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Tigard Police and OLCC Conduct Compliance Checks in Tigard

One out of 9 businesses visited in Tigard on January 29, 2015 failed to pass an OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors. The Tigard Police Department assisted the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) with this effort. This grant-funded effort consists of a team of two Tigard Police officers and an OLCC inspector accompanying an eighteen year-old male volunteer. The group visited the selected establishments in Tigard which either sell or serve alcohol. Oregon Administrative Rules strictly set guidelines for the OLCC regarding such random and unannounced checks at businesses selling alcohol. Random checks are conducted periodically to ascertain compliance regarding the sale of alcohol to minors. Compliance checks may also be initiated based on complaints lodged with the OLCC or local law enforcement. This recent alcohol sales check in Tigard demonstrates 88 percent compliance which is considerably higher than the statewide average of 80 percent.

Prior to the most recent check, compliance rates in Tigard have peaked as high as 97 percent (2010) and also drew dismal compliance figures as low as 30 percent (2009). One way police are working to combat the problem of underage drinking is to partner with coalitions that help educate and support our community's youth in efforts to promote healthy and substance-free lifestyles. Tigard Turns the Tide is one example. You can learn more about this community coalition at www.tigardturnstheide.org In addition, Tigard Police plan on continued enforcement and additional compliance checks to reaffirm the importance to affected businesses that the sale of alcohol to minors will not be tolerated.