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The Framingham Police Department recognizes that underage drinking is a nationwide problem that negatively affects young people in particular and the community in general. Alcohol is the number one drug problem among our nation’s youth. Thousands of young people die each year from underage-drinking-related causes (alcohol-related traffic fatalities, homicides, suicides, and other unintentional injuries). The total cost attributable to the consequences of underage drinking is in the billions of dollars each year.

One of the ways the Framingham Police Department can combat underage drinking is to educate the public through undercover liquor enforcement operations (“stings”) that target establishments providing alcohol to underage youth. The Framingham Police Department must conduct all operations with that purpose in mind. Officers must not target specific licensed establishments and, whenever possible, must visit all licensed establishments in the community during the operation. The purpose of an underage sting operation is educational in nature foremost and the method of operation should reflect that purpose

This directive shall apply to all Framingham Police Department personnel conducting alcohol compliance checks known as “Underage Sting Operations.” **All such operations shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent version of the “Compliance Check Guidelines” published by the Massachusetts Alcoholic**

Beverages Control Commission. A copy of the 2019 ABCC Guidelines is attached to this directive.



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2019 COMPLIANCE CHECK GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to provide the basic framework, which will be used when conducting underage drinking compliance checks on licensed premises.

- 1) Notification that a compliance check will be taking place will be made in the media prior to the start date.
- 2) The underage person taking part in the compliance check should reasonably look their age. Efforts to make them appear older should be avoided.
- 3) A photo of the underage person should be taken and attached to the information requested in #6.
- 4) The underage person should not be carrying any identification when taking part in the compliance check.
- 5) The underage person should not carry any money with them other than that provided by the ABCC Investigator or law enforcement officer supervising them.
- 6) The underage person should sign a release form prior to starting participation in this program. The underage person and an ABCC Investigator or any other law enforcement officer should also sign and date a copy of these guidelines.
- 7) Unless circumstances prohibit, the underage person shall be given a B.A.C. test at the beginning and at the conclusion of each shift. PBT 1 _____ Investigator _____ PBT 2 _____ Investigator _____
- 8) The underage person shall enter the licensed premises under observation by an ABCC Investigator and/or law enforcement officer.
- 9) The underage person should attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage. They should attempt to purchase the same item at each location.
- 10) At no time shall the underage person attempt to misrepresent their age or provide any identification.
- 11) If asked for identification, the underage person should leave the establishment.
- 12) If served at any on-premises establishment, the underage person should remain on the licensed premises for a period of time instructed by the ABCC Investigator or law enforcement officer. They should then exit the licensed premises leaving the alcoholic beverage. If served at an off-premises establishment, the underage person should carry the alcoholic beverage out to the ABCC Investigator and/or law enforcement officer.
- 13) At no time, under any circumstances, shall the underage person consume any alcoholic beverage.
- 14) The safety and welfare of all underage participants will be of the utmost importance to the ABCC Investigator and law enforcement personnel. Underage persons shall not be exposed to any unusual, unnecessary, or unreasonable risk.
- 15) The underage person will not wear, exhibit or carry any ABCC or law enforcement identification or falsely represent themselves as an employee of this agency or any other law enforcement unit while participating in this program. They shall not under any circumstances carry a weapon.
- 16) ABCC Investigators and law enforcement personnel should only enter the premises to observe on an as-needed basis when circumstances warrant.
- 17) Notice to licensees, if feasible, of alleged violations will be given upon conclusion of the compliance check. Official notification of date, time and place of hearing will be sent to the licensee via US Mail.

UNDERAGE OPERATIVE: _____ Date: _____

ABCC INVESTIGATOR: _____ Date: _____