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PRESS RELEASE

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In June 2014, the Downey Police Department entered into a multi-jurisdictional grant funded by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Over the past year, the Downey Police Department has worked closely with the Whittier and Bell Gardens Police Departments to offer public education training for business owners and their respective employees in the aforementioned cities. Enforcement operations such as IMPACT (Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies) Inspections and Minor Decoy operations were conducted. The IMPACT Inspections and Decoy Operations are designed to test the compliance of establishments that have been granted liquor licenses by Alcoholic Beverage Control.

During the 2014-15 Grant Assistance Program (G.A.P.) the Downey Police Department conducted over 40 IMPACT Inspections at liquor stores, bars and restaurants throughout the city. Licensees were provided with literature from Alcoholic Beverage Control to further their knowledge about alcohol-related laws and regulations. Minor violations were documented at several locations. In addition to the IMPACT Inspections, Downey Officer's conducted Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap operations at over 30 locations, targeting businesses and patrons that furnish alcohol to minors. Downey Officer's issued 8 citations to retail store clerks and patrons of ABC licensed businesses for furnishing alcohol to minors. The citations were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office where criminal charges were filed on all cases.

As a result of the Downey Police Department's continuing effort to prevent alcohol sales to minors and mitigate the growing problems associated with alcohol sales and consumption, a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control grant in the amount of \$47,879 was applied for and awarded to the Downey Police Department for the 2015-16 fiscal year. These funds will be used for education and training for local businesses and their employees regarding alcohol related laws and enforcement operations. The Downey Police Department will soon host two LEADS (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) training classes to educate licensees on how they can be part of the solution in reducing alcohol related crimes. Licensed alcohol establishments in Downey will receive information by mail regarding these trainings. Further information can be found at <https://www.abc.ca.gov/programs/Lead%20webpage.html>.

The Downey Police Department is committed to addressing alcohol related issues affecting the quality of life in our community. We encourage citizens with information about establishments selling alcohol to minors to call the Downey Police Department's Special Enforcement Team at (562) 904-2353 or, for immediate response, the main police line at (562) 861-0771.

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