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## **Police Arrest 17 Underage Drinkers during First Night of**

### **CFD**

CHEYENNE, Wyo.— The Cheyenne Police Department wants to remind folks that this is "Your Summer, Your Choices" and there are consequences for the wrong choice.

Police arrested 17 people for underage drinking violations at Frontier Park on July 17, the first night of Cheyenne Frontier Days. In comparison, last year there were 30 total underage drinking arrests for all of CFD.

Cheyenne Police have dedicated more officers at the park for liquor enforcement this year due to the growing concerns of increased levels of intoxication by our youth at the event. Last year the average breath alcohol content for those arrested was a .14, almost twice the legal limit for an adult. This is up from a .11 average in 2012 and a .12 average in 2013. "People should know that their chances of being caught this year for underage drinking are high." Chief Kozak said, "We want our youth to have a safe and fun time at CFD; thus, we hope our emphasized enforcement will prevent injuries due to poor choices caused by alcohol consumption". This is the reason the police department instituted an amnesty program. Those who report a medical emergency due to over consumption to the police or the paramedics will not be charged with underage drinking. The first priority of the police department is to help our youth. No one used the amnesty program during the first night.

The extra officers at the park are also tasked with arresting those who become too intoxicated with the goal of maintaining a family friendly environment. Chief Kozak said, "We hope friends look out for each other and not allow friends to over consume." The Cheyenne Police Department did not conduct any undercover compliance checks on those who were selling alcohol at the park during the first night of operations. However, this is planned during the week. Additionally, the police will be watching alcohol servers to insure they do not sell beer to obviously intoxicated individuals. Those who do will be cited and risk a \$750 fine.

The sale of alcoholic beverages has also been limited to two beverages per purchase at Frontier Park in order to discourage people from purchasing drinks for those who are underage.



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