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The San Diego Police Department's Vice Unit Visited 28 Alcoholic Beverage Businesses to Educate Licensees

IMPACT Inspections in San Diego Designed to Prevent Alcohol-Related Harm

San Diego – Detectives from the San Diego Police Department's Vice Unit visited 28 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)-licensed businesses on July 10, 2023, conducting IMPACT inspections designed to address violations before problems occur.

IMPACT (Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies) is a cooperative program between ABC, local law enforcement agencies, and licensees. The program is designed to increase safety in the community by pointing out violations at licensed locations that lead to loitering, public intoxication, and underage drinking.

"We need businesses to help prevent problems in the community and reduce tragedies on the roads by properly checking identifications and refusing to serve individuals who are obviously intoxicated," said SDPD Vice Lieutenant Jason Scott. "This program gives police the opportunity to proactively engage with businesses in our city. Together, we can work with local merchants to deter crime through this education-first program."

"IMPACT's goal is to work with licensees to reduce alcohol-related crime," said ABC Director Eric Hirata. "Addressing problems such as litter, graffiti, and loitering increase public safety and improve the quality of life in and around the licensed premises."

The IMPACT program reminds licensees of the responsibilities and accountability associated with selling alcoholic beverages by identifying areas of non-compliance and providing crime prevention information before conducting follow-up visits to see if the licensee has corrected the issues. Many local communities have worked with ABC to conduct [business inspections](#). IMPACT can improve the relationship between law enforcement and merchants.

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