



# Tigard Police Department Media Release

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## **Tigard Police and OLCC Conduct Compliance Check in Tigard**

On December 17, Tigard Police and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) conducted a compliance check in Tigard. Eight of the 9 businesses visited successfully passed a check for alcohol sales to minors. The Tigard Police Department assisted OLCC with this grant-funded effort made possible through Washington County. The site visits consist of a team comprised of two Tigard Police officers and a pair of OLCC inspectors who accompany a teen volunteer. The group visited the pre-selected establishments in Tigard which either sell or serve alcohol. Oregon Revised Statutes set strict guidelines for the OLCC regarding minor decoy operations at businesses selling alcohol. Throughout the year, checks are conducted unannounced at randomly selected businesses to ascertain compliance regarding the sale of alcohol to minors. Compliance checks may also be initiated based upon complaints lodged with the OLCC or local law enforcement.

This recent alcohol sales check in Tigard demonstrates 89 percent compliance, which exceeds the statewide average. Historically, compliance rates in Tigard have reached 100 percent however in 2009 a compliance check drew a dismal 30 percent.

One way that 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](http://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.