



PRESS RELEASE

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II. ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Livermore Police Department has increased alcohol related enforcement efforts through a federally funded grant offered by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and Prevention Advisory Council.

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

The Livermore Police Department has been partnering with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and Prevention Advisory Council in an effort to increase alcohol safety and awareness among youth and young adults targeting 12 years to 25 years of age. This federally funded grant of \$380,000 has been (and will continue to be) distributed over a period of 3 years to assist with enforcement and educational efforts to help combat the abuses of alcohol related offenses amongst the youth and young adults within our community.

Over the past quarter (July through September), funds have been used to conduct enforcement efforts such as minor decoy operations, downtown walking patrol operations, party patrols, DUI saturation patrols, and higher visibility at high school events.

These operations have resulted in 10 DUI arrests, 24 alcohol-related arrests, 4 criminal arrests, 3 party response complaints and several citations as well as officers intervening with a number of alcohol-related disturbances. One minor decoy operation targeted 32 off-sale retail establishments where 2 businesses violated the law by furnishing alcohol to the minor decoy.

There was also a notable police presence during high school dances and sporting events this quarter where over 600 students were screened by officers with alcohol sensor wands for alcohol detention. Of those over 600 students screened, only 1 alcohol related arrest was made.

The Livermore Police Department is committed to ensuring members of our community are safe from the tragedies afflicted by alcohol use and poor decision making. It is our intent to continue to take a zero tolerance approach to underage and excessive drinking through both enforcement and educational outreach.

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