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### **Kentucky ABC ‘Cops in Shops’ Operations Lead Crackdown on Underage Drinking**

**FRANKFORT, KY - (Oct. 9, 2013)** - The Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s (ABC) increased presence statewide in an effort to crack down on underage drinking has yielded good results. The department’s “Cops in Shops” initiative has resulted in 154 alcohol-related citations since the operations began Aug. 29 of this year.

The citations are for possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of a forged instrument and assisting a minor to purchase alcohol, among others. Specifically, 94 underage possession citations have been issued by ABC.

“We are focused on ensuring that alcohol is used safely and legally throughout the state,” said Mike Razor, ABC’s director of the Division of Enforcement. “Enforcing the law may impede someone’s idea of fun, but we are intent on saving lives.”

ABC has also increased its presence at tailgating events across the Commonwealth in an effort further subdue illegal uses of alcohol.

“The department continues to make strides in protecting the public,” said ABC Commissioner Frederick Higdon. “I am proud of our officers for their tireless efforts to ensure everyone’s safety.”

The department’s Division of Enforcement recently received its third accreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police for its high level of law enforcement professionalism – the only state agency to receive this accreditation. The division has officers located throughout the Commonwealth in an effort to maximize its special emphasis on the enforcement of Kentucky’s alcohol laws.

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