is committed to keeping you, your family, and our Citizens safe. Last year H.P.D. implemented a "No Refusal" DWI policy to facilitate a zero-tolerance stance against drunk-driving and add evidentiary support to all prosecutions. For 2016, H.P.D. continues its efforts to reduce drunk-driving and the often devastating consequences it can have on families and friends that can and do result.

Starting January 1, 2016, H.P.D. has implemented a new investigative step for all officers involved in making DWI arrests. H.P.D. will include in their on-scene investigation all locations / establishments where the person states they had their drinks prior their stop and arrest and they will be published monthly.

The declared locations related to DWI arrests in Harlingen for January, 2016 are as follows:

Tipsy Tavern – 6 arrests
Hot Shots – 2 arrests
Locals Lounge – 1 arrest
La Movida Bar -1
Private resident – 6

TABC-licensed retailers and their employees are legally obligated to refuse sales to **minors** and **intoxicated persons**. **Section 101.63** of the Alcoholic Beverage Code makes it a crime to sell alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person. Selling alcohol to an intoxicated person is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and/or up to a year in jail. Bartenders, wait staff and store clerks are legally obligated to look for signs of intoxication and to refuse to continue serving someone who appears to be intoxicated. If an employee serves a **minor** or an **intoxicated person**, they may be arrested and the TABC license or permit holder can receive a fine or have their permit suspended or canceled.



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