



# News Release

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## **73% of businesses checked in Tualatin pass OLCC check for alcohol sales to minors**

**PORTLAND, OR** – Eight out of 11 businesses visited in Tualatin passed a check for alcohol sales to minors by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor volunteer. The sales checks were performed February 22, 2014 by the Tualatin Police Department and Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The sales check resulted in a compliance rate of 73 percent which is below the 2013 statewide average of 84 percent.

The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The OLCC tests licensed liquor businesses throughout the year. Licensees or their employees could be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

“Taking at least ten seconds to get a really good look at the ID presented can make a big difference,” says Shannon Hoffeditz, Portland Regional Manager. “OLCC minor decoys use their real Oregon ID - but many teens around the state try to use a fake, or someone else’s driver license. Getting in the habit of really looking can prevent an alcohol sale to a minor.”

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID’s. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.

*(Samples of OR Driver Licenses for minor and adult*

*<http://www.flickr.com/photos/oregonliquorcontrolcommission/sets/72157624623539267/>)*

During the sales checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID’s correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law enforcement officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID that identifies them as under 21 and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol. The Oregon Driver license for a minor carries a red border around the picture with the words “Minor Until” followed by the date of his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Under Oregon law, businesses in cities with a population of 20,000 or more have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A

business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors. Businesses in cities with a population under 20,000 and unincorporated areas in counties are not subject to these selection requirements.

## Minor Decoy Operation

February 22, 2014

### Tualatin

11 premises visited: 8 No Sales, 3 Sales – Compliance rate of 73%

<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>          CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL          7003 SW NYBERG #1015          TUALATIN</p> <p>FRED MEYER #393          19200 SW MARTINAZZI          TUALATIN</p> <p>EB SMOKEY'S          8503 SW WARM SPRINGS RD          TUALATIN</p> <p>BUFFALO WILD WINGS GRILL &amp; BAR          8505 SW TUALATIN SHERWOOD RD          TUALATIN</p>	<p><b><u>NO SALES</u></b>          PLAID PANTRY #160          19405 SW BOONES FERRY RD          TUALATIN</p> <p>LEE'S KITCHEN          8147 SW NYBERG RD          TUALATIN</p> <p>76 OF TUALATIN          20599 SW 115<sup>TH</sup> AVE          TUALATIN</p> <p>APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL &amp; BAR          8559 SW TUALATIN SHERWOOD RD          TUALATIN</p>
<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>          BUSHWHACKERS          8200 SW TONKA          TUALATIN</p> <p>7-ELEVEN STORE #2362-23726B          6630 SW NYBERG RD          TUALATIN</p>	<p><b><u>SALES</u></b>          TUALATIN CHEVRON          9770 SW TUALATIN SHERWOOD RD          TUALATIN</p>

*"Promoting Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service"*

*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$397 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs?  
[See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

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