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ABC Issues 104 Citations through Federal Grant Program

Program Pays for Officer Overtime to Stakeout Stores and Check on Complaints

(Statewide) - Investigators with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited over 100 persons for various alcohol-related violations in several California communities during a three month period covering October, November and December, 2011. ABC conducted 38 separate operations.

Officers responded to complaints from high school resource officers, administrators and other education leaders who want to help keep neighborhoods and businesses located near California high schools as safe as possible for youth.

The program is paid for through a \$300,000 grant awarded to ABC through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice, Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP). The grant will last through May, 2013, and allows ABC investigators to stake out stores and community events where alcohol could potentially get into the hands of minors.

ABC investigators will respond to complaints forwarded to them from educational officials or community resource officers assigned to high schools. The investigators will conduct enforcement operations and cite individuals who break alcohol-related laws such as selling alcohol to minors, furnishing alcohol to minors, minors in possession of alcohol and other offenses that are observed during the operations.

ABC is conducting the 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.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

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