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Barnstable Police Receive Grant to Enforce Underage Drinking Laws

The Barnstable Police Department is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division as part of their 2016 Underage Alcohol Enforcement Grant Program. This grant will be utilized specifically for personnel costs associated with targeted enforcement of underage drinking law violations. The goal of the grant program is to make the Town of Barnstable and its roadways a safer place for everyone to enjoy by seeking out and enforcing underage drinking law violations.

Several types of enforcement activities will be conducted with the grant funding including party patrols, compliance checks, reverse stings / Cops in Shops and surveillance patrols. The compliance checks of the bars, restaurants and liquor stores will be completed using an underage decoy working with the police department. The decoy will attempt to purchase alcohol in each establishment checked. If successful, enforcement action will be taken.

The grant amount of \$9,960.00 has been approved and the department will begin enforcement in May. The grant period will run until the funds are exhausted or September 30, 2016, whichever comes first.

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