



Alcohol Compliance Checks Result in Zero Violations

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Bloomington, MN –Bloomington businesses were effective partners in helping decrease minors' access to alcohol in 2015. Recent alcohol compliance checks conducted by the Bloomington Police Department resulted in 100 percent compliance. None of the 128 businesses that were checked attempted to serve or sell alcohol to minors.

“We rely on the businesses who sell alcohol to keep it out of the hands of minors through extra efforts and employee training,” Bloomington Police Chief Jeff Potts said. “Our hope is always for zero violations, so this extraordinary level of compliance is a big deal.”

Officers were assisted by friends and family of City of Bloomington employees whose ages ranged from 18 – 20 years old. The minors were sent into on- and off-sale businesses to try to purchase alcohol with identification showing they were underage.

“Collaborative efforts between law enforcement and businesses can help reduce underage drinking,” Chief Potts said. “We hope to continue this positive trend.”

The Bloomington Police Department performs alcohol compliance checks once a year in an effort to ensure businesses are following state laws. The 2015 results were an improvement over the previous year. By comparison, in 2014, 125 businesses were checked and four were found to be in violation.

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