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TABC Awarded Grant to Prevent Alcohol Sales to Minors

NASHVILLE, TN- The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) recently received a Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) grant of \$125,000 to deter alcohol sales to minors across Tennessee. The grant funds will be utilized from October 2020 through September 2021 and will be used to increase alcohol minor compliance operations at TABC licensed establishments. Compliance operations are used by law enforcement agencies around the country to verify if a state license or permit holder will sell alcohol to minors. The \$125,000 award was part of a \$22.6 million National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant THSO received which was distributed to law enforcement agencies across Tennessee.

Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO), Bond Tubbs, a 30-year veteran of the agency, expressed gratitude for the award and looks forward to increasing efforts to prohibit alcohol sales to minors. "We are very thankful to THSO for awarding us this grant. Giving or selling alcohol to minors is a recipe for disaster and has serious consequences for those who violate the law. We look forward to putting this money to good use to make our streets and communities safer," said Chief Tubbs.

Each year, the TABC conducts routine minor compliance operations across the state as well as performs high visibility enforcement operations at large events to ensure alcohol is not sold to minors. The TABC utilizes a "full circle of responsibility" approach whereby licensees, employees who sell, and minors who attempt to purchase alcohol may all be penalized for facilitating an underage alcohol sale.

For more information about the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, please visit <https://tntrafficsafety.org>

For more information about the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission, please visit www.tn.gov/abc.

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