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State ABC, SLO Police Team Up with Cal Poly Police on Alcohol Enforcement Efforts

SAN LUIS OBISPO — In an effort to curb underage and binge drinking, Cal Poly University Police teamed up with California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and San Luis Obispo Police Department on recent sweeps on and near campus.

Plainclothes officers conducted the operations on Sept. 19, during fall orientation for new students, and Sept. 27, the weekend after the first week of classes. Officers were looking for minors in violation of alcohol possession laws and checking stores near campus to see if alcohol was being sold to underage adults.

"A total of 39 alcohol-related citations were issued to college-age students during two separate operations conducted in September," said Cmdr. Brenda Trobaugh of the Cal Poly University Police Department.

Officers issued citations for such charges as minor in possession of alcohol, having an open container of alcohol, public intoxication and possessing false identification.

"Our goal is to try and improve the lives and safety of not only of our students but of the greater community since underage drinking and binge drinking remain a problem on a national level," she said.

While the number of citations increased from last year, fewer students were treated at area hospitals.

"During Week of Welcome and the first week of classes we issued 83 alcohol-related citations — including those from our extra sweeps — compared to 22 citations issued last year," Trobaugh said. "On a positive note, the number of college-age individuals treated medically for excessive alcohol was approximately half of what it was in 2013."

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, approximately 1,825 college students between the ages of 18-24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries, which include motor-vehicle crashes.

One in four college students report academic consequences from drinking, including missing class, falling behind in studies, doing poorly on tests or papers and receiving lower grades.

Nearly 88,000 people —70 percent men — die from alcohol-related causes, making it the third-leading preventable cause of death in the United States. In 2012, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-related accidents deaths — nearly one of every three driving fatalities, the NIAA reports.

Cal Poly Counseling offers a host of support services and information to increase student awareness about alcohol. For more details, visit <http://www.hcs.calpoly.edu/content/counseling/counseling-home>

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