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Alcohol Offense Enforcement

The Cape Girardeau Police Department announced today that it will step up its enforcement of alcohol related offenses. This comes as a response to complaints the department has received of alcohol related offenses such as underage drinking at parties and subjects using fake identifications to enter bars and purchase alcohol. With these concerns in mind the department along with the Cape Girardeau County Sheriffs Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and SEMO University Department of Public Safety will have officers conducting saturation patrols and the walk through of local bars. Officers will be specifically looking for alcohol related offenses.

From the MADD website: The age limit for alcohol is based on research which shows that young people react differently to alcohol. Teens get intoxicated twice as fast as adults, but have more trouble knowing when to stop. Teens naturally overdo it and binge more often than adults. People who begin drinking in their teens are not only at greater risk for developing alcoholism sometime in their lives, they are also at greater risk for developing alcoholism more quickly and at younger ages, especially chronic, relapsing alcoholism.

The department will also continue conducting its alcohol compliance checks where officers check businesses to make sure they are not selling alcohol to underage subjects. The alcohol compliance checks are funded by the Youth Substance Abuse Coalition.



Training is offered by the Cape Girardeau Safe Communities program that helps businesses identify fake identifications. This program is called Alcohol Servers Training and is offered quarterly at the Osage Community Center. The instructor is a Missouri Liquor Control Agent that teaches anyone who serves alcohol how to identify a fake ID. The next training is scheduled for 9 AM October 1, 2012.

