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## **Cumberland County Agencies Expand Liquor Law Enforcement Efforts**

Cumberland County, ME –Nine local law enforcement agencies are recipients of mini-grants from the Cumberland County Underage Drinking Enforcement Task Force (CCUDEF):

Bridgton Police Department  
Cape Elizabeth Police Department  
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office  
Freeport Police Department  
Scarborough Police Department  
South Portland Police Department  
Westbrook Police Department  
Windham Police Department  
Yarmouth Police Department

The \$2,000 grants aim to reduce youth access to alcohol by funding officer overtime to conduct party patrols and retail compliance checks.

According to the statewide 2008 MYDAUS (Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey), students who don't think that they will be caught by the police are four times as likely to drink as students who do think they will be caught by the police. In addition, students who think that alcohol is easy to get are four times as likely to have had alcohol in the past 30 days as students who think alcohol is hard to obtain.

“More than ever before your local law enforcement agency is answering the call to reduce youth's access to alcohol,” says Jo Morrissey, Assistant Project Director of 21 Reasons and chair of the CCUDEF. “Whether this means enforcing furnishing violations or doing surveillance at your local mini-mart, these funds are intended to extend those efforts.”

“Combined, these nine departments charged 328 minors in possession of alcohol in 2008. That's 328 youth who were given the opportunity to receive alcohol screening and assessment, and whose parents were alerted to the issue,” states Morrissey. “This type of early intervention can redirect and keep a good kid from repeating a bad choice.”

The CCUDEF is a collaborative effort convened by 21 Reasons with grant funding from the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, and PROP's Communities Promoting Health. Task Force members include every Cumberland County law enforcement agency, the District Attorney's Office, and the Maine Department of Corrections, Juvenile Division.

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