

How big of a deal is the La Crosse police department's efforts to combat excessive boozing in the city? Big enough to land a nice award for the efforts. The department is getting recognized chiefly for its fight against underage drinking. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is giving the department the 2010 Enforcement Agency of the Year Award. Chief Ed Kondracki says this is not just a flash in the pan kind of award but one that's been years in the making through the efforts of officers like Al Iverson and Bob Wieczorek as well as former community services captain, Rob Abraham. Kondracki also recognizes the contributions of community groups that have gotten together to tackle alcohol issues in the community.