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Eleven out of twelve North Bend and Lakeside businesses pass OLCC minor sales check

North Bend, OR – Eleven out of twelve businesses in North Bend and Lakeside passed a check for alcohol sales to minors on Sept. 8. The compliance check was performed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the North Bend Police Department under the Pire grant for the area of the North Bend School District.

The 92 percent passing rate is well above the 2007 state average of 78 percent.

"It's great to see this kind of response to a minor sales operation," said Katie Hilton, OLCC Medford Regional Manager. "It shows that our outreach efforts are really paying off."

The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The OLCC tests about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses each year. Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

The following licensees were tested and passed the compliance check: **Hilltop House Restaurant**, 166 N. Bay Drive, North Bend; **Wagon Wheel Grocery**, 69845 Wildwood Rd., North Bend; **Lakeshore Lodge**, 290 S. 8th St., Lakeside; **T'Ree Acres**, 72327 Hwy 101, Lakeside; **Ashworth's Market**, 1585 Sherman Ave., North Bend; **Gino's Pizza Inn**, 1324 Virginia, North Bend; **7-Eleven Store #2363-17234D**, 1988 Virginia, North Bend; **Captain's Choice**, 1210 Virginia, North Bend; **Safeway Store #1557**, 1735 Virginia, North Bend; **Café Mediterranean**, 1860 Union, North Bend and **Sherman Ave. Shell**, 1780 Sherman Ave., North Bend.

The following licensee was tested and failed the compliance check: **Digitized Art Imaging (LOPS)**, 72347 Hwy 101, Lakeside.

Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor's age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and a minimum \$350 fine.

Under Oregon law, businesses in cities with a population of 20,000 or more have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors. Businesses in cities with a population under 20,000 and unincorporated areas in counties are not subject to these selection requirements.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID's. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.

During the sales checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID's correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law enforcement officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

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