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Tigard Police and OLCC Conduct Compliance Check in Tigard

On May 29, 2019, five out of nine Tigard businesses (56%) passed a compliance check for alcohol sales to minors that was conducted by four Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) inspectors, two Tigard Police officers, and a 20-year-old Tigard Police cadet. As part of a grant funded through the Washington County Health and Human Services, the team performed compliance checks at pre-selected establishments with liquor licenses to ascertain whether employees at those locations would sell alcohol to a minor. The 56% compliance rate is lower the statewide average of 78%, and less than the results of previous checks on Tigard businesses conducted in recent years.

These minor decoy operations are performed unannounced throughout the year at randomly selected establishments, and are governed by strict guidelines established by the Oregon Revised Statutes. Compliance checks may also be initiated in response to complaints lodged with the OLCC or a local law enforcement agency.

In addition to participating in these operations to prevent alcohol sales to minors, the Tigard Police Department (TPD) partners with Tigard Turns the Tide, a coalition committed to preventing the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs in Tigard Youth. To learn more about this community coalition, please visit www.tigardturnsthetide.org.