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Alcohol Management Plan at CFD Creates Friendly Environment

CHEYENNE, Wyo.— The Cheyenne Police Department and Cheyenne Frontier Days have implemented new strategies this year to reduce alcohol related incidents.

The strategies include limiting customers to no more than two beers per sale, ending alcohol sales 45 minutes before the park closes, and not allowing intoxicated individuals to purchase alcohol. In addition, alcohol is not permitted outside of the gates once the night show starts, Party Zone wristbands are required for those who are over the age of 21, and ID scanners are being used to validate identification.

From July 17 through the night of July 22, police issued 67 liquor related violation citations. Of these violations, 45 were for underage drinking and the rest were for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, which includes family members or friends providing alcohol to the minor or the minor using fake identification.

“I believe the strategies are working since we have only had one arrest for fighting at the night shows thus far.” Chief Brian Kozak said, “In years past we would have had several arrests for incidents of violence by now”.

The police have conducted 12 undercover alcohol compliance checks on CFD and they have passed each check. “This shows CFD volunteers are doing it right and not selling to underage buyers,” Chief Kozak said, “Some of the underage violators were found to be getting the alcohol through their friends or by using fake ID's. However, we are taking a zero tolerance approach and they are being caught.”

Along with the new strategies, the Cheyenne Police instituted an amnesty program for those underage drinkers who summon emergency aid. Thus far, only one female juvenile received amnesty. In this case her friends summoned help for her that resulted in her being transported to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.