



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale J Schmidt Sheriff Scott Mittelstadt Chief Deputy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 04-09-2021

Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

Office: 920-386-4115

dschmidt@co.dodge.wi.us

PRESS RELEASE – ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office will be conducting alcohol compliance checks during the spring and summer months of 2021. The goal is not to issue citations, but rather to educate and remind business owners and their employees about the importance of refusing the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. However, we will issue citations if a violation occurs. The participants in our compliance checks will all be age 18-20 and will comply when asked for Identification. None of our participants will have fake identification cards and if asked how old they are they will tell you their actual age or actual birthdate.

Selling to an underage person may result in a citation to the seller for violating Dodge County Ordinance 9.125.7.1. The forfeiture for this offense is \$389.50 for first offense and \$515.50 for the second offense. It is not only important, but your responsibility based on your liquor license to educate your employees on the legal sale of alcohol. You have the right to refuse service to anyone who you believe to be under the age of 21.

Please continue to ask for identification on customers you believe may be under the age of 21. We ask for your help in keeping the youth of Dodge County safe and sober. Let's have **ZERO** underage alcohol buys in Dodge County this year.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt.

###