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ABC Investigators to Keep Pressure on Los Angeles Nightclubs
Meeting Involving ABC, Los Angeles Police and Nightclub Owners Spells Out Responsibilities

(Hollywood)- In the ongoing effort to reduce underage drinking in Los Angeles and Hollywood, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Los Angeles Police and some area nightclub owners met today to discuss their responsibilities as ABC licensees.

“We plan to keep the pressure on local licensees by continuing to run undercover operations at Los Angeles area nightclubs,” said ABC Deputy Division Chief Robin Crabb. “Underage drinking will not be tolerated. If we catch any club serving alcohol to minors or permitting minors into a premises where they are not legally allowed, we will take the appropriate action to ensure everyone gets the message. We need licensees to say no to minors.”

ABC and Los Angeles Police meet regularly to discuss alcohol-related issues in the Los Angeles area and focused today’s meeting on the responsibilities of licensees.

“All licensees, nightclub owners included, have a responsibility to check identifications, say no to minors and help keep young people safe,” said Crabb. “There are too many tragedies involving youth and drinking and driving. Licensees need to help prevent these from occurring.”

Those who sell alcohol to a minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage license of the business where the sale occurred. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

ABC is conducting compliance checks state-wide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics have shown that young people under the age of 21 have a higher rate of drunken driving fatalities than the general adult population.

ABC is a department of the Business Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet.