



To: Members of the Common Council

From: Chief Tim Styka

Date: June 25, 2013

RE: Alcohol Compliance Checks

On Saturday, June 22, 2013 the Police Department conducted alcohol compliance checks at 28 of the 41 alcohol licensed establishments in the City. These checks have been done on an annual basis and are to ensure establishments are fulfilling their obligation to ensure alcohol is only being sold to people of legal drinking age in the community. All license holders were notified in advance that compliance checks would be taking place.

I am disappointed to report that 10 of the 28 locations sold alcohol to an under aged person. There were also two locations that initially served the minor, but did not complete the sale when they realized an officer was outside the establishment. Those two locations received a warning. Previous compliance checks have generally resulted in very few violations. It should be noted that the businesses which were not checked were closed during the enforcement program.

I have spoken to a number of license holders and they share my concern and are glad this has been brought to their attention. I believe we share the same goal of not allow minors to purchase alcohol in the community, but realize we have an educational opportunity ahead of us. To meet this need we are planning on offering a "Cheers - Responsible Beverage Service Training" class in the near future. We will continue to work with license holders to find out what has changed from the past and how we can work together to reduce and eliminate future issues.