

Underage Drinking

Recently the Tullahoma Police Department conducted alcohol compliance checks of the businesses that have permits for the sale of beer for off premise consumption. Of the twenty seven (27) businesses that were checked, six were found to be in violation by selling beer to a person under the age of twenty one (21). The compliance checks are conducted to insure the businesses are operating according to statute and to prevent an opportunity for underage people to have access to alcohol. The consumption of alcohol by underage people should be a concern for the entire community. The police department partners with the Tullahoma City Schools and the Coffee County Anti Drug Coalition to share the hazards of drinking and driving and the hosting of alcohol parties or providing of alcohol to minors.

The statute is very clear that no person under the age of twenty one is to possess alcohol. The only exception is the employee that is at least eighteen years of age can handle alcohol in the course of their employment. The statute is also very clear that no adult may provide alcohol to a minor, this includes parents.

So as our High School students approach the prom date, graduation, and all the activities that surround it, let's partner to insure their activities are alcohol free. Our partnership however should not just be during prom and graduation, but throughout the year. Please share with the Police Department and the Anti Drug Coalition when we project the theme of "Be a Parent – not a Peer, Stop Underage Drinking". Any questions about this or other programs, please contact the Tullahoma Police Department at tpd@tullahomtn.gov or (931) 455-0530.